

Rookie Division Rules 2009

The Rookie Division has a few special rules and game play adjustments which are not included in the larger, league rules. Though the game play rules herein are unique to this division, all applicable league wide rules (e.g. Uniforms, Behavior, etc.) also apply to the Rookie Division.

COACHING

- Teams are allowed three (3) coaches on the field when on offense when Tee Ball is played. One (1) coach will be positioned at first base and another at third base. The final coach is at the plate placing the ball on the tee.
- Teams are allowed four (4) coaches when Coach Pitching. In addition to the two (2) base coaches and the one (1) by home plate, who now acts as the catcher, a coach takes the position of Pitcher.
- Teams are allowed two (2) coaches on the field when on defense.

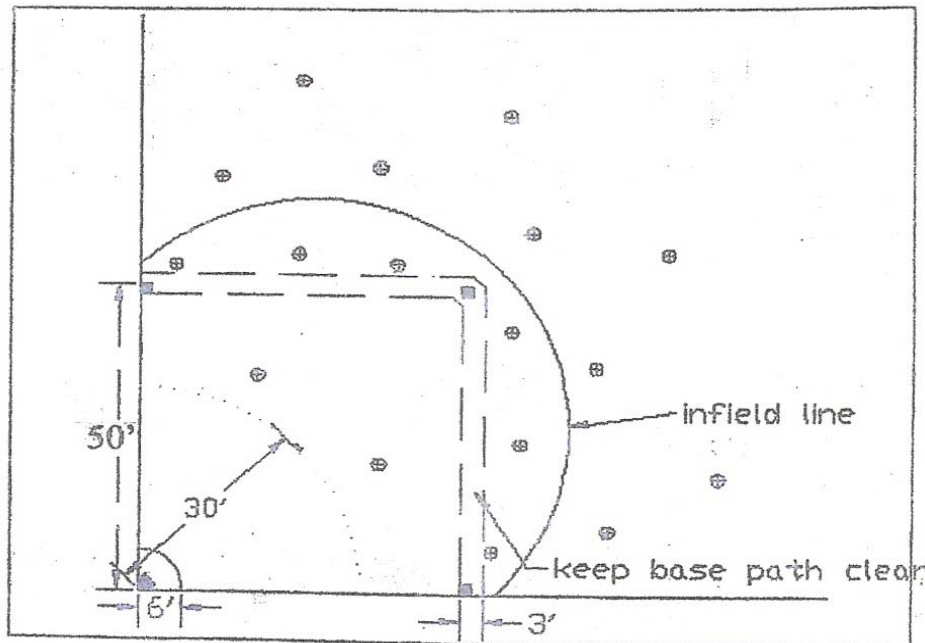
TEE BALL RULES

- The batter must make clean contact with the ball. If the bat hits the tee before contact with the ball is made the ball is called 'foul'.
 - A batted ball must travel at least six (6) feet in front of home plate to be called 'fair'. If it does not go this far, it is 'foul'. The home plate coach must make this call loudly so to avoid any confusion on the field.
 - Any 'fair' ball is a single (i.e. batter and runners can only advance one base) however the defense can attempt to put the batter or runner(s) out as per normal baseball play.
 - The only exception to the above rule is when a fair ball is hit into the outfield, over the heads of the infielders. In this case, 'double' or 'two' is shouted by the on-field coaches. The batter and all the runners can attempt to advance two (2) bases. NOTE: The runners may attempt two (2) bases even if the batter only advances one (1) base or is put out.
- * In Rookie there is no play at the plate allowed (force out or tag out).

DEFENSIVE ALIGNMENT

A maximum of eight players can be positioned in the infield. The 8 infielders **must** be positioned as follows: 3 players between first base and second base, 3 players between second base and third base, and 2 players on the pitcher's mound.

The rest must be spread through the outfield. The diagram below shows the correct positions of a Rookie Division team.



Always Position players with safety as a guiding factor. At this skill level, spreading the defense over the whole field will always be safer and more conducive to teaching proper fielding technique. When runners are on base, keep the base paths clear. Play the outfielders in two lines; one shallow and one deep. If a hit gets by the first line it has slowed enough that the second line can make a play on it.

