

8 U GIRLS & ROOKIE BOY (7-8) LEAGUE RULES

Each team shall consist of a Manager and two Coaches. Escalon Only Rule: Only rostered Managers and Coaches are permitted on the field or in the dugout during games. Any exception to this rule must be pre-approved by the Recreation Services Coordinator. **A violation of this rule will be a one-game suspension of the Manager.**

Only Managers and Coaches who are base coaching have any need to be on the field. If you are not base coaching, please remain in the dugout area.

1. Softball teams only: All batting helmets must have face masks.

Face Masks are required for the infield positions – First, Third and Pitcher.

A violation of this rule will result in an automatic forfeit for the violating team.

2. If any bat cannot be clearly identified for its make and model to determine the barrel composition, then the bat should be removed from the game.

Softball: It shall be marked “Official Fastpitch” or Official Softball” by the manufacturer.

Baseball: Approved Bats – Cal Ripken Baseball: All non-wood bats must have the USA Bat Marking. The Barrel Maximum is 2 5/8”. No BBCOR Bats are permitted in the Cal Ripken Division.

3. A team may score a maximum of five (5) runs per inning, no opening inning.
4. First base uses a “safety base”. This bag is two separate bases: a regular white base with an orange “safety base” beside. The bag is set out on first base line 60 feet from home plate with the orange “safety base” on the foul side of the line, and the white base on the fair side of the line. Runners must tag the orange “safety base” when there is a play made at first base. The defensive player at first base must tag the white base. This is to prevent collisions at the base. Note that if the runner will be continuing to second base, he/she may tag the white base. Once the player has tagged the “safety base”, he/she may now move to the white base for the next batter. On infield hits (i.e. singles) teach the players to run through on the orange base as in real baseball.
5. A rostered Manager/Coach shall pitch a maximum of five pitches to the batter; if the ball has not been hit into fair territory, then the batter is out.
6. The team in the field will have a pitcher (player pitcher) behind the designated pitcher to act as player for defensive purposes.
7. The player pitcher shall stay in the ten (10) foot pitching circle until the ball is live.

8. Play is dead once the player pitcher has control of the ball within the pitching circle. All base runners must retreat to the last fully gained base.
9. Ten (10) players are allowed on the field. The tenth player shall play in the outfield.
10. All Rookie games have a 60 minute limit. No inning shall start after 50 minutes has expired from the scheduled starting time. An inning started before 50 minutes has expired but not completed within 60 minutes shall be completed.
11. The official starting time of the game is the scheduled time.
12. No player is allowed to sit on the bench defensively more than two innings a game unless a special situation warrants such action such as an injury or the team having less than 11 players.
13. All other rules per official Babe Ruth Softball Rules and Regulations and Babe Rule Baseball Rules and Regulations, Cal Ripken Division.

Protests (see page 8, rule 20)

Field Maintenance

All teams should pick up their trash!