

## Rookie League Baseball

1. No Bunting or Stealing
2. The pitching position is fielded from the side of the machine opposite the batter.
3. The offensive coach will feed the pitching machine and wear a glove to receive balls back from the catcher. One defensive coach should be stationed behind the catcher to assist in getting the ball back to the pitcher.
4. Coaches from the defensive team will umpire every  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inning that their team is on defense.
5. The batter hits until he or she strikes out, fouls out or puts the ball in play. No walks.
6. Each team is allowed 10 defensive players.
7. Free substitution is allowed. A courtesy runner for the catcher is recommended. The runner is the player making the last out.
8. All players are to be included in the batting order.
9. Games will be 1:30 in length. A new inning may not start after 1:15 in April and May or 1:25 in June and July. If the game is tied at the end of 6 innings or time limit, the game can end in a tied.
10. A team may only bat through the order one complete time per their  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inning. If one team would have 12 players and the other team has 10 players, each team may hit 12 per their  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inning.
11. In the event of an overthrow the runner may not advance. Runners are not to take an extra base when the ball comes in from the outfield even if it is not in the possession of a fielder.
12. "Sliding Rule" Runners are to avoid contact, there is no rule mandating a "must slide on a close play". It is our intent to create a situation where players will slide when necessary and eliminate the confusion. Players should be taught how to slide properly. No headfirst sliding at any time!
13. Please rotate your players to other positions throughout the year.
14. Teach your players to respect the coaches and to have good Sportsmanship Win or Lose.

15. Before each game the home team coach will bring out a fresh battery and charge the battery you are returning. If you are the home team and your team has the first game ( you are responsible for bringing out the pitching machine and a charged battery ) if your team has the last game ( you are responsible for putting the pitching machine away and charging the battery used during your game )