

1. Team includes **(9)** defensive players on the field (may play with **(8)** or "borrow" from the other team, however the borrowed player must play the outfield and does not bat for the short-handed team)
2. Every player must play a minimum of **(6)** consecutive outs in the field
3. Full roster batting (everyone bats)
4. If a player shows up after the game starts he gets placed at the end of the lineup
5. **NO** on-deck batters – upcoming batters should warm-up on the field between innings
6. Pitchers are limited to **(2)** innings per game regardless of pitches thrown or outs made in one inning –
  - a. They are eligible to return as pitcher once per game in non-consecutive innings as long as they do not exceed **(2)** innings (for example – a pitcher can pitch the first and last inning of a game)
7. Each coach is responsible for keeping track of pitch counts and both coaches must agree on pitch count after each inning. Both coaches must sign pitch count form in ink upon completion of game. Please refer to safety manual (or website) for exact pitch counts
8. Full stealing for all bases after the ball crosses the plate - **NO** leading (Secondary leads are permitted)
9. There will be allowed **(5)** advances per inning which includes passed balls by the catcher and steals – there is no stealing home on a passed ball or throw back to the pitcher
10. Over throws (including those back to the pitcher) are not counted towards a team's **(5)** advances:
  - a. Balls in play (foul or fair territory) runners are allowed to advance at their own risk as many bases as the runner can get
  - b. Ball out of play, **(2)** bases are awarded to the runner
11. Courtesy rule: No stealing after your team is up by **(7)** runs
12. Players should avoid contact and must slide "feet-first" – no head-first sliding
13. Standard game is **2** hours of play **OR (6)** innings do not start a new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes
14. **5-run** rule per inning
  - a. An inning is not complete until the play is over. Example: 4 runs are in, the bases are loaded, and the batter hits a double - the inning is over when the play is complete **NOT** when the first runner passes home plate
15. **NO** 5-run rule in the last inning
16. **10-run** rule: If a team is behind by **(10)** runs or more after **4** innings (3 1/2 if home team ahead), the game is over. Note: if the visitors are ahead, the inning must be completed
17. Two adult base coaches may be used when a team is batting
18. If a player base coaches he must wear a helmet
19. Safety helmets must be worn by all batters – cages on helmets are permitted
20. Bats: Please refer to safety manual for bat sizes
21. Balls: League issued only
22. Athletic footwear: cleats (no metal spikes allowed)
23. Pitchers and catchers must wear a cup (athletic support) Recommended for all players
24. There must be an adult in the dugout at all times
25. ~~Infield fly rule is in effect~~ (*not applicable for 2013 Cal Rip Minor Division*)