

# Rogers Youth Baseball League Rules

## 7/8 Year Old League Rules

1. **Bats:** Must have the USABat Marking. Barrel Maximum – 2 5/8". No BBCOR Bats are permitted in the Cal Ripken Division
2. **Game Time Limit:** 1 hour or six (6) innings whichever comes first (Maximum time limit of 1 hour 15 minutes regardless of which team is batting). Official time will be kept by the umpire.
3. Scheduled game times will be 6:00pm & 7:30pm on weeknights
4. League games will be played with a "regulation size" hard baseball
5. **Run Rule:** Six (6) runs per inning unless team batting is behind, and then can only go ahead by six (6) runs
6. Home team will be official scorekeeper and both coaches must sign-off on scorebook after the game
7. **Batting:** The coach that will be delivering the pitch must be within the pitching circle and has the option to deliver the pitch on one knee or standing. Four (4) pitch maximum, unless the ball is fouled on the fourth (4) pitch. If three (3) strikes occur prior to four (4) pitches, batter is out. Once the ball has been hit, the coach that delivered the pitch must position themselves as not to be an obstruction to the defensive team on any possible play. **A batted ball striking any part of the coach that is pitching will be ruled a "dead ball" "no pitch" and the batter will return to home plate and continue the at- bat.**
8. The umpire will call "time" when the ball is in the possession of the pitcher and the pitcher is in the circle or when no base runners can advance. All base runners must return to the last base touched when "time" is called by the umpire.
9. Ten (10) players will be allowed on the field during play. With one player at each position, pitcher must be in the circle to the side of the coach delivering the pitch. All infielders must play their positions (not in the infield grass) and the four (4) outfielders must be in the outfield grass until contact is made with the ball.
10. All players must bat and be included in the batting order
11. **Defense:** Free substitution is allowed
12. **Base Running:** Closed Bases (**no leading off, no stealing, and no advancement on a passed ball or wild pitch**)
13. **Bunting:** One bunt is allowed per inning, per team.
14. **Slash Bunt:** Batters will be called out if they fake a bunt and then take a full swing. No base runners may advance on the play
15. A game can end in a tie (Except in the Playoffs)
16. **Courtesy Runner:** Only allowed for the catcher position and after the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) out of the inning. The courtesy runner must be the player that made the last out.
17. **Teams must have 8 players to start a game. No "automatic out" will be given for playing with 8 players**
18. **Closed Bases:** Bases (60') Pitching Circle (16' diameter)

**\*City League Tournament Rules\*** All regular season rules still apply.

