

RBI Tournament Rules

Rec Baseball Innovations (RBI) adheres to Official MLB Rules unless specifically modified below.

GAME TIME LIMITS

- 6U: 1 hour or 6 innings
- 7U-10U: 1 hour 15 minutes or 6 innings
- 11U-12U: 1 hour 30 minutes or 6 innings
- 13U-14U: 1 hour 45 minutes or 7 innings

PITCHING LIMITS - HARD PITCH COUNT SYSTEM

- Pitch Count Enforcement: Each team tracks their own. Umpires confirm totals each inning and submit to RBI officials.
- To Pitch Next Day: Max 30 pitches (can finish batter if started under 30)
- Event Max:
 - 9U-10U: 75 pitches
 - 11U-12U: 85 pitches
 - 13U-14U: 95 pitches

RUN RULES

- 15-run lead after 3 innings
- 10-run lead after 4 innings
- 8-run lead after 5 innings
- 6U-14U Rec: 7-run max per inning
- 14U Rec Select: No per-inning run limit

TIEBREAKERS (Bracket Seeding)

1. Record
2. Runs Allowed
3. Runs Scored
4. Coin Flip

AGE DIVISIONS & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Players may play up 2 divisions; may not play down
- Forfeiting in pool play = removal from event
- Proof of Age:
 - Government-issued birth certificate or ID
 - Report card or school ID with grade & DOB
- Must be available digitally or printed at each game
- Roster Freeze: Before each event.
- Ineligible players = forfeit & coach ejection

ROSTER & CLASSIFICATION

- No dual rostering in the same event
- Guest Player Rules:
 - Max 2 from higher classification
 - Must be registered as guests and removed post-event
 - No AAA or higher allowed from other orgs
- Team Classifications:
 - Rec Select: Max 2 higher classification players
 - Rec: No higher classification players
- Returning Teams: 6+ returners & .500+ record = move up
- Illegal Player Penalty: Removal from event, loss of games, loss of awards

EJECTIONS & CONDUCT

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- Unsportsmanlike behavior, fighting, abuse, false ID, illegal gear = ejection
- Ejection = remainder of game + 1 additional game
- 2nd coach ejection = disqualified from event
- Directors & umpires may eject at discretion

BATTING & LINEUPS

- Allowed options:
 - Straight 9
 - 9 w/ DH
 - 10 w/ EH
 - Entire roster
- Min players to start: 8 (can't drop below)
- Injured = skip with no out | Ejected = automatic out
- Slash bunts:
 - Banned in 6U-13U (out + coach ejection)
 - Allowed in 14U (60/90 fields only)
- Courtesy runners: Last batted out or legal sub

FIELD & EQUIPMENT

- Field Dimensions:
 - 6U-8U: 40x60
 - 9U-10U: 46x65
 - 11U-12U: 50x70
 - 13U: 54x80 or 60x90
 - 14U: 60x90
- Bat Restrictions:
 - Banned list: META, CF Zen, Cat5, etc.
 - Must be stamped 1.15BPF, USA, or BBCOR
 - Altered bats = lifetime ban
- Bat drops:
 - 6U-11U: No limit
 - 12U: Min drop -10
 - 13U: Min drop -8
 - 14U: Min drop -5
- Metal cleats: 13U+ only
- Catchers: Must wear full hockey-style helmet
- PitchCom: One-way only, dugout to catcher

COACH PITCH (7U-8U)

- 40' pitching rubber, 60' bases
- 6 innings or 1 hr 15 min
- Bat entire roster
- Max 4 coaches per team
- 6 pitches or 3 strikes (foul on 6th = continue)
- No bunting, stealing, or infield fly
- Defense: 10 players (4 OFs, 1 catcher, 1 pitcher behind arc)
- Coach interference = ejection

6U T-BALL / MODIFIED

- 4 pitches max, then 5th from tee
- Ball must clear 10-ft arc
- No infield fly

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9U CLOSED BASES RULES

(Eff. for all 9U Rec/AA Closed Base Divisions)

RUNNERS

- No straight steals allowed.
- Advancement only allowed when:
 - Wild pitch, passed ball, or dropped third strike
 - Pitched ball hits ground or backstop
 - Batter puts the ball in play
 - Walk in force situation
 - Balk enforced by umpire
 - Throwing error on pickoff or return from catcher
- Run Downs:
 - If out = out
 - If safe = return to previous base
- Runners may lead off
- Must return to base once pitcher has the ball on the mound

PITCHERS

- Pitch from stretch with runners on
- Pickoffs legal
- 1 balk warning per pitcher; then enforced

RULE REVISIONS

RBI reserves the right to modify rules for specific events at any time.