

## 8U Fall Ball Local Rules



USA BAT Rule is in effect. All bats must have the current USA Baseball Stamp on it, No Acceptions.

- 1. GAMES:** Games are limited to six (6) innings. Games are 1 hour and 30 minutes, finish the inning, 6 inning max. Games can end in a tie. **The 6<sup>th</sup> inning is unlimited runs but no new inning can begin after the 1 hour 30 minute mark. Hard stop at 1 hour 45 minutes. Revert to the last complete inning for score.**
- 2. PITCHING: Kid Pitch:** If a pitcher throws 3 strikes(batter is out). If the pitcher throws 3 balls, Coach will come out to pitch the difference of what is left in the count (Example: 3-0 count = 3 pitches, 3-1 count = 2 pitches, 3-2 count = 1 pitch) the batter needs to swing by the last pitch or they will be called out. The pitch can be fouled off until fair or until the batter strikes out. This will be a learning curve for everyone, be patient with your players and other teams as everyone is learning and we want to give everyone a good learning experience. **The Mound will be placed 38 feet away from the home plate. (Measure from the point of the plate.)**
- 3. BATTING:** Each inning is limited to 3 outs or 5 runs. Complete roster hits in the batting order. The mercy rule is not in effect.
- 4. BATTERS:** Batter will get one (1) warning for throwing their bat. The batter will be called out for throwing a bat a second time. Umpire shall declare the ball dead.
- 5. RUNNERS:** The batter and base runners will wear batting helmets at all times. If a player voluntarily removes his helmet, the player will be called out. Runners cannot leave the base until the ball is hit. There is no stealing. **There is no infield fly rule.**
- 6. Hitting and Base Running:** If the ball is hit within the infield dirt, runners can only advance 1 base. In the event there is an overthrow (error) towards a base, the runner may advance 1 extra base and the play is ruled dead. Solid hits to the outfield, the batter and (baserunners) may advance two bases max. Overthrow Rule is not in effect. In the event that a ball is hit and deflected into the outfield grass, runners will only get the one base. Use discretion.Sliding is permitted. Intentional sliding headfirst will be called out, unless returning to the bag.
- 7. BASE COACHES:** Two (2) adult base coaches are allowed on offense. A minimum of one (1) adult bench coach is required in the dugout at all times.
- 8. FIELD PLAY:** Defense consists of a pitcher, catcher, four (4) infielders and all remaining players in the outfield. A lineup card shall be used and distributed to the other team prior to the game.
- 9. CATCHERS:** Catchers must wear a face mask, "dangling" throat protector, chest protector, and shin/knee protectors at all times while in the catcher's box (See Green Book section 1.04 for definition of the catcher's box.) The chest protector shall be the long version, which is intended to cover the groin area. All male catchers must wear an athletic supporter including a metal, fiber, or plastic type cup.
- 10. LIVE PLAY:** Play shall end when the pitcher has possession of the ball on the pitching **mound or the attempted throw was made towards the pitcher** . Play can also end when all base running stops. Remember, keep the game going, the more innings the better**11. DECORUM:** Swearing, foul language, derogatory or inflammatory statements by managers, coaches, players or parents is grounds for immediate ejection and suspension from the league. No Acceptions
- 12. UMPIRES:** Coaches will umpire their own.

13. RAIN: Rainouts are determined by the city of Tracy PR&S department and/or the TLL Board. Games may be made if fields are made available by the city at a later date.

14. There will be no forfeits. A team can play with less than 9 players. The team that is short on players can borrow players from the other team for defense but it is not required to. Players will bat for their own team. Players will be rotated during the inning when it is their turn to bat. Players may only pitch for their own team.

15. There will be no protests. Remember this is a development league.

16. **Bunting** is not allowed.

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