

# **ROOKIES DIVISION (7/8U)**

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## **USSSA**

The Union Baseball Association uses the USSSA ruleset. A copy of these rules are available online at <https://ussa-prod.dotcms.cloud/static/pages/baseball/assets/baseball-rules.pdf>

When rules between this document and the USSSA rules conflict the rules found within this document take precedence.

## **GAME LENGTH**

**Time Limit** : 1hr 30min or 6 innings, whichever comes first

**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'

**Pitching Machine** :

- Machine to be set at 42' from back of home plate to front legs of machine
- Machine speed to be set at 38mph
- Umpire responsible for monitoring and adjusting machine speed
- Changes to machine need to be before start of top of inning

## **FIELDING**

Up to 10 defensive players are allowed in the field at a time.

One defensive coach is allowed in the field.

One offensive coach is allowed to operate the machine.

One coach allowed in the vicinity of and behind home plate to assist catcher and to speed up game.

Pitcher needs to be positioned on either side of the pitching machine, behind the coach operating it

Catcher must wear a protective cup.

All players must play 6 defensive outs during a game. If they are unable to, they must play 6 defensive outs in the following game.

## **BATTING**

All present, rostered players will be included in the batting lineup.

Batter will be granted 6 pitches resulting in one of three outcomes :

- Batted ball put into play
- 3 swinging strikes resulting in an out, unless 3rd or subsequent pitches are fouled off
- 6 pitch limit reached resulting in an out
- *The batter will be granted an additional pitch on the 6th and any subsequent pitch as long as they continue to foul the ball off. If they fail to make contact or put the ball in play on the 6th or subsequent pitch then the batter will be called out*

A batted ball which hits any part of the pitching machine will be ruled a dead ball. The batter and any baserunners will be awarded one base.

## **BASERUNNING**

Time will be called when the ball is controlled by a defensive player within the base path of the infield

In the event of an overthrow, only one base will be allowed.

No leading off.

No stealing or advancing on a past ball or overthrow to pitcher