

Rookie Level (1st Grade) Rules 10 Game Season

1. Games are to last 6 innings or 1.5 hours. After 1.5 hours the game is over regardless of who is the home or visiting team.
2. 9 players in the field,, 4 outfielders (if both teams agree, you can play others in the outfield)
3. If a team has less than 9, the game can still be played.
4. Remember, the purpose of the league is to develop fundamentals. All players should receive equal playing time. Move players around to give them experience at every position.
5. Players can't play the same position more than two consecutive innings.
6. Switch players from Infield to Outfield and vice versa throughout the games.
7. Players hit in a continuous batting order using the proper rotation.
8. Inning ends after 3 outs or after all players have batted in the inning.
9. No bunting.
10. No stealing.
11. No leading.
12. No Infield Fly Rule
13. Coaches pitch. If a batter has not hit the ball after 5 pitches, the ball should be placed on a tee for them to hit.
14. No advancement on overthrows of first base.
15. Play becomes dead when ball is back in the infield. No advancing.

16. No sliding on any bases unless a play is being made at that base. No head first slides.

17. No score is kept. The league is meant to develop the fundamentals, sportsmanship, rules of the game, and fun.

18. Each coach is responsible for their parents and fans.

19. RIF5 baseball is used.

20. USA stamped bats (any drop/any size) are encouraged since they are required by the 3rd grade level, but not required

21. New in 2023, halfway through the season the teams can allow players to pitch in games. Each player can throw up to 5 pitches per at bat. If no action has happened the coach will step in. You may use a catcher when the kids pitch or you can use a L screen behind the batter.