

2018 ROOKIES RULES

1. All games five innings with no new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes. 1 hour 45 minute time limit.
2. Pitching machine will be set at 38 MPH at 38 feet from front of home plate. The angle of pitch may be adjusted for a consistent strike.
3. Ten run mercy rule in effect after four complete innings. Five run limit inning 1-4, unlimited last inning.
4. No leading off. No stealing on the pitch. First offense warning. Next offense runner is out. Runner may not advance to any base on a passed ball.
5. Each team will bat the entire roster and all players must play two consecutive defensive innings.
6. All bats 2-1/4" must be stamped 1.15 BPF, or 2-5/8" stamped USA standard. Bats banned by Little League in 2017 are not authorized. Max bat size is 2-5/8". Refer to Little League 2017 approved bat lists for 2-1/4" bats. No bunting allowed. No metal cleats.
7. Helmets must be worn while batting and running the bases.
8. Safety slide rule on close plays is in effect. First offense is a team warning. Next offense for failing to slide when there is a play is an out. No head first slide at home. No warnings on head first slide at home. Runner is out.
9. Batted ball that hits the pitching machine is a dead ball single. Runners on base advance one base. Batter gets first base.
10. Ball thrown from catcher back to pitcher that hits the pitching machine is a dead ball. Runner may not advance.
11. A batted ball, or ball that's hits the backstop (not including passed ball pitch) remains live as long as it is in the field of play until the pitcher has it in possession inside the pitcher's circle (at least one foot in the circle). A dropped ball is not possession.
12. Batter is out after 3rd strike or 5th pitch (unlimited foul balls).
13. Half way rule is in effect. If base runner has not crossed halfway point to the next base when the play is declared dead, runner must go back to last base occupied.
14. The pitcher must wear a batting helmet with a cage style mask. One foot must be in the pitching circle when the pitch is delivered.
15. In case of a tie, team up to bat will put last out on second base and play out the inning. A maximum of two extra innings will be played.
16. During regular season, coaches will umpire the game. Team coach or delegate will pitch to their team.
17. Coaches are responsible for their fans/parents. 1st offense warning, 2nd offense forfeit. Please show good sportsmanship.