

2017 SCBA Rag Ball Division Baseball Rules

All games will be played under the rules outlined in the NFHS rulebook with the exceptions of the SCBA BASEBALL/SOFTBALL General Playing Rules and the following exceptions:

PURPOSE: The purpose of Rag ball is to begin developing the skills of fielding, throwing and hitting. The coaches are encouraged to be enthusiastic and promote an atmosphere of cooperation, teamwork and **fun**.

****Face masks on ALL helmets are required. *****

1. **Field** - The distance between the outer edges of each base is **45 ft**.
2. **The Ball** - The official ball to be used is an "IncrediBall" or its cloth cover equivalent.
3. **The Bat** - The maximum bat diameter allowed is 2 5/8". There are no other restrictions.
4. **Regulation Game** - A complete game will be called at 1 hour after the start of the game, regardless of situation.
5. **Run Rule** - No run rule.
6. **Time Limit** - There is a **1** hour time limit.
7. **Intra-Inning Time Limit** - Does not apply.
8. **Scores** - No scores will be kept.
9. **Playing Time** - All players will play the entire game.
10. **Rotation** - No child shall play the same position for more than two consecutive innings or for more than two innings total in a single game. All players must play at least one inning in the infield and at least one inning in the outfield. Example: Cannot play one child at shortstop three innings in a row. Please use the **Honor System**.
11. **Pitch Limit** - Does not apply.
12. **Defense** - Each team will field **all** players present at the game. The infield will consist of a maximum of 5 infielders. The remaining players must be outfielders and must play, at minimum on the edge of the infield grass.
13. **Pitchers** - There will be NO player in the pitcher position.
14. **Infield Fly Rule** - Does not apply.
15. **Bunting** - There will be no bunting at anytime. The batter must take a full swing.
16. **Walks** - There are no walks allowed in this division, intentional or otherwise.
17. **Lead Off** - No lead offs are allowed. A runner may not leave the base until the ball is hit.
18. **Half Innings** - Half innings will be when all offensive players have batted once.
19. **Foul Arc** - Does not apply.
20. **Catchers Position** - The catcher must wear a helmet with facemask. No other special rules.
21. **Defensive Coach** - Teams are allowed **two** defensive coaches. Coach **MUST** stand in the outfield and may not interfere with any play in the field.
22. **Coach Interference** - Does not apply.
23. **Last Batter** - The last batter must be announced to the other team. To end the inning a defensive player with the ball must touch home plate. **Defensive players and coaches are to wait until the last batter crosses home plate before exiting the field.**
24. **The Tee** - All players will bat from a regulation batting tee supplied by the home team. All players will hit from a tee, please do not pitch to the players.
25. **Outs** - While the defense may indeed make a play that would be an out, the offensive player may continue on the bases as if he were safe.
26. **Running the Bases** - With the exception of last batter, the batter may only advance to 1st base on a hit. All other runners may advance one base beyond the base they were on at the time of a hit.