

Fall Rookie Rules		
Field Dimensions	Base distance	60'
	Pitching distance	42'
	Mound	no
General Rules	Innings	6
	No new inning after	1h 50m, drop dead at 2h
	Players needed to start	8 (1)
	All players must play 6 outs by the end of inning #:	4 (2)
	Wildcat batting order	Yes (3)
	Max batters per inning	8 - 8th batter cannot be walked. 8th batter = 2 outs
	Max runs per inning	no
	Defensive Conferences	1 per inning per pitcher
	Defensive Substitutions	Unlimited (5)*
	Mercy Rule	15 ahead after 4 - 10 after 5
	Forfeits allowed	No (6)
Equipment	Helmet Cage Req.	yes
	Bat weight	n/a
	Bat length	n/a
	Max Barrel Size	2 1/4"
	BBCOR Bat Req.	n/a
	Wooden Bats	no
Pitching	Metal cleats	no
	Max pitches or innings/day whichever occurs first	75 pitches/game OR 2 inn/day 4 inn/wk (8) ^
	Intentional walks	no
	Balks	no
Baserunning Batting Fielding	Curveballs (wrist snap)	no (9)
	Infield fly	no
	Dropped 3rd strike	no
	Bunting	no
	Thrown bat	Bench warning then Out
	Courtesy runner required for catcher w/ 2 outs (player who made last out)	no
	Leading	no (10)
	Stealing	Yes, after ball crosses home plate
	Advance after steal	n/a
	Stealing home	no
	Headfirst slides	no

* - See Division specific Rules
^ - See Pitch Smart Age Guidelines for pitch limits and required rest
(1) There will be a 15 minute grace period if a team does not have 8 players.
(2) Failure to comply with this rule or encouraging players to be absent or late shall result in a protest of the game.
(3) Late arriving players will be added at the end of the lineup card
(5) Unlimited defensive substitution allowed providing the playing time rule has been complied with.
(6) If a team does not have enough to field nine (9) players on defense, they will use players from the offense to fill out the missing positions.
(8) Player must be removed when he/she reaches pitch or innings limit - whichever comes first. Refer to 'RBBA Pitch Limits and Required Rest' handout.
(9) No pitcher shall deliberately throw a curve ball. If in the Umpire's judgment a curve ball is thrown, a no pitch will be declared and a warning issued to the pitcher and manager.
(10) Penalty for leaving early will be a strike called on the batter. No runners shall advance.

Rookie (3rd grade) specific rules:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pitching Rules:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Pitchers (after one pitch) may play other positions, but may not return to pitch after being replaced.</li> <li>o Balks will be called. However, one (1) warning per pitcher will be issued for first 2 weeks of the season.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Running Rules:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o On any play the base runner will be allowed to steal only one base.</li> <li>o Any batter who receives a walk may not advance past first base until the next ball is pitched. All runners forced to advance on a walk may only advance one base until the next ball is pitched. Any runners not forced may advance at their own risk.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>An inning will end:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o When the 3rd out is recorded</li> <li>o When the 8th batter in the inning has struck out.</li> <li>o When the 8th batter in the inning has put the ball in play and all runners stop running.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>