



## **Basic Jets and Minnies Rules**

1. 1 hour and 30 minutes time limit in all games. All games will be timed by an official clock. All games may end prior to 1 hour 30 mins, because last inning will be called at 1 hour and 15 minutes expired on the game clock.
2. 5 runs run may be scored in each inning except the last inning, 10 runs may be scored. Last inning will be called when there is 30 minutes left on the game clock and the visiting team is up to bat. At the end of the last inning if there is still time on the game clock, the game is still OVER! If a team is winning by 11 runs when last inning is called then the game is over, since the losing team can no longer catch up.
3. If a team is winning by 16 runs after 4 innings, or 11 runs after 5 innings the game is over, since the losing team can no longer catch up.
4. A team must have at least 8 players to start a game or a forfeit will be called and the score will be winner 6, loser 0. A 15 minute grace period will be given. The official game clock begins at 5:30 regardless of the grace period. If during the game a team drops below 8 players due to injury, game can proceed.
5. Only Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches registered with the league will be allowed to address umpires concerning calls, plays or questions. 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Bench Coach can address umpire if Head Coach and Assistant Coach is absent.
6. All coaches must remain in the dugout or on the other side of the fence during play unless they are a base coach.

7. Base coaches must remain in coaches' box unless time out is called. A base coach is not allowed to touch a runner during play. If a base coach touches a runner during play, the runner will be called out. When exchanging helmets, time out must be called.
8. Pitching Coach (Boys Only) must be in contact with the rubber (35') when beginning to pitch. Pitcher must be standing while pitching and must pitch overhand.
9. Pitching Coach (Girls Only): Must be in contact with pitching rubber (35') when beginning to pitch. Pitchers must be standing while pitching and must pitch underhand.
10. When a batter swings at (3) pitches and misses, the batter will be called out. If a third strike is hit foul tip and caught by the catcher, the batter will be called out. If a third strike is hit foul, the batter will continue to receive pitches until the batter strikes out or receives (5) pitches. If the batter hits the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch foul, the batter will continue to receive pitches until he or she misses or hits the ball.
11. Circle Rule: Play stops when the pitcher has full control of the ball with BOTH feet in the circle. Straddling the line or feet on the line WILL NOT stop the play. All runners who have not completely reached the next base must go back to the base they came from.
12. If the batter at bat is batting out of order and it is caught by the opposing team, then the batter that is supposed to be at bat may be allowed to take over the bat with the same count.
13. A sharply batted ball that hits the coach pitching will be live and playable. A batted ball that is NOT hit sharply and hits the coach pitching will be called an out on the batter, and this will also result in a dead ball. A batted line-drive caught by the coach will result in a dead ball call and (1) pitch, (1) strike granted to the batter. This line-drive must be sharply hit or will result in an out called on the batter. This Jets & Minnies rule is the judgement of the umpire.
14. Bunting: Absolutely no bunting is allowed in Minnies and Jets.
15. Orange Base Rule (GIRLS ONLY): A runner must touch the orange base when a routine grounder has been fielded by an infielder and a play result at first base. Routine is in the judgement of the umpire. Runners that fail to do so will be called out.

16. Runners must slide at home plate or make an attempt if there is a play. If a runner does not slide or make an attempt to get down, he or she will be called out. If the runner comes at the catcher standing up and runs over the catcher when there is a play at the plate they will be called out and possibly ejected if the arms are up in a pushing motion.
17. No leading off or stealing bases at any time in Minnies or Jets.
18. Infield Fly Rule: There is no infield fly rule in Minnies and Jets.
19. When a thrown ball in the infield goes out of play, all runners are awarded the base he or she is going to. When a thrown ball coming from the outfield goes out of play the runner is awarded the base, he or she is going to plus 1 more. It is the judgement of the umpire where the runners were as the ball exited the playing field.
20. Dressing a Catcher Rule: A catcher, on base, may have a courtesy runner at any time. The courtesy runner must be the player that made the last out in the current or previous inning.
21. If a parent or fan is harassing the umpire verbally during a game and is causing a distraction, time out will be called, and a warning will be given to the head coach. The coach will be asked to try to control their fan. If the fan continues to be a distraction, the head coach will be ejected from the game. If the distraction continues, the assistant coach will be ejected from the game and the game will result in a forfeit. If a coach is ejected from a game, he or she will be suspended from their next game.
22. International Tie Breaker Rule: is in effect when the game ends in a tie. The extra inning will begin with the player that made the last out in the last inning being placed on second base as a runner. This inning will be five runs allowed per inning. Should the game continue to end in a tie, the same rule will be repeated until the tie is broken. A game should never end in a tie.
23. Bats (Boys Only): All bats must have the USA bat stamp.
24. Bats (Girls Only): All Bats must have the ASA/USA or both Certified bat stamp.

25. Face Masks (Girls Only): ALL infield players must wear a face mask. If infield player is caught not wearing a face mask they will be asked to put one on once. If after being asked to put face mask on and the player refuses, they will then have to either be moved to the outfield or to the bench and her team will be given one out when it is their turn to bat.