ATOMS DIVISION (5/6U)

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<u>USSSA</u>

The Union Baseball Association (UBA) uses the <u>WYSA Exceptions to the Rules</u>, this document, and the <u>USSSA rules</u>. UBA's rules will take priority over WYSA, which will take priority over USSSA rules.

GAME LENGTH

Time Limit: 1 hour Inning Length: 3 outs or 5 run limit Mercy Rule: 15 run differential after 3 innings, 10 run differential after 4 innings

FIELD OF PLAY

Base Distance: 60'

Coach Pitch

In the event that there is no umpire for games, coaches will keep score and report the score via scorecard to the UBA board.

A team may play with only 7 players.

FIELDING

- Up to 10 defensive players are allowed in the field at a time. Catchers must wear face mask, helmet, and chest protector in this division.
- Up to 2 defensive coaches are allowed in the field. They must position themselves behind the players' positions playing the outfield.
- The coaches cannot intentionally contact the players when the ball is in play.
- One offensive coach or parent will stand behind the catcher to retrieve passed balls to give back to the coach pitching.
- A defensive player will be in the pitcher's position.
- A player may play a position only two (2) innings in a seven (7) inning game. The league recommends rotating players each inning.

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BATTING

- All present, rostered players will be included in the batting lineup.
- The batter will be granted up to 6 pitches from the coach to bat the ball into play. If the batter has not batted a ball into play after 6 pitches, the batter is out.
- 3 strikes on the batter will be considered an out. If the batter fouls a ball on the 6th pitch, he will be allowed additional pitches until the ball is hit in play or he swings & misses.
- If the batter hits the ball beyond the base path, it is considered in the "Outfield" and the runner may take one base if a play has not been made with the ball.
- No walks will be granted to a batter.

BASERUNNING

- Base stealing is prohibited. The runner can only advance because of the batter hitting a ball that is in play.
- Runners leaving the base before the ball is hit will be called out.