



## Rookie Tournament Rules

1. All games start exactly on time and as per the schedule.
  2. Home team is responsible for the pitching machine, bases and supplying the home plate umpire who shall stand behind or near home plate. The umpire is the only one who determines if runners are safe or out at the base and the tie always goes to the runner. The home plate umpire must call strikes, balls and the number of pitches (5 pitches maximum).
  3. The visiting team shall supply a base umpire.
  4. One adult from the coaching staff from either team feeds the pitching machine.
  5. All players are to be listed on the game sheet and take their turn at bat regardless of whether or not they are playing defensively at that time.
  6. Maximum of 10 players on the field defensively. Teams shall have a minimum of 7 players and no less. When playing with 7 or 8 players, the 8th and 9th place in the batting order are NOT an automatic out.
  7. If the opposing team has less than 7 players, balance the teams with the players present, play the game and HAVE FUN.
  8. All players must rotate their position on regular bases, and cannot play the same position 2 innings in a row or more than 2 times during the game.
  9. Each player plays a minimum of 3 full innings.
  10. A player can sit out 1 INNING ONLY and no more than 2 INNINGS PER GAME.
  11. A regulation game is six innings or 1hr 45 mins from the listed game start time. A game is considered complete if:
    - a.) 5 complete innings are played or
    - b.) after 4 1/2 innings played, the home team is ahead or
    - c.) the Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team after completing their 3<sup>rd</sup> offensive inning at bat). This is the official score called in!
- If both teams wish to continue playing no scoring shall be kept after Mercy has been called.***
12. Each batter is entitled to 3 strikes or 5 pitches, whichever comes first.
  13. A maximum of 5 runs or 3 outs whichever occurs first shall complete one half an inning.
  14. A batter who throws a bat must rebat with a warning and no out will result. The second offense is an automatic out.
  15. The ball is called DEAD and play stops if the ball hits the pitching machine or the adult feeding the machine. It is the responsibility of the coaches to teach the players safety in regards to the pitching machine.
  16. **NO LEAD OFFS! NO STEALING OF BASES! INFIELD FLY RULE does not apply!**
  17. If the opposing team fails to show up, the game shall be a forfeit & a score of 7 runs Vs 0 runs for the represented team will be awarded.



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18. The home team coach has the right to postpone the game due to weather conditions and will notify the opposing coach. Once a game has started, the decision of stopping the game shall be agreed upon by both coaches.
19. If there is lightening or weather deteriorates, CALL THE GAME.
20. If the defensive team creates an out, the play shall be deemed as stopped and called so by the umpire. Players can only advance on a fair hit ball.
21. METAL CLEATS PROHIBITED. Soccer cleats or rubber baseball cleats are permitted.
22. HELMETS WITH THE CHIN STRAP UNDER THE CHIN AND FASTENED is MANDATORY for all batters, base runners, on deck batters and bat persons. JOCK/JILL STRAPS are MANDATORY.
23. NO FOOD, DRINKS OR SPITS ON THE FIELD.
24. The team's scorekeeper to advise home plate umpire of last batter.
25. Any person who is abusive to the umpire, coaches, ball players or spectators will be asked to leave the ball park. If such person refuses, their name will be submitted to the executive for further action.

### Direction In Case Of Bad Weather

Any lost games will either be rescheduled for first thing Sunday morning 9:00am at the originally scheduled diamonds or a consensus will be reached at some point to just award a tie, runs for and innings played to accommodate tie-breaker calculations. The Skills Competition will not be held. Both Semi-Final games will then be played simultaneously at 12:00pm at Grosvenor's 1 and 2. Final will still be played at 4:00pm. If games are lost due to weather on both Friday and Saturday, then a decision will be made at that point to identify/determine a course of action.