



## 8U Rules - Revision 1.0\*

### Time Limit:

- 1 hour 15 mins Drop Dead - This means the game is over at 1:15 regardless of inning, etc.

### Scoring:

- No score is kept
- 5 run limit per inning

### Pitching:

- General Rules Apply All Season:
  - Pitching distance is 30 feet
  - Pitching Limit:
    - Pitchers can't pitch more than 2 consecutive innings.
  - Pitchers are required to wear a defensive fielders mask.
  - Batters will be awarded first base if hit by a kid pitch.
  - During coach pitch, if a batted ball hits the coach the ball is dead and the batter is out.
- Rules First Half Season (~6-7 games)
  - Player pitches 4, then offensive coach pitches 2.
  - If the pitch is not put in play by the last coach pitch the batter is out, except when the last pitch was a foul ball in that case pitching continues.
- Rules Second Half Season (~6-7 games)
  - A Junior Umpire will be provided and will stand behind the pitcher and call balls and strikes.
  - No Walks - Player pitches 4 balls, coach comes in to finish the count. So the coach pitches the remaining strikes.
    - Ex: Player count is 4 balls, 2 strikes. The coach will come in for 1 pitch.
    - Ex: Player count is 4 balls, 0 strikes. The coach will come in for 3 pitches.

### Baserunning / Stealing:

- Stealing is allowed during kid pitch, 1 base per pitch.
- No stealing home
- Players can lead off and steal on release of the ball from the pitcher's hand during kid pitch.





- There is no leading off or stealing when the coach is pitching

#### Fielding:

- May have 4 outfielders for 10 players on the field.
- A defensive fielders mask is highly recommended for all players.

#### Batting:

- All players bat in the lineup there are no substitutions.
- May play with 8 players min, with no out penalty.
- No bunting.
- No dropped 3rd strike.

#### Awards:

- All players will receive an end of season participation trophy.
- There will be an all star game (coaches selection) at the end of the season.

