

# MINORS AGES 9-11 GAME RULES

*Effective Date 2025*

1. SUMMARY GAME RULES: In summary, Infield fly rule is in effect, Lead-off is not allowed, No penalty for balks, Dropped 3rd strike is not in effect, Base path is 60'. Pitching distance is 46'.
2. On-deck circle is not permitted.
3. Bats must be USA BASEBALL labeled bats.
4. A team may score a maximum of five (5) runs per inning. All runners must touch the bases that they are forced to on any play in which the fifth run scores. If the fifth run of an inning should score on a home run hit over the outfield fence, all runs scoring on the home run shall be counted.
5. Each player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs unless the game is shortened by the time limit. The penalty for violation of this rule is that the player in question must start and play defensively for nine (9) consecutive outs in the next scheduled game, unless illness or injury occurs to that player.
6. Two (2) adult coaches may act as base coaches. Base coaches may not switch positions during an inning. One (1) adult coach must remain in the dugout at all times during the game. A player may be used for a base coach. All player-coaches must wear a helmet while on the playing field. If the player-coach intentionally removes his helmet while the ball is in play, said player-coach will be removed from the coach's box and returned to the dugout.
7. All games played will have a 90-minute time limit. The next inning begins when the home team has made its third out. Innings begun must be completed unless it is impossible for one of the teams to win. No mercy rule, All games shall be six (6) full innings, unless shortened by time limit, curfew or weather conditions.
8. A batting order including every player on the official team roster who is present shall be made before the game and used throughout the game unless illness or injury incapacitates a player. Players arriving after the game begins shall be added at the end of the batting order.
9. A regulation game normally played with nine (9) players can be played with eight (8) players. There will be no penalty for playing with eight (8) players. If a player arrives after the start of the game, he will become the ninth batter and take his turn at bat.
10. It is very important that coaches read and fully understand pitching rules. Refer to the sanctioning body rule book for pitching rules.
11. Violation of the rule against use of an ineligible pitcher, pitch count limitation or rest period is automatic forfeiture and suspension of the head coach for the next scheduled game, if found to have occurred at any time during the season. A protest shall not be required and intent shall not be a defense for such a violation. Coaches are responsible for keeping the team's Official Pitching Affidavit current with the pitch count and days of rest for their pitchers signed by the Umpire-In-Chief of the previous game and presented to the Umpire-In-Chief of the current game prior to the start time. Upon request by the Umpire-In-Chief, failure to provide the Official Pitching Affidavit shall result in automatic forfeiture. The penalty will be levied by the Player Agent. No board meeting shall be required. Imposition of the penalty will not be optional and shall be automatic upon verification of the violation. See official pitching regulations.
12. The league president shall have the authority to impose additional game day rules as circumstances warrant.