

2023 ROOKIE/FARM DIVISION SOFTBALL RULES

1. THE HOME TEAM TAKES THIRD BASE DUGOUT. VISITOR WILL TAKE FIRST BASE DUGOUT.
2. 11IN BALLS WILL BE USED IN THIS DIVISION.
3. EACH TEAM MUST PLAY A CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER (FULL LINE UP).
4. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY 6 DEFENSIVE OUTS
5. PLAYERS MAY ONLY PITCH 2 INNINGS PER GAME.
6. NO STEALING HOME, ALL OTHER BASES CAN BE STOLEN ONE BASE AT A TIME.
7. RUNNERS MAY STEAL ONCE THE BALL CROSSES THE PLATE.
8. A RUNNER MAY ONLY ADVANCE ONE BASE ON AN OVER THROWN BALL; THIS INCLUDES WHEN A RUNNER IS STEALING.
9. THE PITCHING DISTANCE IS 30 FEET.
10. EACH HALF INNING WILL END WITH EITHER THREE OUTS OR OFFENSEIVE TEAM REACHES FIVE RUNS.
11. MERCY RULE IS AS FOLLOWS: 15 RUNS AFTER 3 INNINGS, 10 RUNS AFTER 4 INNINGS, 8 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS.
12. THERE WILL BE NO NEW INNING AFTER 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES.
13. THE FOURTH OUTFIELDER RULE SHALL APPLY IN THIS DIVISION. THE EXTRA OUTFIELDER SHALL PLAY EQUALLY LINED UP WITH THE OTHER OUTFIELDERS (NO ROVER). IF YOU MOVE ONE PLAYER IN, YOU MUST BRING ALL THE OUTFIELDERS IN TO THE SAME DISTANCE.
14. ONCE THE BASES ARE LOADED; IF A PITCHER THROWS 4 BALLS AND HAS STRIKES REMAINING THE MANAGER/COACH WILL COME IN AND THROW THE REMAINING STRIKES UNDERHAND. PLAYERS CANNOT STEAL OR WALK DURING THIS TIME. UMPIRE WILL CONTINUE TO CALL BALLS AND STRIKES.
15. ALL OTHER RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED ACCORDING TO THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK.