

AA Division Rules of Play

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General/Equipment

1. All fielders must wear face masks. Catchers must wear full equipment. Batters must wear a batting helmet with a cage.
2. Play with 11' inch regular balls in new or good condition, home team to provide.
3. No patched umpires. Coaches will call the game.
4. Coach pitch only, with a coach from the batting team pitching and another coach from the batting team well behind the catcher to get the ball back (after a pitch only) and move the game along.
5. Playing time 1 hour 30 minutes. No new inning after 1 hour and 15 minutes.
6. Two minutes between innings. Have a plan for player positions in advance.
7. Catcher speed-up: with any number of outs, you may (and are encouraged to) have another player run for the player who will catch the next half-inning when the catcher reaches base. This allows the catcher time to put on the pads before the next half-inning.
8. Half innings are 3 outs or 4 run max, players should finish the last play, but runs after #4 on the inning do not count. No unlimited run innings.
9. Players must rotate between infield and outfield position – no players in outfield for 2 innings in a row.
10. In preparation for spring, we'll keep track of runs and outs during games, but there are no standings. Emphasis is on player development, not winning.
11. After the game, line up on first and third base lines and give each other a socially distanced "good game".

Offense

12. No walks or strikeouts. A batter is allowed **5 COACH STRIKE - PITCHES** at which point a tee is then brought out. They swing until they hit a fair ball. **This should be adhered to in order to ensure the game moves along.** The coach pitching is responsible for keeping count.
13. One base on a hit unless the ball is HIT to the outfield. No running on overthrows or dropped catch near the base where an out is possible. Play stops on attempt to get the ball back to the pitcher. We are encouraging players to make the throw.
14. No leads, no stealing.

Defense

15. Two coaches from the defending team may be in the field, must be in the outfield or well into foul territory.
16. Coaches for the fielding team must ensure catchers are proper distance away from plate and in the correct catcher's stance - not on one/two knees.
17. Fill all infield positions, including catcher and a player to field the pitcher position on the side of the coach who is pitching. 4 outfielders may play. **Outfielders must start each pitch on the grass line.**

Please keep an emphasis on **speeding up the game. More action = more fun**