

Rookie Rules for 2011 CCNLL Season

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- Continuous batting order is used. Maximum of ten batters per inning. Five run rule is in effect. Maximum of five runs EXCEPT 4th inning. When both teams can score more than five but still use ten run batter rule.
- On 10th batter play is dead if 3rd out is made at a base OR infielder has control of ball.
- The ball is considered dead when the pitcher has control of the ball in the pitching circle.
- Runner can advance only one base on an overthrow. No multiple overthrows. Runners advance at own risk.
- Umpires call balls or strikes. Three strikes and batter is out. Three outs and the next team bats.
- If batted ball strikes pitching machine, it is a dead ball. Batter is awarded first base and all runners advance one base if forced.
- Home team will be official scorer. Score will be kept for verification of five run rule.
- Home team is responsible for setting up pitching machine. Visitor is responsible for returning machine to shed.
- Pitching machine can be set between 35 and 40MPH. Coach can adjust machine (high/low) for each batter. NO child is to operate machine. Coach has up to five pitches each inning to adjust machine PRIOR to 1st batter.
- Pitcher can stand to either side of the machine. One foot must be on the pitching mound dirt.
- If a runner is more than halfway to the base when the pitcher has control of the ball, runner is awarded that base. If less than halfway, the runner must return to previous base.
- No player can play the same position for more than two innings. If you have more than ten players, no players can sit out twice until all players have sat out once. Any player not starting the game on defense, must bat 1, 2, or 3 in the batting lineup.
- A game will be four innings or two hour time limit. Do not begin 5th inning unless inning can be completed.
- Pinch runner can be used if player on base is scheduled to catch next inning and there are two outs. Pinch runner will be last player out or last player to have crossed home base. Three minutes between innings MAXIMUM.
- Maximum of three coaches on the field for offense (pitching machine, 1st & 3rd base coaches).
- Managers/Team Parent is responsible for cleaning out dugout and leaving in a timely manner. If another team is playing after your game, depart and have your team meeting outside of the dugout. NO SODA OR FOOD IN DUGOUT!
- Managers are responsible for letting parents and spectators know that they are responsible for cleaning up their garbage outside the fence.
- Each game, HOME Manager is responsible for picking up game ball from Concession Stand.