

**DIVISION RULES
MINOR A DIVISION (AGE 8-9)**

- **PURPOSE-** provide a learning & instructional situation for young boys who have a limited knowledge of baseball.
- **FIELD SIZE:** 55 ft. base paths/pitchers plate 42 ft. from back of home plate/outfield fence 140ft. from back of home plate
- There are no standings kept or score put in the paper. However, **ALL COACHES** are expected to fill out a press release about the game. **DO NOT PUBLISH THE SCORE.** (HOME TEAM RESPONSIBLE)
- 10 batters per inning or 3 outs which ever comes first.
- **Offensive-** All players present at the game are in batting order (mix it up each week).
- **Defensive-** 9 players, alternate players at different positions.
- Play ends after the 10th batter attains the NATURAL ending of the play.
- Infield fly does not apply.
- **Base runners-** must stay in contact with the base until the ball reaches the batter.
- **No stealing**
- **No walks or strikeouts for first 5 games only.**
- **No bunts, ½ swings or swinging bunts. Call player back to hit again.**
- **No player should sit more than one inning at a time.**
- **Six innings or to dark are to be played (Saturday two hours of play allowed)**
- **Unlimited defensive substitution - move players around and teach them to play their position.**
- **Overthrow- no advancing on an overthrow.**
- **PITCHING- COACH PITCH** - FIRST 5 GAMES – from pitchers plate (42ft away) 8-10 pitches maximum from a knee, than (if during coach pitch player fails to hit the ball, utilize a soft toss from a knee). Please note that pitching from a knee puts you at the players level and helps them develop better hitting skills.
- **PITCHING- PLAYER PITCH:** REMAINDER OF SEASON – balls and strikes are to be called. No walks, if the count reaches 4 balls, the coach pitcher will take over assuming the count (ie- 4-0,4-1,4-2). Player at the plate may than hit the ball into fair play or could strike out.
 - 1 Opposing team coach is umpire behind pitcher and then pitches after 4 balls
 - 2 10-15 pitches to warm up/ 35-40 max per game
 - 3 If a pitcher hits 2 batters kindly remove him from the mound and he may not return that game to Pitch
 - 4 If a batter is hit by a pitch try to have him bat unless he is to shaken up then allow a walk
 - 5 After 4 balls are thrown by pitcher the coach/pitcher picks up the strike count and the batter can strike out with the coach pitching
- **COACHES DEFENSE:** (2) For the first 5 games - ONLY position 2 coaches in play with the defensive team (left & right centerfield) if necessary. Instruction for the defensive players from these coaches is encouraged. Feel free to assist offensive base runners as seen fit. Than; for the remainder of the season; try to remove your defensive coaches from the field.
- **COACHES OFFENSE:** (4) ONLY position 2 base coaches/one coach at the plate / one coach pitching.
- **COACHES NOTE:** NO MORE THAN THE ABOVE AMOUNT OF ADULTS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD OF PLAY AND COACHING POSITIONS.
- **NO ON DECK BATTER!**
- **Teach baseball and make each game fun, fun, fun!**