

OF PLAY

DEFENSIVE POSITION

1. A suggested 12-man roster with all players placed in the batting order. (Game can be played with as few as eight (8) players). A fourth (4th) outfielder will be placed on the field defensively. The outfielders will stay on the outfield grass, behind the infielders until the ball has been hit. One player is placed on either side of the pitching machine assuming the defensive position of the pitcher. The catcher takes the normal position. This now means eleven (11) players have been placed on the field defensively. The extra players are in the batting order and will be placed in the field defensively after the first inning.
2. With each new inning the manager must rotate the extra players in the field and a new player sits on the bench for the next half (½) inning. No player is permitted to sit on the bench more than once unless a special situation warrants such action, and is usually an injury.
3. A coach may be stationed beyond infielders in order to provide instruction to all defensive players. Three (3) coaches total. Any coach obstructing offensive players (base runners) will be called for interference.

GAME LENGTH

1. Six (6) innings or one and half hour (1.5) whichever comes first.
2. Each batter receives a maximum of six (6) pitches during the at bat. If the ball has not been hit into fair territory, then the batter is out.

PLAYING RULES

Normal Cal Ripken Baseball, Inc. rules are applied with the exception that stealing is not permitted. The six-run rule is in effect.

PITCHING MACHINE/UMPIRES

The machine is to be set at 35-40 MPH. The pitching machine always throws strikes. The umpire/coach will call a ball hitting the pitching machine or any ball stopping in the circle (around the pitching machine) a “dead ball”. The umpire will reward the batter a base hit. The runners will all advance one base. The offensive team’s manager and/or coach serves as the umpire. **THE PITCHER WILL NOT ENTER THE CIRCLE FOR ANY REASON.** During the season, if a batter fowls off the sixth pitch, one more pitch will be awarded.

SPECIALS RULES

1. Half-way lines between bases will apply.
 - a. If the runner has not passed the half way line by the time the pitcher has control of the ball and is back to his mark, the runner must return to his previous base.
 - b. When the pitcher has control of the ball on the infield grass, it is a dead ball. Half-way rule applies.
2. All runners will advance one base on an overthrow to first base.
3. No player will play the same position for more than two innings in any game.
4. Every player must be rotated to play infield and outfield.

HOME TEAM

1. Home team will walk the playing field (checking for potholes, debris, etc.), set the pitching machine up on the field, and chalk the field.

2. The team designated as Visitor is responsible for cleaning-up and dragging the field, putting the pitching machine away, and emptying both field trash cans.
3. Home team keeps official scorebook.
4. Away team manages the scoreboard.

STANDINGS

The Rookie division is considered an instructional division. There will be no standings (placement) kept for the season. However, the scoreboard will be used during the game to track runs scored, and an unofficial scorebook may be maintained.

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