



2018 Rookie & A Rules

1. Home team should make sure the snack bar rep for the game is at the snack shack. Game won't start until rep is at shack.
2. Make sure you know the Home / Away Field Responsibilities (IE – Home team lines the field and batters box and puts in the bases if necessary. Away team rakes the field after the game). Both teams clean dugouts and empty trash cans. Make sure bases and all equipment goes back to the shed if it's the last game of the day.
3. The goal for every player is to have an enjoyable experience.
4. At this age, every kid should play every position during the season. (Especially the pitcher position and first base. These are the 2 positions with the most action. Please keep track to keep fair and for the kids to be engaged to the game.)
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 - A. Every player must play at least two innings in the infield every game. Coaches are encouraged to move the players as much as possible but use common sense when assigning the 1st base position (don't assign first base to a kid who is afraid of catching the ball on the fly and in the same inning have a kid at pitcher or 2nd base with a "cannon" who can actually reach 1st base)
 - B. Another option during the game is to not to play an outfield when your team is on the field and have kids not playing the field do drills with an assistant coach.
 - C. Best Way is to predetermine your lineup and where kids are playing each inning before the game starts.
6. On offense, you should have a 1st and a 3rd base coach. (don't forget to have someone watch the dugout.) In the field, you should have coaches on each side of the infield.

7. A. "Rookie" Division - Every inning is a bat around inning. Every player bats each inning. If a ball is hit to the outfield grass on the fly, that player can attempt to go to 2nd base. All other hits, the hitter may only run through 1st base. The last batter of each inning hits a "HomeRun" ...meaning everyone on base including the batter rounds the bases. Inning ends. Have every kid hit a "homerun" during the season. (Keep track to be fair).

B. "A" Division – Use the "tee" for the first 3 games, at least. You may start coach pitch by game 4. It is the Coaches direction and common sense should be used in determining who can hit pitching and who still needs a tee.

Coaches throw a max of 7 pitches to each batter. If pitch 7 is unhittable or is fouled off, the at bat continues to the next pitch. Then a tee can be used. 3 outs end the inning. 5 runs max each half inning.

C. Have a coach behind the plate to get the passed balls to keep the game moving.

8. No steals, leads or walks

9. Innings – Goal should be 4 innings. Games at this age should be about an hour. Gauge how your kids are doing and check with the other coach around the hour mark if you want to continue.

10. Game should be self-umpired by the coaches.

11. Playoffs – There are no playoffs at this level.

12. Non-sportsmanlike conduct "i.e. swearing, damaging equipment, fighting, berating and/or belittling of players/fellow coaches, or taunting" is grounds for warning and/or ejection by the CHALL Board, as well as removal from the league. Any coach or player ejected for any reason will also be suspended for the following game. The individual may also be subject to additional league sanctions.

13. Kids love game balls. Make sure a kid gets a game ball after every game (everyone should get one during the season).

12. Make sure field is locked up after the game.