

North Region: D-Jr RULES

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1. These rules apply when teams from different areas play each other. If teams from the same area play each other, local rules may be used.
2. Official game is 5 innings.
3. Coaches pitch the first two innings; kids pitch the final three.
4. Pitching distance is 45 feet.
5. Base distance 60 feet.
6. During the first two innings (coach pitch), each batter will be pitched up to seven (7) pitches. If after the seventh pitch, the batter misses the ball, the batter is out. If the batter fouls the 7th pitch, s/he will get an 8th and final pitch.
7. In the last three innings (player pitch), the batter gets three strikes, just as in regular baseball. Also as in regular baseball, a fouled third strike is not an out (even several of them). If the batter is thrown four balls, the coach comes in to pitch with the batter having as many strikes as he had before the coach came in. (He assumes the count). The umpire calls balls and strikes and the batter will be out if he gets three strikes. Again a fouled third strike is not an out.
8. Umpires are the option of each district and are not required. A parent or coach can call balls and strikes. This is still a developmental league.
9. If a batter gets hit by a pitch thrown by a player, he has the option of taking first base or have the coach come in to pitch to him for as many pitches as he has left.
10. A half inning will consist of three (3) outs or five runs, whichever comes first.
11. All dressed players will bat in consecutive order throughout the entire game (bat the roster).
12. To insure defensive participation and training, all dressed players must play at least two (2) defensive innings. They need not be consecutive.
13. Each team is allowed four (4) outfielders. One coach may be in the field to assist (by voice) their team's defense.
14. All catchers must wear protective cup and throat guards. No one will be permitted to catch without this equipment.
15. No lead offs.
16. No base stealing.
17. No Bunting.
18. No infield fly rule.
19. Batter is always out on a 3rd strike.
20. Balks will not be called.
21. No official score is kept.