

2011 SPRING Advanced Ball Rules Matrix

	Rule	08U	10U	12U	14U-16U
1	Length of game	6 Innings (11.05-4.) A regulation game is 4 innings or 3-1/2 if home team is ahead (2010-8U SE Region-10.)			7 Innings (11.05-4.) A regulation game is 5
		ADVANCED BALL - NO NEW INNING AFTER ONE-HOUR AND THIRTY-MINUTES (1:30).			
2	Weather Considerations	In the event a game is called before completion, it shall be completed from the point of discontinuance. (11.05-4.) - ADVANCED BALL GAMES CAN BE CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER			
3	Mercy Rule	10 runs after regulation (11.05-6.)			
4	Number of players on defense	10 (2010-8U SE Region-3.)	9 or 10 (10U Rules-1. pg.51)	9	
5	Batting Lineup	10 (2010-8U SE Region-3.)	9, 10 or 11 (EH) (11.05-10.) (10U Rules-1. pg.51)	9 or 10 (EH) (11.05-10.)	
6	Outfielder positioning	Must be positioned in grass area of outfield. (2010-8U SE Region-3.A.)	No special rule		
7	Pitching Rubber and Pitching Machine	35' - Spring-loaded Louisville Slugger - Speed at 32 MPH . When ball strikes machine, runners advance 1 base when forced . (2010-8U SE Region-6.)	35'	40'	43'
8	Pitching Limitations	Pitcher must stand with BOTH FEET inside the pitcher's circle until ball is hit . (2010-8U SE Region-3.B. & 16.) UMPIRE will feed machine and is only person to make machine	No more than 6 innings in successive games (11.05-12.) No records (including innings pitched) are counted in a non-regulation forfeit . (10.01)	No more than 9 innings in successive games (11.05-12.) No records (including innings pitched) are counted in a non-regulation forfeit . (10.01)	No limit
9	Special Pitching Considerations	If batter strikes out , or if ball has not been hit into play after 5 pitches, batter is out. (2010-8U SE Region-4.)	Pitcher will take signs from the catcher while standing on the pitcher's plate. (8.01(a)) Review 3.03 for substitute pitchers		
10	Leaving a base	After the ball reaches the batter	When the ball leaves the pitcher's hand		
11	Stealing Bases	No	Yes - Ball remains live		
12	8U Dead Ball (8U ONLY!)	The ball will be declared dead when the defensive team stops the lead runner or the runner abandons the effort to advance. Once play has been stopped, no other runners may advanced beyond the last base tagged . (2010-8U SE Region-8.A.) (8U ONLY!)			
13	8U Maximum Runs/Inning (8U ONLY!)	There will be a five (5) runs per inning limit with an open 6th inning. (11.07 8U PITCHING MACHINE b., page 56) (8U ONLY!)			
14	Infield-Fly Rule	Does not apply		Does apply	
15	Overthrow Rule (8U ONLY!)	There is no longer an Overthrow Rule for 8U Tournament play...			
16	Bunting	Yes - Bunting the 5th pitch foul is an out. No fake bunts (2010-8U SE Region-10.)	Yes		
17	Dropped Third-Strike Rule	Does not apply	The batter may not advance on a dropped third strike (11.07-b.)	Does apply	
18	Defensive Coaches on field	1 outside dugout - No coaches are allowed on the field . (State UIC)	1 outside dugout		
19	Batting Out of Turn	Coaches are encouraged to study rule 6.07 . It is not the umpire's responsibility to identify a batter hitting out of turn.			