

MINORS 6 – 7 – 8 BASEBALL HOUSE RULES

1. Coaches will pitch from inside the circle. The coach may pitch from the kneeling or standing position. If any coach intentionally touches a batted ball, the closest runner to home shall be called out. If a batted ball hits the coach unintentionally it is a dead ball. The batter hits again.
2. A maximum number of 7 pitches to each batter in the 6-7 year old league. A maximum of 6 pitches in the 8 year old league. The final pitch must be a swing or called third strike. There will be no hit batters or walks.
3. Each game will have a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit. No inning can start after 1 hour and 30 minutes. Coaches must agree on start time before the first pitch. There will be no time limit in tourney games.
4. All teams will field 10 defensive players with four OUTFIELDERS. All outfielders must play in the grass and may not cover any base as an infielder. Force outs can only be made by an infielder.
5. All eligible players shall be in the batting order.
6. Once a ball is secured by an infielder, runners who have not crossed half way lines must return to their previous base.
7. A maximum of 5 runs per inning in the 6-7 year olds and maximum of 7 runs per inning in the 8 year olds. An inning will end when the offensive team meets their maximum number of runs or 3 outs.
8. Catchers are limited to 2 innings per game. All catchers must wear a cup.
9. Adult base coaches may not touch the runners while the ball is in play. Only coaches can call timeout. Offensive coaches are the pitcher, 1st base coach, 3rd base coach and dugout coach. Defensive coaches – there can be two on the field during play (one behind the catcher and one in the outfield). There must be a coach in the dugout at all times.
10. No stealing is allowed. Runners cannot leave base until the pitched ball is hit.
11. All coaches are required to move their players defensively. NO PLAYER shall play the same position more than two innings. Give all kids a chance to play different positions.
12. Infield fly will not be in effect at this age.
13. Pitcher's helpers will be required to remain in the pitcher's circle until the ball is hit.
14. Pitcher's helpers must wear a helmet with a face guard.
15. NO ON DECK BATTER AT ANY TIME. Players may only hold a bat when it is their turn to bat.
16. Umpires will only be used during tourney play. All managers must umpire or have a coach umpire rec league games.

REMEMBER: THIS GAME IS FOR THE KIDS TO ENJOY AND HAVE FUN!