

RULES FOR ROOKIES LEAGUE

- (1) All players will play the entire game. Coaches shall make an effort to assign players a different position each inning, with the exception of the catcher, who may play two consecutive innings. Coaches need to teach proper baseball fundamentals.
- (2) Rotate your players in a manner that allows them to play all positions. Put as many players in the outfield as needed. Play the infield with one pitcher, catcher (wearing full gear), 1st baseman, 2nd baseman, shortstop, and 3rd baseman. The pitcher should stand within close proximity of the pitching rubber.
- (3) Players will bat in one batting order.
- (4) A Manager or Coach will pitch to his/her own team. Each team will use a “safety baseball” unless both teams agree to use a “regular baseball”.
- (5) With an emphasis on proper stance and hitting technique, players shall receive a maximum of 5 pitches. If a batting tee is needed do not hesitate to use one.
- (6) A team's batting will conclude with a third out or after the last player has batted. Play as many innings as you can. A game should consist of as many batters that can bat in a 1 hour and 10 minute game.
- (7) **In the Rookie League, the runner or runners can only advance as many bases as the batter.** In the event a baseball reaches the outfield, play ceases when the infield gains control of the baseball. Runners who find themselves between bases can advance at their own risk. Runners cannot advance on over throws.
- (8) The outcome of a close play is determined on a rotating basis. The visiting coach will determine the first decision.
- (9) Each team should have at least four helmets. Batters and base runners will wear them. The catcher must wear full catching gear.
- (10) Have the catcher play in the correct position. The fielding team should have a coach, if possible, behind the catcher to keep the catcher in the correct position and to help retrieve the baseball, if necessary.
- (11) This will be a league where kids should have fun and prepare themselves for the next level of baseball, therefore no score or league standings will be kept. This league is not about winning it is about learning so **enjoy the moment!**