

# Rules for Rookies Division

Agreed upon by Chili Youth Baseball, and Scottsville Baseball

1. Each game will consist of 6 innings. In the event of rain or factors preventing the playing of 6 full innings, 4 complete innings (3½ if the home team is ahead) will constitute an official game.
2. No inning will start after 8:00 pm, except if it is a game being played under the lights. An inning starts the moment the third out is made, completing the preceding inning.
3. Batter **hit by a coach-pitched ball** does NOT get to take first base.
4. Bases will be 60' apart and the pitching rubber will be 46' from home plate. Pitching must be between the pitching rubber and the grass (between 42-46'), must not step into the grass.
5. 5 run limit per inning – no limit in the last inning played unless the score gap is 10 runs or more.
6. Infield fly will NOT be in use.
7. **Manager or coach will pitch to their own team.** Player in the pitching position must stand 5-10 feet to the right or left of the pitching rubber – NOT behind them.
8. Overhand pitching is preferred to teach the players. Pitching on one knee is permitted when necessary.
9. Pitch Count / Strikeouts: Each batter will be limited to 8-10 pitches. Each team is responsible for keeping track of the number of pitches per batter.

Strikeouts: A batter will strikeout if they swing and miss 4 pitches, or foul off the first 3 pitches and swing and miss for the fourth strike, or any combination of fouls and strikes that add to 4 strikes without the last strike being a foul ball.

10. There are no walks.
11. Bunting is not allowed.
12. Sliding is allowed.
13. Stealing is not allowed.
14. Each team will field 10 players including a catcher. There will be 4 outfielders that must be at least 10' behind the infield line.
15. No extra bases will be allowed on an overthrow at any base or home plate from any spot on the field.
16. No extra base on an infield hit the runner MUST stop at first base. However, if a player hits out of the infield (any ball that passes the imaginary line between 1<sup>st</sup> base and 2<sup>nd</sup> base or 2<sup>nd</sup> base and 3<sup>rd</sup> base) may take as many bases as possible but must stop once the ball is THROWN TOWARD THE INFIELD even if the defense does not have possession of the ball.
  - If the player is enroute to the next base when the ball is thrown, the player can continue advancing to the next base.
17. A player cannot play the same position more than 2 innings in any one game. All players must play both infield and outfield every game.
  - A coach will be issued a warning after the first complaint about not complying with the position rule.

- If there is a second complaint, the coach will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
18. Each Team is responsible for keeping a score book, this will include game scores and batting stats for each player on their own team.
  19. At the conclusion of each game the score keepers for each team must compare total score and make sure that both have the proper score of the game.
  20. All game scores must be reported on Sports Engine within 24 hours of the games end.
  21. Standings will be kept for each team; they will be used for division seeding in playoffs.