



Rules of Play U9 Division

The U9 division will focus on 2 key areas of development

- 1) **Hitting**- Coaches will work with players on improving their hitting skills.

- 2) **Fielding** - Coaches will run drills to improve fielding. Focusing on catching and throwing.

1. Field Set-Up - The home team shall be responsible for setting up the field as follows;

- a) The pitching distance is 30 feet.
- b) Bases are 45 feet apart.
- c) A double 'safety base' (white/orange) must be used at 1st base for all games.

1B. Game set up - Games will be split up -30 min practice to start followed with a 60 min game

- One defensive coach is permitted in the outfield (behind the players) during the game
- 10 players on the field. 6 infielders and 4 outfielders.

2. Pitching Rules:

- A coach or designated individual will be used to pitch the ball to their team.
- The coach or designated individual **MUST** pitch from the correct pitching distance.
- Batters will be granted 5 pitches to hit a fair ball or will be declared out.
- There will be no walks issued.

- The defensive player in the pitching position must stand on either side of the offensive pitcher coach or designated individual until the pitch is released (cannot stand in front of the coach or designated individual).
- If the coach or designated individual is hit with a batted ball it will immediately be called dead and will be counted as a pitch against the batter.

3. Stealing

- Stealing is not allowed..

4. Lead Off Rule

- Lead offs are not allowed.
- Runners may not leave the base until the ball is hit.

5. Infield Fly Rule

- Not applicable for U9 division.

6. Equipment / Batting Helmets / Ball / Home Plate

- All batters will wear a batting helmet with straps done up while at bat and on base.
- Teams will use the 11" training Ball -

7. Base Runner Advancement

- After a fairly hit ball, the advancing of runners is not considered over until the ball is returned to the infield and is in the possession of a defensive player within the base path.

8. Overthrows - Out of Play

- All runners, including the batter-runner, will be awarded the base that they are going to at the time of the throw. NO additional bases will be awarded

9. Awards

- All team members will receive an award at the end of the season

10. Cheering

- Positive cheering only. The conduct of the team, its spectators and the coaches are the responsibility of the team coaches. In the event of harassment or derogatory remarks originating from the players, coaches or fans, the coaches will address the issue. Coaches may ask fans to leave the park if necessary

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