

Mini-Ball rules

General baseball rules apply with exceptions listed below.

Age limit of 8 years old on January 1st of the current year.

A complete game will be 5 innings or no new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes. You must finish the inning.

No time limit for tournament games.

All bats must be 2-1/4" diameter. Wood bats must be taped at handle.

Bases are 60 feet apart.

Each team will have half of their field to warm up on 1 hour before the game when no games are played before. No batting practice will be allowed on the field 30 minutes before the game. You may use batting cages if available.

Defensive team will consist of 10 players. Players are encouraged to try different positions. Positions include pitcher (play 3 feet on either side of pitching rubber), catcher, 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base, and 4 players in the outfield grass. No player will sit 2 defensive innings in a row unless they are injured or sick.

The coach or assistant coach will pitch to their own team from the 25ft arc and the rubber.

A batted ball is live until all runners have stopped at the attempted base (at their own risk) and the ball is controlled by a defensive player. If the defensive player attempts a play on the runner the ball becomes live again. All overthrows that go out of play will award the base runner one base. Exception is a base runner can't score on an overthrow. Base runners may not lead off or steal.

Two defensive coaches may be used in the outfield area for instructional purposes only.

No chatter from players.

Eight players from each team must be present to start an official tournament game. Each team must play with a catcher. You may bring up a sub from a lower league, but you must have at least 7 of your players for an official tournament game. If there isn't enough players the team will forfeit and the game will be played for practice purposes only. Subs must play the outfield and bat last in the batting order. You may not use a sub to give you more than 10 players.

Coaches will bat entire roster. Free substitution of players on defense.

Courtesy runner- if the catcher from the next inning is on base with 2 outs, a courtesy runner will be used to get the catcher's gear on and keep the game moving. The last player to make an out would run for the catcher.

Catchers must wear full protective gear. Any player warming up a pitcher at our ballpark must have a facemask on.

A batted ball must travel 25 feet to be in play. An arc in front of home plate will show you this area. Any ball caught inside the arc is an out. Any ground ball touched inside the arc is a foul ball.

A batter is out after 4 strikes. If the batter fouls off the 4th pitch they may keep hitting. The batter is also out if they have not hit the ball safely after 7 pitches. If the batter fouls off the 7th pitch they will continue to hit.

A double bag will be used at first base. Runners will use the outside part of the base and the first baseman will use the inside part of the base.

Run rule- if the visiting team is behind by more than 12 runs after 3-1/2 innings the game is over. If the home team is behind 12 runs after 4 complete innings, the game is over.

Runs per inning- One half inning consists of 3 outs or 7 runs. There is no limit for runs in the 5th inning and extra innings.

Throwing of bats and helmets- an umpire will give one warning per team if a player throws their bat or helmet on or off the field. After the warning the player throwing the bat will be out and a dead ball will be called. Runners will go back to their base. If a player throws a helmet for the 2nd time they will be ejected from the game immediately. Safety first.

All umpire rulings are final.

Please have parents and coaches sign up for TEXT alerts at www.wavebaseball.net In case of rainout or cancellation because of excessive heat or cold.

All players must stay in dugout while not on defense or batting. The exception is the on deck batter. All batters and runners must wear a helmet at all times.

Coaches, players, and parents will not use profanity. If this is violated you will be removed from the ballpark and allowed back in with the commissioners approval.

No alcohol or drugs are allowed on ballpark property. Smoking is allowed in designated areas only.

No pets of any kind are allowed on the property. You will be asked to leave immediately.