

Roberto Clemente Division Rules

The major objective of this division is to be instructional.

Coaches must rotate their players through different defensive positions as the season progresses.

1. Distance between bases - 50ft.
Distance between pitchers mound and home plate - 40ft
Game Length - 5 innings or 90 minute time limit.
2. Baseball - Regular baseball provided by the Wallen league
Bat Size - Maximum 2 ¾" width and 33" length
Helmets - All players will wear helmets with protective face masks/cages
3. Substitution Rule - All players not playing defensively in the current inning must be substituted in defensively that next inning and henceforth. The same rotation occurs every inning
Time Limit - The game is complete as the last batter completes his time at bat. No inning shall begin after the game has been in progress for 80 minutes. For timing purposes, the next inning shall begin immediately once the third out has been recorded in the bottom of the previous inning.
4. Continuous batting order shall be used.
5. Pitcher limitations - Players are allowed to pitch a maximum of 6 consecutive outs per game. They are allowed only 2 appearances per week (Sunday through Saturday). In Tournament play only, a player may pitch additional 3 outs if team has to play a 3rd game in the same week and if have to play a 4th game in the week additional 3 outs, with in pitching days of rest guidelines
6. Stealing - 2nd and 3rd base is allowed, after a pitched ball crosses the plate. A base runner may not attempt to advance to home plate from 3rd base on a passed ball, wild pitch, or any throw back to the pitcher wild or caught. The runner on third may only advance on a hit, hit by pitch (with bases loaded), a play on him, or a play on another base runner. Additionally, in order to avoid unnecessary delays and rundowns, once a base runner from third base stops completely, hesitates, or turns his back to home plate, that runner must return to third base, unless there is play on him or another base runner.

7. Baserunning - Once the ball has broken the plane of the infield and is possessed in the infield, a runner may not attempt to advance any further than the base they were advancing to. If a runner is stepping (meaning he or she has one foot off towards the next base), they may advance at their own risk. On stepping towards the next base, it is up to the judgement of the umpire to determine if the player must return.
8. Any pitcher walking 4 batters in an inning must be removed from pitching. When bases are loaded, after 4 balls are called the batting team's coach shall pitch to the batter from the pitching rubber. The Batter will either strike out or put the ball in play (no walks or HBP allowed).
9. No lead offs are allowed
10. No intentional walks allowed
11. Balks will not be enforced in this division
12. Bunts and Stealing are only allowed in kids pitch. None in coach pitch
13. Where Washington Township rules do not apply, Little League rules will apply
14. No head first slides allowed unless the runner is returning to the base they came from
15. One coach or designated parent must be in the dugout at all times
16. Once the offensive team scores 5 runs or records 3 outs, whichever comes first, then that half of the inning is complete
17. The coach for the team that is batting will pitch the first two innings of each scheduled game and the players will play the remaining innings up until the 90 minute time limit or 5 innings, whichever comes first. Once the players start to pitch, beginning with the top half of the 3rd inning and beyond, all existing Clemente rules apply. During postseason play, coaches will not pitch the first two innings of the game. Pitchers will be allowed to make 9 outs per game during the postseason. All other pitching limitations and Clemente rules will be in effect.

18. The team on defense may field 4 outfielders for a total of 10 players. This is not mandatory, and is at the coaches discretion.

19. No infield fly rule applies in this division.

20. All rules are subject to change due to any extraordinary situation. Changes will be determined and approved by the Executive Board of Wallen.