

## GAME RULES

### ROOKIE BASEBALL (Modified Kid Pitch)

- Games have a time limit of 90 minutes. This is a drop dead time.
- 3 outs or 5 runs max per inning. Teams keep batting until there are 3 outs or 5 runs scored.
  - Offense will bat all batters or 3 out per inning; whichever comes first. The coach will announce "last batter" when last player comes up. The inning is over if a 3<sup>rd</sup> out is made or the ball is controlled within the infield, or inside the foul territory within the infield area.
- All batters and base runners must wear helmets.
- All players must wear safety equipment. (Catcher gear, heart guard, helmet, etc.)
- Coaches shall develop multiple pitchers on each team. In no case shall a pitcher pitch more than 2 innings in a single game.

### PITCHING RULES

- Pitchers **MAY NOT** exceed 2 innings per game (one pitch constitutes an inning).
- Innings need to be consecutive.
- After a combination of 3 walks and/or hit batsmen in an inning, the remainder of the inning will be pitched by the hitting team's coach. The coach will pitch until 3 outs, 5 runs scored, or all batters have had an at-bat.
- The coach must pitch overhand from the mound area.
- Coaches will call balls and strikes and umpire the bases.

### HITTING

- After 3 strikes the batter is out.
- After 4 balls the batter is walked and awarded 1st base.
- Bunting is not allowed.
- All players on the team will bat in order.

### BASE RUNNING RULES

- Leading off a base prior to the pitch is not allowed. Runners cannot leave the base until the ball crosses the plate. Any runner leaving the base early will be called out.
- On a batted ball to the outfield, base runners may advance until an infielder has control of the ball between the baselines.
- Runners **MAY NOT** advance on an overthrow to a base.
- Runners **MAY NOT** advance on an overthrow to the pitcher.
- Runners **MAY NOT** steal.
- A courtesy runner is allowed (last player out on batting team) at any time for the pitcher or catcher and **MUST** be used for the catcher if there are 2 outs.
- Runners must slide feet first. On a close play, the runner must slide or avoid contact.

### FIELDING RULES

- 6 Infielders (P, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, C) and 4 Outfielders (remaining players will be on the bench)
- Outfielders must be in the grass and may make a play on any ball hit past the infield.
- Players must be rotated in the field each inning. No player should play the same position more than once each game, except Catchers may play up to 2 innings in a game.
- Players should not be on the bench more than 1 time a game.