

## **2025 Rock Ridge Youth Baseball – Sr Mini's Level Rules**

1. All players will be in the batting lineup. Players arriving late can be added to the end of the lineup.
2. Coaches will pitch a maximum of 4 overhand pitches -**NO UNDERHAND**- to their batters (coach pitch - no pitching machine) from the front edge of the mound. If a batter does not put a ball into play after 4 pitches, the batter will use the Tee for his/her final pitch. If the batter fouls off the 4<sup>th</sup> pitch, he/she shall keep getting another pitch until the ball is put in play or a swing and a miss. If swing and miss, tee will be used. There will be a 2 swing max off the tee unless batter hits foul ball on 2<sup>nd</sup> swing, then he/she keeps getting another swing until swing and miss or ball in play. Failure to put ball in play after 2 swings off of tee, results in a strikeout (except a foul ball). Pitching coaches are encouraged to step out of the way of batted balls to allow players to field the ball. If a pitching coach is hit by a batted ball, it is ruled a single and the ball is dead. Runners each advance one base. Walks will not be called.
3. When using a tee, the batter must hit the baseball. A swing that hits the tee and not the ball is considered a swing and miss.
4. When using a tee only, there will be a 5 foot line from foul line to foul line. A batted ball must go past this line. Balls that stay behind this line shall be considered a foul ball.
5. Coaches, please clear the Tee from the plate when the ball is put in play so not to interfere with a play at home.
6. If a team scores 5 runs in a single inning, that team's half inning will end.
7. The On-Deck position is not permitted. The batter is the only player allowed to have a bat in his/her hands.
8. Play all of your players in the field. When you have more than 9, spread the extra players out evenly in the outfield starting on the foul lines. Outfielders must clearly be in the outfield – not a “deep infielder.”
9. We will not use the “one base on an overthrow” – it was rarely used anyway. The idea is to get the ball to the pitcher.
10. No stealing bases.
11. No head first slides are permitted into any base or home plate. The first offense will result in a team warning. Any offense thereafter will result in an automatic out. This will be enforced on a per team per game basis.

12. If (fair) ball touches outfield grass on a batted ball (except if tee is used – see rule 13) any runner is allowed to advance 2 bases at his/her own risk.
13. When using a tee, all runners may advance a max of one base regardless if the ball reaches outfield grass or not.
14. Games are five innings maximum, no extra innings, except playoffs.
15. Metal spikes are not permitted.
16. Pitchers must stand ~3ft behind the coach pitching. The coach must stay on the field, in the same position where they were pitching, to screen the pitcher even when the tee is being used.
17. Catchers are to wear full gear supplied by RRYB (mask, chest protector, and shin guards). Additional athletic pelvic protection is recommended (jock/jill cup). A courtesy runner is strongly encouraged for catcher to allow time to get gear on.
18. Coaches are expected to shuffle players around defensively at least every two innings (Except playoffs).
19. Players cannot wear jewelry of any kind (except medical bracelets).
20. Players are not allowed to leave the playing field/dugout to go to the concession stand.
21. Parents are not allowed on the field of play/dugout during a game – except in an injury situation. This includes picture taking.
22. Team listed as Home bats last and should use the 1st base dugout.
23. A runner hit by a batted ball in play is out.
24. No inning will begin after 90 minutes from start time.
25. Offensive players leave their helmets on the entire time they are on the field.
26. A minimum of eight (8) players is needed to participate in a game. If a team has less than 8 players, that team will forfeit the game for the purposes of the standings. However, teams should still play the game in a scrimmage fashion and utilize players from both teams to equal out the numbers
27. Bats that are permitted are USA bats ONLY.
28. No coaches are allowed on the field during play except the pitcher and the catcher (to retrieve passed balls).

29. Player move-up policy. If a team would have to forfeit a game, they may utilize non-rostered players as long as both of following statements are true:
  - a. the non-rostered player is registered on a RRYB team
  - b. the non-rostered player is not rostered on a RRYB team at the same level or higher.
30. In the event of a game being suspended due to weather, the game will be picked up where left off, unless 3 1/2 innings have been completed with the home team ahead, or 4 innings completed with the visiting team ahead in which case we would have an official game.
31. Per discretion of RRYB Board some players may be asked to play in the Minors level pending their status in travel ball.