

2019
Rookie End of Season Tournaments

- a. NEW INNING AFTER 55 MINUTES MAX THREE INNINGS
- b. Settings for Blue Flame: A-Micro Adjustment: 3 B-Power Pedal:3 C-Release Arm Block:4
- c. ONLY USA BASEBALL BATS ARE PERMITTED. USA T-BALL bats are NOT permitted. Prior to the start of each game, managers should check all bats together to ensure this is enforced.
- d. Continuous batting order is used. Maximum of eight batters per inning.
- e. No run rule is in effect.
- f. The ball is considered dead when an infielder has control of the ball on the infield/infield grass and is no longer attempting a baseball related play. This is determined by the coach that is operating the machine as to when a baseball related play is not occurring and considered dead. An outfielder must get the ball to an infielder for a play to be considered dead. Outfielders are also not permitted to make plays on the infield.
- g. On 8th batter, play is dead if third out is made at a base, the batter strikes out, or the infielder has control of the ball on the infield grass/pitcher's mound.
- h. On overthrows to any base, there is a one base advancement limit at the runner's risk.
- i. There may only be one overthrow ruling per play. Ball is dead upon subsequent overthrows.
- j. Batters will receive a maximum of six pitches per at-bat. Three strikes constitute a strikeout. If the sixth pitch is fouled and not caught, the batter will receive another. This applies to all pitches after the sixth pitch as well. There are no walks. After three outs, the half inning is complete.
- k. If batted ball strikes the Blue Flame machine or coach that is operating it, the ball is considered dead. Batter is awarded first base, and all runners advance one base only if forced. Additional game balls must be in possession of the coach that is using the machine. No extra game balls or equipment may be placed on the field during play.
- l. If a runner is more than halfway to a base when an infielder is in control of the ball and play is considered dead, runner is awarded the base they were advancing to. If less than halfway, the runner must return to previous base.
- m. Catchers are encouraged to play in position to learn the basics of said position. They are not responsible for retrieving balls that get passed to them. (Another coach from either team may stay at the backstop and retrieve passed balls and return to the coach that is running the machine)
- n. There is no positional rule on placing players, except that no players may sit consecutive defensive innings. There is a maximum of ten players on the field defensively per inning. (4 outfielders) There is a minimum of 6 players needed to play. All infield positions MUST be occupied before outfield positions can be. (If you have only 6 players, defense will consist of pitcher, catcher, and four infielders)
- o. A game will be 3 innings. No new inning may start after 55 minutes.
- p. Pinch runners can be used for injury, or if the player on base is scheduled to catch the next inning and there are two outs. The pinch runner must be the player that made the last batted out.

- q. No more than three minutes will be allowed between innings.
- r. A maximum of three coaches are permitted on the field for offense. (Coach that is operating the Blue Flame and two base coaches). One defensive coach will be allowed in the outfield. Two additional defensive coaches are permitted in foul territory at the team's discretion but must be placed beyond the offensive team's base coaches. One coach or parent must be in the dugout at all times and must be an approved volunteer.
- s. Players who are not actively in the game shall always remain in the dugout.
- t. The coach that is operating the machine makes the calls on the field, and their calls stand. No challenging may be made toward a coach's calls. If you feel that a coach made a call that is not in accordance to these rules, speak to them respectfully after the conclusion of the half inning. REMEMBER – The children are watching EVERYONE'S actions. If your team's parents are becoming unruly, please diffuse the situation as calmly and politely as possible. If the other team's parents are becoming unruly, respectfully speak to the opposing coach and voice your concerns.
- u. There are MANY incidents that fall into grey areas on these rules. When something comes up that is not specifically noted in the rules, please do your best to work with the opposing manager on reaching an agreeable verdict. The worst thing to happen is to subject our kids and parents to arguments on the field.