

# Rec World Series Rules: 7U & 8U Divisions

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Rosters are Verified from Home Association as **ALL RECREATIONAL PLAYERS** prior to start of the Rec WS

- No player shall be allowed to play, or guest play, or fill in, etc. that was NOT vetted by the Home Association and entered into the team's roster prior to the Rec WS

Base Distance is 60'

Pitching Distance is 40'

Game Length is 75 Minutes or 6 Innings

Max Runs per ½ inning is 5

Run Rules Apply

- 15 after 3
- 10 after 4
- 6 after 5

Offense bats the Full Roster. (If a rostered player is there {in uniform} they bat in continual order.)

- If removed by injury, no automatic out, suppress the line up and play on.
- If removed by ejection, an automatic out is called at each scheduled at bat.

Defense fields 6 infield positions and 4 outfield positions (10 players max on the field)

- No player may sit the bench more than two (2) innings
- No player may will sit the bench twice before all other players have sat at least once

Regulation Baseballs are used for game play

Bats must be stamped USSSA 1.15 BPF or USA Baseball stamped

Game Play

- Stoppage of Play – the Umpire shall declare “Time” when the following conditions, in the umpire’s mind, have been met: The ball is returned to the infield; the ball is controlled by an infielder; the lead runner has stopped, hesitated, or broken stride. (RUNNERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BREAK STRIDE TO BAIT THROWS BEHIND THEM, ETC.)
- No leads, baserunners must be in contact with the base at the time the batter contacts the baseball
  - Runners that leave base early shall be declared out
- Minimum of 8 players to start a game. If there are at least 9 players, no out will be taken for the missing 10<sup>th</sup> player. (If only 8 players, then only 1 automatic out will occur each time the 9<sup>th</sup> player is due up).
- If a player is ejected, his turn in the batting order will be declared out. If a player is ejected and the team falls below 8 players, a forfeit will be declared.
- Late arriving players, go to the end of the lineup if their turn at the plate has already passed.
- Obstruction – Defensive players, when not in motion to field a ball, shall NOT block the base paths impeding the baserunner. At the umpire’s discretion, the obstructed runner may be awarded an additional base(s).
- Offensive Coaches: first and third base and a coach, and a coach may be behind home plate to retrieve baseballs (Please note: retrieving baseballs is NOT the umpire’s job)

- Defensive Coaches: Down the LF and RF lines in foul territory at least 20' from first base or third base (no defensive coaches on the field of play during GAME PLAY, between innings is fine to establish positions, etc.
  - Besides the two defensive coaches (above) all other defensive coaches shall remain by the dugout and may not interfere in anyway with the Offensive Coaches
  - Coaches may be confined to the dugout if the umpire deems it necessary
- Outfielders must be positioned "in the grass"
- No new inning starts once game time of 75 minutes is reached
  - Ties allowed in pool play
  - Bracket play games must have a winner (see tie breaker below)
- Defensive outs occur as "tag outs", "force outs" "caught fly balls", etc., as per normal baseball rules (with the exception noted below regarding strikeouts)

#### Pitching

- Max of six (6) pitches shall be thrown
  - No STRIKE OUT within the 6 pitches. HOWEVER, a batter shall be declared out after 6 pitches if the ball has not been put into play.
    - A batter may swing at all six (6) pitches, but if the 6<sup>th</sup> pitch is fouled off, foul tipped, or missed, then the batter shall be declared out (NO continual pitch if fouled).
- No floating rubber, must throw overhand, and must be engaged with the pitcher's plate.
  - Coach Pitcher may NOT coach the batter or baserunners and must leave the field of play immediately after the ball is batted.
  - A batted ball that hits the Coach pitcher is a dead ball, and is counted as a pitch/foul ball

#### Protective Gear / Helmets

- The use of "protective gear" by the player pitcher shall be determined by the individual team's home association (some require Face Protection, or Chest Protection, or both, some require neither). Each team shall follow their home associations safety protocol.
- Helmets shall be worn by ALL Batters, Baserunners, and On-Deck batters
- Full Catchers gear is also required

Official Scorer = Home Team

Bunting = is NOT allowed

Infield Fly Rule = Is NOT in effect

Ties Allowed in Pool Play = YES

Ties Allowed in Bracket Play = NO

- Tie Breaker used is the Texas Tie Breaker = Bases Loaded with one (1) out and the three previous batters to the scheduled batter are placed on the bases (*they are placed on the bases as if they had been walked; e.g., if the 4 hole is due up then the leadoff batter would be placed on 3B, the second batter placed on 2B and the third hole placed on 1B*). After the runners are assigned to their bases, ONE (1) OUT is declared, and "Play Ball". Each team does this until we have a winner.