



Blazers Girls Rookie League Rules Ages 5-6



1. We will use an 11 inch (flexi ball) softball
2. This is a coach pitch format with tee. If, after the (3) coach pitched balls, the batter has not put the ball in play, the batter will receive three (3) strikes from the Tee before being called out. Bumping the ball off the tee during warm-up is not a strike. Any of the following will result in a strike being called on the batter:
 - The batter misses the ball completely.
 - The batter fails to hit the ball past 5 feet
 - Any foul ball before the third (3rd) strike.
3. Walks are not allowed. The tee will be pulled out when a player has three strikes.
 - A maximum of 2 bases is allowed by the batter and runners on base for any hit ball.
4. There will be a continuous batting order used. This means that every player will maintain their spot in the batting order regardless of whether or not they were in the field during a particular inning.
5. Teams will bat until the third out occurs or 5 runs are scored.
6. There are unlimited substitutions. 8 players will constitute a complete starting lineup. Games may be started or played with 5 players. Coaches should make every effort to ensure that the number of innings played during the season by each player is as equal as possible. We also do not want teams playing the same players at the same positions all year. Girls should play a minimum of 1 OF and 2 IF positions.
7. Bunting and slapping are not allowed.
8. Stealing is allowed
9. Once the ball is controlled by an infielder, runners should return to the base they came from unless they are 2/3 of the way or greater to the next base. Rule 9 applies if a play is made on the runner. If the infielder holds the ball or calls time apply the 1st part of rule 10.
10. A batter struck by a pitched ball awarded first base unless the player wants to continue batting. If she continues the hit by pitch would be considered a ball.
11. Positions at this age will be pitcher, first base, second base, short stop, third base and outfield. Coaches will pitch and catch.
12. There is a one hour and 15 minute time limit for games. No new inning shall start unless the WHOLE inning can be completed in this time.
13. Coaches – prior to every game please talk with the umpire and the other team coach to make any modifications to the rules before the game begins. Please do not change the rules dramatically, this is to prepare the player for the next level.
14. Have fun!

