

Attachment I – 8U Baseball Rules Additional Rules

1. For the children to learn baseball and have fun
2. Parents are spectators. They have no say in anything on the field.
3. Coach has all final decisions regarding his team.
4. Catcher can use any type of glove.
5. Two coaches are allowed on the field for defense, but must be even with or behind the outfielders.
6. All players must play at least three innings in the field.
7. Game is 6 innings long, no extra innings in regular games. Extra innings will only be played in playoff games if necessary to break a tie.
8. No walks will be called. EACH BATTER WILL GET 4 STRIKES/SWINGS BEFORE A STRIKE OUT WILL BE RECORDED. IT WILL BE THE JUDGEMENT OF THE UMPIRE/Coach IF THE PITCH IS OUTSIDE THE STRIKE ZONE (NO PITCH).
9. Ten players on the field – four must be in the outfield. The outfield positions are: left field, left center, right center, right field. The outfielders must play on the grass behind the infield with the exception of large fields (i.e. Teifer Park), in which case they must play 12 to 15 feet behind the infielders and/or the base paths.
10. The infielders cannot play closer than the base path.
11. All players bat or until 5 runs have been scored or 3 outs have been made in the inning, with the exception to the final inning where you have unlimited scoring.
12. Sliding is permitted and required to avoid contact with a defensive player on a base.
13. Official scorer is the home team. Home team is listed on schedule or in playoffs it is decided by a coin flip. The championship game home team will also be decided by a coin flip
14. Runners will not advance on an over throw that goes out of bounds or from the infield to the outfield.
15. Ball hit into the outfield – runners are allowed to continue running until ball is thrown in the general vicinity of someone in the infield. The infield is considered the bases. Once ball is in the infield, runners may only continue at risk to the base they are headed to. If a runner continues to run, play will be stopped and the runner must go back to the last base. You may still make a play on the runner advancing to the base he is headed to, but he cannot go any further, even if the ball is thrown away.
16. No arguing with the umpires.
17. No lead-offs. There will be no warning; the umpire will call the player out.
18. Players reporting once the game has started will go to the end of the batting order.
19. This division uses a pitching machine.
20. Any balls that strike the pitching machine are live.
21. The home team is responsible for supplying the pitching machine which can only be operated by a coach. (Playoffs either team may use their machine)
22. The pitcher must start even with the front of the machine and play within a 3 foot radius of the pitching machine.
23. Time Limit: 1 ½ hour. No new inning will start after that. (Playoffs are 1 hour 45 minutes and no time limit during the championship)

