

ROOKIE MINOR RULES

All Minor baseball and Little League rules apply with the following additions:

1. The base paths will be 60 feet in length and the pitcher's mound will be 38 feet from the home plate.
2. A regulation game is four innings long.
3. Each team will have 3 outs or a maximum of 3 runs per at bat per inning.
4. The modified open inning shall be used for the last inning. (Explain)
5. No inning shall start after 1 hr 45 minutes.
6. Attempts should be made to allow all players to play infield and outfield equally. Players should get an opportunity to play all positions during the season.
7. Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of 6 defensive outs and bat at least 1 time. It is recommended that starting player be substituted with spares as soon as possible. Once spares have met mandatory play the starting players may re-enter the lineup in any of the defensive lineup positions.
8. Batting – A continuous batting order is used thus every player bats whether they are on the field for defence, or not. To make sure that everyone gets their fair number of times at bat, you must either rotate the line-up so a different player bats first, or better yet, use a continuous loop so that the batter after the last batter of each game, becomes the first batter of the next game.
9. Each team must follow the pitching rules as outlined in the Little League rule book (a copy of which has been included in your manual) and complete the pitching record that is kept in a binder upstairs in the clubhouse. The scorekeeper must enter the pitching information into the binder at the end of each game.
10. Players may be borrowed from other Rookie Minors teams, or from the Mini Minor division. A team may borrow only enough to bring the team up to 9 players. Borrowed players ***must play outfield and bat last***. If this cannot be accomplished the defensive team, when they have fewer than 9 players, shall if possible borrow fielders from the offensive team.
11. A reduced Injury (level 5 soft) baseball is used as opposed to a regulation hardball.
12. Stealing is not allowed in Rookie Minor games. The emphasis is on trying to get more batters through each inning before the 3 run limit. Therefore coaches should be teaching their players to learn to swing at only the good pitches.
13. Sliding is permitted provided coaches have instructed their players on proper sliding technique.
14. After three (3) balls are pitched to a batter, the opposing (batting) team's coach will pitch to the batter. However, if the count is 3 balls and 2 strikes, 1 more pitch can be thrown. There are no walks. The batter will continue to bat until a strike out occurs or the ball is put into play. The original pitcher will stand beside the coach for defensive purposes and will return to the mound for the next batter.
15. A maximum of 2 innings pitched per game is allowed per player (one pitch constitutes an inning).
16. After 2 hit batters in the same inning, the offensive coach may request that the pitcher be replaced.