

2009 Rule Changes

FILLY DIVISION

3 Batter

a. Rules for hitting off the tee:

(Add) and move all other rules down.

1) The batting tee shall be used for the first half of the season.

MINI-MINOR DIVISION

2 The Game

g. Innings: An inning will be completed when: three outs have been recorded; ~~OR when the offensive team in their ½ of an inning has scored six (6) runs. The run limit of six (6) runs scored shall apply to only the first four (4) innings. After four (4) innings have been completed, a team may continue to score until three outs have been recorded.~~

Add - OR when the offensive team in their ½ of an inning has scored four (4) more runs than what the other team currently has, or if the offensive team is ahead in score then they may only score four more runs than what they started with. The run ahead rule shall apply to only the first four (4) innings. After four (4) innings have been completed, a team may continue to score until three outs have been recorded.

3 Batter

a. **Add - (at the end of the paragraph) Once the batter puts the ball in play off of the coach or parent pitcher, the batter and any runners on base shall only advance one base. The defense may make a play on the batter-runner or any runner to get an out.**

4 Baserunning

Delete

~~b. The ball is dead until its hit by the batter, and the base runner may not advance until that point. Therefore, no play from a catcher to an infielder or any other combination of players will result in a put out. Ball will be declared dead and all base runners will be required to return to the base that they occupied at the time of the pitch.~~

c. Stealing is NOT permitted in this league during the first half of the season. Stealing will be permitted during the second half of the season. **(Add) Only one stolen base per pitch will be allowed.** Home plate will be considered "cold" and no stealing of home will be permitted. Stealing during coach pitch is NOT permitted in any half.

MINOR DIVISION

1. The Game

e. Innings: An inning will be completed when: three outs have been recorded; **(DELETE)** ~~OR when the offensive team in their ½ of an inning has scored six (6) runs. The run limit of six (6) runs scored shall apply to only the first five (5) innings. After five (5) innings have been completed, a team may continue to score until three outs have been recorded.~~

Add - OR when the offensive team in their ½ of an inning has scored four (4) more runs than what the other team currently has, or if the offensive team is ahead in score then they may only score four more runs than what they started with. The run ahead rule shall apply to only the first five (5) innings. After five (5) innings have been completed, a team may continue to score until three outs have been recorded.

2. The Pitcher

b. No pitcher shall pitch more than **(Delete)** three (3) **(Add) four (4)** innings per game. If a game goes into extra innings, then any pitcher shall be allowed to return and pitch beyond the **(Delete)** three (3) **(Add) four (4)** inning limits.

3. The Batter

b. There will be NO "Dropped third strike" rule in **(Delete)** this **(Add) the American** Division.

c. The ASA rule requiring batters to keep one foot in the batter's box between pitches applies for **(Delete) Minor American Division** for the entire season. Penalty: A strike may be called by the umpire.

2. The Baserunning

b. **(Add) American League Only - Stealing of home plate is NOT permitted for the entire Season.**

c. **(Add) American League Only** - There will be NO "infield fly rule" in this division

JUNIOR DIVISION

1. The Game

e. Innings: An inning will be completed when: three outs have been recorded; **(DELETE)** ~~OR when the offensive team in their ½ of an inning has scored six (6) runs. The run limit of six (6) runs scored shall apply to only the first six (6) innings. After six (6) innings have been completed, a team may continue to score until three outs have been recorded.~~

Add - OR when the offensive team in their ½ of an inning has scored four (4) more runs than what the other team currently has, or if the offensive team is ahead in score then they may only score four more runs than what they started with. The run ahead rule shall apply to only the first six (6) innings. After six (6) innings have been completed, a team may continue to score until three outs have been recorded.

2. The Pitcher

c. No pitcher shall pitch more than **(Change)** four (4) to **five (5)** innings per game. If a game goes into extra innings, then any pitcher shall be allowed to return and pitch beyond the **(Change)** four (4) to **five (5)** inning limits.

SENIOR DIVISION

1. The Game

e. Innings: An inning will be completed when: three outs have been recorded; **(DELETE)** ~~OR when the offensive team in their ½ of an inning has scored six (6) runs. The run limit of six (6) runs scored shall apply to only the first six (6) innings. After six (6) innings have been completed, a team may continue to score until three outs have been recorded.~~

Add - OR when the offensive team in their ½ of an inning has scored four (4) more runs than what the other team currently has, or if the offensive team is ahead in score then they may only score four more runs than what they started with. The run ahead rule shall apply to only the first six (6) innings. After six (6) innings have been completed, a team may continue to score until three outs have been recorded.

2. The Pitcher

b. No limits on innings pitched per **(Change to) game or week.**

(Delete) ~~e. No pitcher shall pitch more than four (4) innings per game. If a game goes into extra innings, then any pitcher shall be allowed to return and pitch beyond the four (4) inning limit.~~