

RWCLL – AA Division Rules

PLAYER SAFETY

- All male catchers must wear a cup.
- All pitchers must be able to cleanly field the position (ball safe)
- **No On-Deck Batters:** For player and spectator safety, practice swings are only allowed **INSIDE** the batter's box. No swinging of the bat in on-deck, backstop or dugout areas.
- **Dugout:** All players not playing defense or batting shall sit in the dugout. As Bechet and Griffen Fields do not have a separate dugout, the first row of bleachers closest to the field are considered the dugout.

FIELD SETUP/TAKEDOWN

- Home Team setups pitching machine and cones.
- Visitor takes down pitching machine and cones.
- Reserve first row of bleachers at Bechet and Griffin as the dugout.
- Home team is on 1st Base side, visitor on 3rd Base side.
- **Pitching Machine Location:** 1st pitching stripe at Bechet & Griffen (46 ft.). Speed set between 40-42 MPH.

GAME RULES

- **Number of Innings:** Six (6) full innings. No inning starts after 75 minutes.
- **Roster Batting:** All players on game roster bat.
- **Max # of Runs Per Inning:** Five (5).
- **# of Outs Per Inning:** Three (3).
- **Max # of Outfielders:** Four (4).
- **Outfield Players:** Need to be 10 feet onto turf outfield.
- **Catcher Each Inning:** Yes.
- **Max # of Consecutive Innings at a Position:** Two (2).
- **Number of Pitches:** Seven (7) unless last fouled off. Batters are out after swing and miss on 3rd strike. A ball that is foul tipped into catcher's glove for the 3rd strike will result in a batter being out.
- **Batted Ball That Strikes the Pitching Machine:** Ball is dead and treated as a single.
- **Cones for the outfield:** Clear the cones in air and ball is a home run. Balls through the cones on ground are a ground rule double.
- **Play Stoppage:** Play is stopped when the "Pitcher" has control of the baseball with both feet in the pitching circle.

[\(Updated Rule\)](#)

- **Next base advancement:** If the runner is past the center line between bases when the pitcher controls the ball with both feet in the pitcher circle the player will advance to the next base. If the runner is before the center line they will return to previous base. Center line is located halfway between each base.
- **Ball Thrown Out of the Field of Play:** Balls thrown out of the field of play or through the openings located at the backstop, 1B or 3B are dead balls and all runners advance one base.
- **No Infield Fly Rule**
- **Feet first sliding is allowed**
- **Obstruction:** Runner shall be award the base when a defensive player blocks the base or baseline while not in possession of the ball.
- **Interference:** Runner is out and play is dead.
- **Coaches Umpire games**
- **Coaches on Field:**
 - **Defense:** First five (5) games 1 (one) defensive coach allowed on the field. After that coaches are not allowed on the field during the defensive side of the inning.
 - **Offense:** Only coaches in coaching boxes are allowed to coach the players on offense. No coaching allowed from the "Pitching Coach" to players on base paths during the inning.
- **Scorebooks:** Please provide batting lineup to opponent prior to start of game. Scorebooks will be kept to verify max number of runs and outs per inning only. Final scores are not tallied or reporting for regular season games.

Tournament Rules

- **Required # of Players:** Must have at least eight (8) players at game time and throughout the game or else that team will lose by forfeit.
- **Players # of consecutive Innings at a position:** Unlimited.
- **Max # of Runs per inning:** Five (5), except last inning where runs are unlimited for both teams.
- **Extra Innings:** If needed.
- **Umpires:** One (1) base path umpire will be provided by RWCLL.
- **Scorebook:** Each team will provide scorekeeping. Home team is official scorebook. Please provide batting lineup to opponent prior to start of game and meet every ½ inning to review scorebooks for accuracy.

Reporting of Scores: Report score after games to tournament coordinator.