

APPROVED ROOKIE BALL RULES FOR 2017

1. Bases are 60 ft apart.
2. Pitching rubber is set to 40 ft (8ft circle with rubber in the middle). The pitcher may pitch from anywhere in the circle.
3. Coaches pitch to batters. Pitcher may pitch overhand or underhand.
4. Batters receive 8 pitches. After 8 pitches, the batter will be walked to first base, unless the 8th pitch is declared foul; the batter shall continue receiving 1 more pitch if unsuccessful will take first base.
5. Pitcher/Coach is the umpire.
6. Once the batter reaches first base, all other bases are in play. Meaning a player can be called out or safe on second, third, or home plate.
7. There is no stealing on passed balls or wild pitches.
8. A runner may not leave the base before the batter makes contact with a pitch. On any infraction the ball is immediately dead, the runner is to return to his/her base and no runners may advance.
9. After a batted ball, time is granted to the defense when the ball has been returned to the infield and the defense is no longer trying to get an out. The ball does not have to be returned to the pitcher first.
10. Games are 1 hr in length.
11. Player (pitcher) must wear a helmet
12. Catcher must wear full equipment
13. Batters and Runners must wear a helmet.
14. Sliding is allowed
15. An inning ends after three outs or all present in the batting order up to a maximum of ten batters (ie. If you only have 8 players you only bat 8 players) or a total of 6 runs are scored. If the 10th batter is at bat with less than two outs, the catcher or pitcher must have the ball and touch home plate to end the inning. With two outs only the catcher may touch home plate.
16. The defense will consist of 10 players (4 in the outfield). All outfielders must position themselves in the outfield (not allowed to cheat into the infield)
17. If the offensive coach interferes with any attempted play by the defensive team, or is hit by a batted ball the batter will get another pitch and runners will return to their last legally occupied base.
18. OVERTHROWS
 - 18.1 Over 1st base out of play (NO EXTRA BASES AWARDED)
 - 18.2 Over 3rd or home plate out of play (1 EXTRA BASE FOR EACH RUNNER)

18.3 RUNNERS WILL NOT ADVANCE ON AN OVERTHROW TO ANY BAG WHERE THE BALL REMAINS IN PLAY. Object of this is to have defense try to make a play by throwing the ball to a base rather than running it without being penalized.

19. Home team will supply game ball and a good second ball

20. Above all coaches and players will have fun!

** Unless stated above the regular rules of Baseball apply**