

Calumet County Youth Sports League Rookie Ball

2023 Rules

Purpose: To promote the game of baseball and provide area youth with the opportunity to develop and learn the game through practice and games.

League Wide Rules:

1. Sportsmanship will be encouraged by players, coaches, and fans.
2. The league does not carry insurance.
3. Players are expected to be properly equipped.
4. Players are expected to play for their community. If a player is going to change teams it should be done when they switch levels or players must sit out one year. Hardships can be argued to the league..
5. While running bases, any illegal contact will be determined by the coaches and safe or out call will be based on decision.
6. Coaches should be informed of league rules prior to each game.
7. All games that are postponed will be made up in good faith and a timely manner.
8. Games are 6 innings or 1 hour
 - a. Coaches will be official time keeper and will notify of last inning
9. 10 players on the field (4 outfielders only) and Min of 8
10. Each player **MUST** play 2 innings in the field
11. 5 runs per inning or 3 outs. Whichever comes first
12. If a team is up by more than 10 runs after the 4th inning the game will be over(Coaches Discretion)
13. **NO STEALING**
14. **Live ball on an overthrow except when ball goes out of the field of play, then it will be only one base.**
15. Teams **WILL** bat the full roster-3 outs per inning
16. Unlimited substitution and re-entry
17. Helmets must be worn at all times inside the fence
18. No infield fly rule
19. **Cannot advance on a drop 3rd strike.**

20. All base sliding must be done feet first

- a. Player must slide when play is being made.
- b. If the player doesn't slide when the play is being made, the player is out. Coaches discretion

21. Need to have a catcher properly equipped.

22. Need to have regular Little League Baseballs

Levels and Specific Rules:

Pitching and Hitting

- a. Batters will receive 5 pitches, unless he/she strikes out swinging. NO TEE WILL BE USED. If after 5 pitches, the batter does not hit the ball he/she will be considered out. If the batter fouls off the 5th pitch it will be considered a foul ball and he/she will get another pitch and will continue to get another pitch if they keep fouling.
- b. A coach from the team that is batting will "pitch". Thrower will be placed on the 40 ft rubber and set at 4 unless both teams agree on another setting. A player acting as the pitcher must stay even with the pitchers rubber and within 5 ft to the left or right of the rubber and not be allowed to stand behind the coach who is pitching. The pitch will not be thrown until the pitcher makes a pitching motion.
- c. The pitching coach cannot field the ball, but if the ball hits the coach, the play is considered dead and declared a do-over. A ball that hits the throwing machine is considered a live ball.
- d. There is no bunting or fake bunting allowed or the batter is automatically out. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- e. For the end of the year tournament it will be \$100 per team given to the host Community.