



## 2018 AA RULES

Umpiring from behind the mound is acceptable, one umpire is sufficient.

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

Draw chalked halfway lines between 1st and 2nd and 2nd and 3rd.

Control of the ball by an infielder in the infield in fair territory stops the play. If runner past 1/2 way line they advance. If not they go back.

Every player must play at least one inning 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 and catcher positions. Use 3rd base for your weaker players.

3 outs or 5 runs whatever comes first, Last inning the teams can bat around which goes off of the team with the least # of players

Coach pitch for the 1st half of the season, at least. Coach's discretion and common sense should be used. Both coaches must agree before the game if kid pitch is allowed. Switching between coach and kid every other inning seems to work best.

Coaches throw a max of 7 pitches to each batter and can strike their kids out. If pitch 7 is unhittable or is fouled off, the at bat continues

No steals, no leads, no walks, and no baiting throws.

Kid pitch - Once a batter gets 4 balls then a coach comes in to pitch, the strike(s) carry over. The coach you is on stand by to pitch better be ready so that the game moves along.

7-8 year olds can throw up to 50 pitches and if a kid throws 41 pitches or more then they cannot play the catcher position. If a catcher catches 4 innings then they cannot pitch in that game.

Innings - From my experience, 4 innings is a good number but five may be played at times but no often. This should only happen if is a fast paced game and the kids are still into the game. I'd recommend the coaches getting together with the umpire prior to the start of the 4th inning.

All games count towards the playoffs. Playoffs - Single elimination format