



2018 Rookie 9 Division Rules

OCEANSIDE – EAST ROCKAWAY

1. All games are scheduled for six (6) innings of play.
2. No new inning may begin after two (2) hours from the time of the first pitch.
3. Adult volunteers in the dugout are limited to one (1) manager, two (2) coaches and one (1) scorekeeper for a maximum amount of four (4) adult volunteers in a team's dugout.
4. Games are official after four (4) full innings if the AWAY team is ahead. 3 ½ innings if the HOME team is ahead.
5. Teams MUST start with nine (9) players present; they may start with eight (8) players if it is confirmed that a ninth (9th) is on the way to the field. If a team cannot field nine (8) players from their roster to start a game, they are to make arrangements ahead of time to use "call-ups" from their 9-year old Division to avoid forfeits.
6. Players who are "called up" from the lower division may not take the defensive positions of Pitcher nor Catcher.
7. There are to be nine (9) players maximum on defense. No coaches are to be on the field during play.
8. All players are placed in the batting order (a/k/a "Universal Batting Order").
9. All players in the batting order MUST play three (3) innings in the field. The defensive innings do not have to be consecutive innings.
10. Stealing, including advancing on wild pitches or passed balls, is limited to 2nd and 3rd base only. Maximum steals or advancement on passed balls or wild pitches is three (3) per half inning. A "double-steal" is counted as two (2) steals.

11. Base runners **MUST** remain in contact with their base until the pitch crosses home plate. There is no leading.
12. There are no balks.
13. Bunting is allowed.
14. The Infield Fly rule is not in effect.
15. Base runners may “tag up” and advance on a Sacrifice Fly. Baserunners may continue to advance on overthrows at their own risk.
16. Completion of the putout on a strikeout (a/k/a “Dropped 3rd Strike”) is in not in effect.
17. Maximum runs scored for each half inning shall be limited to five (5).
18. There is no mercy rule as an official score is not kept in this division. There are no “wins” or “losses”.
19. There are no pinch runners, except for the player who is the catcher with two outs. Use of the “Catcher Speed Up” is purely optional. If it is invoked, the substitute runner must be **ready to enter the field with helmet on** PRIOR to calling time out and invoking the rule. The substitute runner must be the last batted out.
20. Players who assumed the position of PITCHER may not move to the position of catcher if they pitched 41 or more pitches that day.
21. Players who assumed the position of CATCHER may not pitch in the game if they were the catcher for any part of four separate innings.
22. Little League pitch count restrictions are to be enforced, include mandatory rest and maximum pitches per day.
23. Maximum pitches for 9s: 75 pitches + the completion of the at-bat when crossing the threshold of 85.
24. Mandatory rest requirements:
 - If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 51 – 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

- If a player pitches 36 – 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21 – 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar days of rest are required.

25. At the conclusion of each half inning, both teams are to confer and agree upon the amount of pitches that were thrown. In the event that the two teams cannot agree on the amount of pitches thrown, the count of the team that was PITCHING shall prevail. Pitch counts displayed on any electronic scoreboard are for reference only. The “official” pitch counts are kept in the dugouts by the teams.

26. For games played on Oceanside fields, Oceanside shall be responsible for scheduling and payment of the umpires. For games played on East Rockaway fields, East Rockaway shall be responsible for scheduling and payment of the umpires. One umpire per game is required for regular season games.

27. Each league shall have a single point-of-contact for scheduling, rainouts, issues, et al. For Oceanside it will be the Rookie 9 Division Commissioner. For East Rockaway, it will be the President of East Rockaway Little League, or another party that the East Rockaway President delegates.