

Basic Minor Boys and Minor Girls Rules

1. 1 hour and 45 minute time limit in all games. All games will be timed by an official clock. All games may end prior to 1 hour 45 minutes, because last inning will be called with 20 minutes on the game clock.
2. 5 runs 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 then 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.
5. Only Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches registered with the league will be allowed to address umpires concerning calls, plays or questions.
6. A pitcher can only pitch 3 innings per game. One ball pitched in any inning counts as an inning pitched. The 3 innings must be consecutive. A pitcher may not return to the pitcher's position if the pitcher has left the pitcher's mound for substitution.
7. If the pitcher does an illegal pitch, all base runners are awarded 1 base and the batter awarded 1 ball. An illegal pitch is called a balk. Flagrant balks will be called after 2 weeks of play. The first 2 weeks are considered training time for pitchers. During these 2 weeks runners can lead off and steal as well as pitchers can pick them off and throw them out as long as an illegal balk wasn't committed. If a flagrant balk is committed it will still be considered a stolen base for the runner. Although balks are not being called pitchers will not be allowed to illegally throw out a base runner. Runners will not be awarded a base if a balk is committed the first 2 weeks.
8. (BOYS ONLY) Pitching will be from 43 foot
9. Boys only; Runners can lead off and steal all bases including home plate.

10. Girls only; Runners may steal all bases including home plate once a pitcher's pitched ball crosses the plate.
11. 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. The catcher may not obstruct home plate when there is no play at the plate.
12. 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.
13. 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 results at first base. Routine is in the judgement of the umpire. Runners that fail to do so will be called out.
14. Infield Fly Rule: is in effect when bases are full or runners are on first and second base with none or one out. The fly should be a routine pop up to the infield. If the infielder has to run back on a ball, this is not routine. It is not a dead ball and all runners may advance at their own risk. If the ball is caught in the air before hitting the ground, runners must tag up.
15. Third Strike Rule: If the third strike is dropped by catcher, batter can advance to first base if unoccupied, *unless* there are two outs, then batter can advance to first, even if first base is occupied.
16. Circle Advancement/Hesitation Rule (GIRLS ONLY): Play stops when the pitcher has the ball in the circle and all runners have stopped full advancement. Once a runner stops advancing she must go back to the base from which she came from. If the runner stops full advancement and then attempts to run or walk again, she will be called out.
17. When an infield thrown ball goes out of play, a runner is awarded the base he or she is going to. When a thrown ball from the outfield goes out of play the runners are awarded the base they are running to plus 1 base. It is the judgement of the umpire where the runners were as the ball exited the playing field.

18. The pitcher may not have batter's gloves on or bright colored sleeves; it is a distraction to the batter. The pitcher may not wear sunglasses. The only glasses they are allowed to wear are prescription while pitching.
19. If the pitcher hits 3 batters in one inning or 3 in a game the pitcher is to be pulled for the remainder of that game.
20. 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.
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 a five runs allowed 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): Are mandatory for both Pitcher's and Batter's Helmets. Starting January 1, 2024 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 there turn to bat. T