

2019 RYS Rookie League Rules

- Field Size:** 60 ft bases
- Game Length:** 1 Hour and 15 minutes or 6 innings.
A game is considered complete after four (4) innings unless the home team is ahead after 3 ½ innings
- Slaughter Rule:** Maximum of 5 runs per inning.
After 4 innings, if one team is leading by 10 or more runs, the game is over (3 ½ if the home team is leading).
- Pre-Game:** Each team is allowed 5 minutes of infield practice before the game. Please stay out of batter's box.
- Bats:** See the Bat Rules document.
- Base Running:** No advancing on an overthrow, for any reason.
No stealing.
- Base runners must stop advancing when the ball reaches the infield (whether controlled by a fielder or not).
If the runner is between bases, they can advance to the next base or return to the previous base.
A play can still be made on any runner between bases.
All players on a base must hold, regardless of what happens in the play with that runner.
- Sliding at home is only required when there is a potential play at the plate.
- No leading off.
No dropped 3rd Strike.
No Infield Fly Rule.
- Batting:** If the ball hits the pitching machine or the coach, the ball is dead. The batter is safe at first.
Only runners that are forced to move will advance to the next base.
- Each batter will get 8 pitches maximum. The batter is out once they reach 3 strikes. Strikes will be called for missed swings and foul balls. If the batter fouls off the last pitch, they will be allowed more pitches until they miss or fail to swing at a pitch. The speed of the pitching should not be adjusted once the game starts. The arc can be adjusted though. A few practice balls should be fed into the machine before each inning.
- Injury:** If a player is unable to bat due to injury, no penalty will be incurred when they player is up to bat, unless that drops the lineup to 8 batters. Then that lineup spot will be considered an out.
- Fielding:** It is not required, but strongly encouraged, that players are rotated throughout the different positions.
It's understood that certain positions (first base, pitcher, and catcher) may require more alert players for safety reasons.