

# AA Rookie League Rules (Spring 2025)

Rules that may vary from the Official Baseball Rule Book are highlighted below.

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- 1) Games are 60 minutes in length or three innings, whichever comes sooner. Games cannot run longer than 60 minutes, as we'll have another game after that will need to start on time. Each team bats through their line-up one time per inning, so each player should get three at-bats per game, if time permitting.
- 2) The official start time of the game is the start time on the schedule, even if the game starts late. Coaches, after games, please have your players exit the field in a timely manner so the next game can start on time.
- 3) Scores and standings are not kept.
- 4) If a player gets out, they should not continue to run the bases. AA Rookie is meant to help ready players for AAA Rookie. However, if both coaches agree to let their players continue to run the bases, MPBB has no objection.
- 5) Only players on a team's official roster can play in that team's games.
- 6) Players get only three "good" pitches from the machine, then put the ball in play off a tee. There are no strike-outs. Please limit pitches to three to help speed up the game. Place the machine approx. 40 feet from the plate and set the machine to 33-35 mph.
- 7) No stealing. No leadoffs.
- 8) Defenses can play with an extra infielder, either near second base or having a pitcher on both sides of the machine. Teams do not need to play with a catcher, for safety reasons. However, if a team has a player capable of playing catcher, they must be in full protective gear if standing anywhere behind home plate. Outfielders must start at least fifteen feet behind the base line. There can only be a total of six infielders, which includes 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, P, and the Extra IF. All other players play in the outfield. No players have to sit out. Please do not play with more than six infielders.
- 9) Please move your players around to different positions each inning.
- 10) The game umpire will make all fielding calls. As indicated in rule 6, strikes and balls will not be counted and a player will not be called out while at bat.
- 11) The team hitting can elect to have base coaches at first, second, and third base. The team in the field can have a coach on the right side of the field and the left side of the field.
- 12) Runners can advance more than one base on a hit to the outfield. Runners can only advance one base on an overthrow to a base or home plate, or on a hit that stays in the infield. Teams do not have to run station to station, so coaches, teach your fielders to get the ball in quickly from the outfield.

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