

JUNIOR DIVISION RULES

1. A game is made up of six (6) innings. An official game if shortened due to darkness or rain, called at the discretion of the umpire, is four (4) innings, (three and a half innings if the home team is winning). If the game is called and is a complete game but ends in a tied, you revert back to the last full inning where there wasn't a tie and the team ahead will be declared the winner. Game length is limited to two hours only.
2. Pitchers: 9 year olds are allowed no more than three (3) innings & 10's 2 innings in a game and both 4 innings in a week Monday to Sunday; 8 year olds can only pitch 1 inning per game, 11 year olds can only pitch 1 innings per game, 12 year olds can not pitch. This is so teams will develop more pitchers for the Senior division. One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched.
3. Makeup games (league rule), you will revert back to the week of the scheduled game as far as pitching assignment and number of innings per week for the pitchers, example: If on May 10th your team gets rained out, and on May 13th John pitches 2 innings, then when you make up the May 10th game John can only pitch 2 innings in that game, no other games will count against him for inning per week. Reschedule makeup game as soon as possible so that you don't have a significant number of makeups at the end of the season, If a coach is not cooperative then contact league president.
4. Players must play at least four (4) full innings in the field, 2 of those on the infield. If a player gets less than four innings in the field because game is shortened due to darkness or inclement weather, this player will get at least 5 innings the following game he plays. Players under 9 can only play 2 innings on the infield, if you want a 3rd inning on infield it has to be at catcher. Players under 9 can only play 5 innings in the field, unless there are not enough players. This will force coaches to put players at a variety of positions. Substitues from the Rookie Division can only play in the outfield. NOTE: The 2 innings on the infield must be at least two different positions, pitching counts as an inning on infield.
5. Players will bat in a continuous lineup. All the players are in the lineup, but only ten players on the field (10th player is in the outfield). If team has less than 9 players you will take an out in 9th spot unless other team has 2 or less additional players. Example 1: Team A has 11 players, Team B has 8 Players-(take an out). Example 2: Team A has 10 players, Team B has 8 Players (No Out) If only 7 players reschedule game.
6. Must Slide Rule:
If a play is being made at any base and the ball beats the runner, then the runner must slide or attempt to get around the fielder. Fielder can not block the bases, but can block home plate if the ball has beaten the runner. If the runner does not slide then the runner is out.
7. Substitutions: Any of the players may be withdrawn and re-entered into the game, especially the less ability player, try to rotate the poorer ability players each inning (league rule).
8. Base Running: When the pitcher is in contact with the "circle of Dirt" and in possession of the ball and the base runner shall not leave their bases until the ball has crossed the plate.
9. The maximum number of runs per inning for the first five innings, is 5 runs. Any innings thereafter shall be unlimited runs.
10. No stealing of any bases.
11. Pitcher will pitch to the batter until batter has 4 balls or strikes out, as soon as pitcher throws 4 balls you switch to coach pitch. Then: up to 3 pitches from fielding teams coach, based on what the count was from the pitcher. 4 balls no strikes, 3 pitches; 4 balls 2 strikes, one pitch; 4 balls and 1 strike, 2 pitches. If the batter does not strikeout or get a hit he is called out. No walks. 3 strikes is an out. If at any time the batter fouls off the last pitch give them another pitch. Defensive coach will stand behind the pitcher and calls strikes. In the event that the coach throws a bad pitch the player will receive one extra pitch only. If the coach can not pitch accurate on a regular basis get someone who can.
12. Players brought up from the Rookie Division to fill in for a team because of under nine players must play in the outfield.
13. Other rules will be taken from the Babe Ruth Baseball Rules hand books.

SPECIAL LEAGUE POLICY

1. The home team is responsible for passing the hat for contributions. The money is to be turned in at the concession stand where a it will be recorded.
2. Record the game summary on the Game Report and turn the top portion in at the Wayne Independent or email it to kevsports7@hotmail.com and email Division Vice-President the game results, include score, winning pitcher and any homeruns over the fence.
3. Visiting team will police up the entire field before leaving, this includes bleachers, dugouts etc..
4. During the game everyone except the on deck batter must remain past the second pole on the fence towards the dugout. This keeps the coaches and players from disturbing the batters, pitchers, catchers and umpires.
5. No spectators between dugouts and backstop area on any of the fields. THIS INCLUDES THE BANK ON COBB AND RICKARD FIELDS.
6. **A coach or manager must stay to the end until the concession worker leave for the night.**