

10 AND UNDER DIVISION

SECTION 2.13

2.13.1 Game Length

Games will be seven (07) innings, or no new inning will begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes, whichever comes first. A new inning is considered to have begun immediately after the third out is made or the maximum number of runs, five (05), has been scored in the preceding inning. Games can end in a tie.

2.13.2 Playing Time

Ten (10) players will be on the field at a time, which will include four outfielders. All four outfielders must be at least 10 feet behind the base line when the pitcher releases the ball. If an outfielder is in the infield when the ball is pitched, the Umpire will award the batter first base. Each player must play at least one (01) inning in the infield per game. The goal for the Manager is to have each player know one position in both the infield and outfield. All players must play 2 innings before the 5th inning. Unlimited substitutions will be allowed.

2.13.3 Batting Eligibility

All players on the roster will be in the batting order. Late arriving players will be placed at the end of the batting order.

There will be no penalty of an out for blanks in the batting order, for early departure or absentees, a team can start with less than nine (09). (Refer to rule 2.1 in this booklet.)

2.13.4 Pitching

The umpire will call all strikes and balls, and a walk will consist of four (04) balls. There will be no coach pitching. The pitching distance will be 35 feet.

Pitchers may appear in a maximum of three (3) innings. In the event of a seventh inning, a pitcher may re-enter for one (1) inning.

Each pitcher in an inning must be charged with an appearance. If a team does not follow this rule, the team will have to forfeit the game. A violation of any pitching rule will result in: 1st time - Manager is warned, 2nd time - Manager is suspended for 2 games.

All managers must report pitching changes to the official score keeper and the opposing manager at the time of the change. Official score keeper must note these changes in the official score book and keep accurate records of pitching appearances.

Any allowed protest of the pitching rules will cause the game to be replayed from the point of the infraction, and the offending manager will be required to pay the umpire fees and be responsible for making the field playable.

Games being made up because of rain out, etc., will be played, for pitching purposes, as though played in the originally scheduled game.

2.13.5 Bunting

Bunting will be allowed in this division.

2.13.6 Advancing Runners

A batter may advance on a dropped third strike

2.13.7 Deleted

2.13.8 Stealing Bases

Stealing all bases including home is allowed in this division.

2.13.9 Mercy Rules

There will be a maximum of 5 runs scored per inning with the final inning being open ended with regard to runs scored.

2.13.10 Score Keeping

The official score keeper shall mark in the book when a player enters or leaves the game next to their name.

2.13.11 Eight Foot Circle Rule

A player who receives a base on balls or intentional walk may round first base (while at risk of being put out) toward second base if she runs to, and through first base, from home plate. If the runner stops before reaching second base and the pitcher has possession of the ball, and is within the eight foot circle, the runner has one second to either continue to second base or return to first base. Failure to immediately advance to a base after stopping will result in the runner being called out by the umpire.

2.13.12 Sliding

This division should strive to teach the players how to slide feet first.

2.13.13 Infield Fly Rule

The Infield Fly Rule is in effect for this age division.