

## **Section 6.02 Single A Division Ground Rules**

1. The Single A division is Coach pitch only. There is no player pitch in Single A
2. Each game will consist of five (5) innings or 1.5 hours, whichever occurs first. If a new inning starts prior to the 1.5 hour time limit, the bottom half of that inning will be played. No new inning may start if time has expired.
3. Managers/Coaches will pitch from the rubber on the pitching mound. Player occupying the position of pitcher will remain reasonably close to the left or right of the manager or coach that is pitching.
6. The player occupying the defensive position of catcher **MUST** wear full protective equipment, including a catcher's mask and helmet (with throat guard), shin guards, long model chest protector, and catcher's glove. All male players, and all female catchers, must wear a protective cup.
7. The offensive team will be retired once the team has scored five (5) runs or three (3) outs.
8. A batter will get no more than five (5) pitches from the Coach. There can be no more than 3 swinging strikes. A foul ball is considered a strike, with the exception of strike 3. Foul ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike shall be treated as stated in the Rules and Regulations HandBook and will extend the at bat.
9. There is no base stealing in Single A
10. The defensive team may have ten (10) players on the field. The tenth player (rover) will play in the outfield grass area only.

There will be free substitutions in the Single A Division.

11. Use of hitting sticks is prohibited during game time.
12. Batter must keep one foot in the batter's box at all times.
13. Single A Division is allowed to have a maximum of four (4) adults (Manager and 3 Coaches) in the dugout/field area during games. Only adults who are on the team roster and have cleared background checks and approved by the Board of Directors are allowed in the dugout/field area. One Manager/Coach must remain in the dugout at all times.
14. Each player must play a minimum of 1 inning in an infield position. Failure to play a player in the infield 1 inning will result in that player playing an infield position for the entire next scheduled game. After a second infraction, the Manager will be suspended one game.
15. Each player must play a minimum of 1 inning in an outfield position. Failure to play a player in the outfield 1 inning will result in that player playing an outfield position for the entire next scheduled game. After a second infraction, the Manager will be suspended one game.
16. Bunting is not allowed
17. One (1) Manager or Coach may be positioned in the outfield for defensive coaching. Offensively, two base coaches are allowed onto the field. One coach may be positioned outside the dugout while the team is on offense (buckets are not allowed on the field at any time).
18. Single A Division will bat through the entire line up.

19. Every player must play, at minimum, 6 outs on defense.
20. Fly balls that land on the outfield grass area are considered live balls, and runners may advance to all bases at their own discretion and risk. Ground balls that touch the infield – the runners may advance at their own risk for a maximum of 2 bases. (per batted ball)
21. The Home team will provide a scorekeeper. The Scorekeeper's duties are to keep the official clock of the game, as well as monitor outs and runs.
22. There will be no umpire in Single A. The coach who is pitching will be the person responsible for making the safe/out calls on the bases.
24. Team Manager must remain on the field/in the dugout with the team at all times. In the event of an emergency, Manager will notify the umpire, Board member on duty, and his coaches prior to leaving the game.
25. Any cheering must be done in a sportsmanlike manner and cannot be directed in any way towards the opposing team. Cheers should only be done as encouragement for a team's own players.