



## 2023 Season ACLL Rookies Division Rules

### General game rules:

- Games will be played up to 6 completed innings time permitting
- No new innings will begin after 1 Hour 15 min from game start
- A minimum of 7 players per team required to play a game
  - No penalty applied for having less than 9 players
- Field prep - Short white line where coaches need to pitch
- Managers decide before game if coaches will pitch to player or pitching machine will be used
  - pitching machine must be set up 15 min before game starts
  - Machine must to be set up on the pitching mound
- All balls used for games and practices will be compression number 5
- No official scorekeeper
- Up to 4 coaches/team parent allowed per team on the field
- **For Player safety, there must be a coach in the dugout whenever there are players in the dugout. There are no exceptions to this rule, team will play with fewer defense and offense coaches if necessary**

### Defensive Team rules:

- Up 10 defensive players on the field
  - 4 outfielders, 3B, SS, 2B, 1B, P, C
  - All outfielders must remain on the edge of the outfield grass line until the ball is in play
  - All infielders, except the pitcher position, must remain on the edge of the infield grass until the ball is in play
- Catchers must wear all protective gear, Including catchers mitt, throat guard, and athletic cup.
- No defensive player will sit more than one inning in a game
- 3 Defensive coaches allowed, 2 in outfield grass, 1 behind catcher

### Offensive team rules:

- Players will bat in a continuous batting order
- 5 pitches per Player (coach or machine)
  - Foul off the final pitch continue until ball in play or strike out
- If a coach is pitching –
  - Must pitch on the dirt portion of the mound
  - Both feet in dirt behind the pitching line
  - Coach may stand or kneel to pitch
- 3 outs or 1 time through the batting order ends the inning
- Baserunning:
  - No limit to the number of bases a batter and base runner(s) can advance on a batted ball that reaches the outfield
  - Batter and Base runner(s) may advance until one of the following occurs:
    - The batter or base runner(s) are tagged out of forced out
    - A defensive throw is made from an infield position and an overthrow occurs, then the batter and base runner(s) may only advance 1 additional base
    - The ball is returned to the pitcher position. At that point base runners will go to the base they are nearest to.
  - No stealing bases
- 2 base coaches allowed on offense
- 1 coach is pitcher/ umpire



**Base runner example:** *With a runner on 1st Base, the batter hits a fly ball to the outfield. Batter reaches 2nd base and original base runner reaches 3rd base with the ball still in the outfield. Ball is thrown to an infield position, the infielder then throws the ball to 2nd base where it is missed by the fielder. Base runners may advance 1 additional base. Ending with the original base runner scoring and the batter at 3rd base*

**All other rules please refer to 2023 official little league rule book**