

## **8U Baseball Rules**

- **Game Time:** Game time is 1 hour or 6 innings.
- **Mercy Rule:** If a team is leading its opponent by 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after four innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings the team in the lead will be declared the winner.
- Teams will bat all players present, 6 players must be present to field a legal team. **There are no automatic outs.** Players that arrive late to a game may be added to the bottom of the order. Teams will have free defensive substitutions. 10 players will play on defense, 4 outfielders
- **Six run offensive limit (ALL INNINGS):** There will be a six run offensive limit for innings. The play where the sixth run is scored is live and all runs will be counted until the play is complete.
- **Basis of play:** No lead offs, for this reason the pitcher is not allowed to make pick-off moves or balks. Steals are allowed, base runners are not allowed to leave the base until a pitched ball crosses home plate.
- Pitching distance is 43 ft from the back of the home plate
- Bases are 60 ft. apart.
- **Drop strike 3 rule:** Does not apply at this age. If a third strike is called by the umpire and is not caught by the catcher the batter is still out and may not advance to first base.

Pitching Rest Requirements:

AGE	DAILY MAX PITCHES IN GAME/DAY	REST PERIOD	REST PERIOD	REST PERIOD
		0 DAYS	ONE DAY	TWO DAY
8U	50	1 -20	21- 35	36 +

If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches the base

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