

## 8U League Rules

**Ages: 7, 8      Grades: 1st & 2nd**

1. Each game will use a pitching machine.
2. Each inning consists of either scoring 6 runs or getting 3 outs.
3. Target game length is 1 Hour 30 Minutes. Maximum of 6 innings. (or otherwise agreed upon by coaches)
4. 5 balls from pitching machine is allowed. If the batter does not hit one of the five balls, the coach can pitch 2 additional balls by hand. Player/Coach have the option to take 2 extra balls from machine, if they would rather. If a player hits a foul ball on the last attempt, they may receive another ball. If a player does not hit the ball after 7 total attempts, the player is out.
5. Unlike TBall, when a batter or runner is called out, they must be removed from the bases and an out is recorded.
6. Field size is 46' bases
7. Ball must be hit 10 feet when hitting the ball. If it travels less than that, the player gets to re-try. (often, teams will draw a line on the field showing the 10 foot line)
8. 10 players are allowed on defense, unless otherwise agreed upon by coaches.
9. Teams must bat entire lineup.
10. Only 1 base is allowed on an overthrow, when defense is attempting to make a play. Base runners may continue to run the bases until outfield gets the ball back to the pitchers mound area.
11. Home Team provides all the baseballs. A TBall style “smoosh baseball” should be used.

**\*\*\*Base Races:** Still, one of the kids favorite part of 8U Baseball is the base races at the end of the game. One team lines up on Home Plate. The other team lines up on 2nd Base. This is a relay race. One player runs all the bases, carrying a baseball. After they finish running all the bases, they hand the ball to the next player in line. First team to have all their players run the bases is the winner. (if one team has more players than the other, players may need to run more than once)

8U is 25% Competitive & 75% about having fun and teaching the kids about baseball.