

2011 SPRING Rec-Ball Rules

Rules Matrix

Babe Ruth Softball - Florida, District #1

	Rule	06U	08U	10U	12U	14U/16U
1	Batting Lineup	All girls on team				
2	Number of players on defense	10 - Can play with 6. Missing players must be outfielders	10 - Can play with 8. Missing players must be outfielders.		9 - Can play with 8. Missing players must be outfielders.	
3	Outfielder positioning	Must be 10' beyond baselines	Must be 10' beyond baselines	No special rule		
4	Non-pitching Infield positioning	No more than 5' in front of baselines	No special rule		No special rule	
5	Pitching Rubber and Pitching Machine	Coach's discretion	LV Slugger Catapult 35' - Speed at 32.5 MPH. Height can be adjusted for every at bat. Forced runners advance 1 base when ball strikes machine.	35'	40'	43'
6	Stopping 8U Runners	Umpires shall call TIME when the LEAD RUNNER has been stopped or abandons the effort to advance , or the PITCHER has gained control of the ball while in the pitching circle . Once play has been stopped, no other runners may advance beyond the last base tagged . If, after play has been stopped, two runners occupy the same base, the following runner must return to the previously tagged base.				
7	Texas Tie-Breaker	No - A game can end in a tie.		Runner on 2nd, <u>no outs</u> Only 1 tie-breaker inning	Runner on 2nd, <u>no outs</u> Complete tie-breaker innings until tie is broken.	
8	Leaving a base	No leading off	After the ball reaches the batter	When the ball leaves the pitcher's hand		
9	Stealing Bases	No		Yes - Ball remains live. Batter-runner may steal second immediately after receiving a walk.		
10	Infield-Fly Rule	Does <u>not</u> apply			Does apply	
11	Mercy Rule	15 runs after 3 or more innings				
12	5 Run CONTINUATION Rule (used to be 10 run rule)	The inning is over at the end of the play when the 5th run is scored. Example: 4 runs have already scored in the inning. The bases are loaded when the batter hits the ball past the outfielders, recording a grand-slam. In this case, all 4 runs count, giving the team 8 runs for the inning.				No special rule
13	Max. innings pitched per game	N/A		5 - Starting pitcher may return. Tie-Breaker innings do not count.		No limit
14	Overthrow Rule	Runner awarded 1 base on an overthrow to 1st or 2nd base.	Rule applies to throws to 1st base only. Runner may advance 1 base on an overthrow - ball must go into foul territory.	Does <u>not</u> apply		
15	Special Pitching Considerations	Coach delivers 5 pitches... then player hits off tee... no strikeouts	5 hittable pitches - the batter is awarded an additional pitch if the fifth or later pitch is hit foul.	None		
16	Bunting	No	Yes - Bunting the 5th pitch foul is an out.	Yes		
17	No-Walk Rule	Walks are not allowed.		In Spring ball, thru Friday, April 1 , walks are not allowed... offensive coach pitches after 4 balls... batter retains strike count. Stealing is not allowed during coach pitches.	Does <u>not</u> apply	
18	Dropped Third-Strike Rule	Does <u>not</u> apply			Does apply	
19	Defensive Coaches on field	2 on the field	1 on the field 1 additional coach in foul territory	1 outside dugout		
20	Length of Game	6 Innings No <u>new</u> inning after 1 hour and 20 minutes				7 Innings No <u>new</u> inning after 1 hour and 20 minutes
21	Less than 9 players	If a rec-ball team has less than 9 players , it may draw a player from the same or younger age division within their own association , to play that game. The player may also belong to the opposing team, regardless of association. The player cannot wear the team uniform but must wear the uniform of the team she belongs to. This player must be registered in our league. The drawn player(s) must play in the outfield and placed at the bottom of the batting order. The Commissioners authorized that a borrowed PITCHER can pitch in an older division (10U can pitch in a 12U game, and 12U can pitch in a 16U game). This will not be a permanent addition to the roster. This rule may be waived for the end of year tournaments.				
22	Sliding	Coaches in all divisions are encouraged to study rule 7.14.				