



## **RBI Tournament Rules**

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

### **GAME TIME LIMITS**

13u - 14u 1:30 mins pool no new inning after 1:25  
1:30 bracket games

9u - 12u 1:15 mins pool games no new inning after 1:10  
1:15 bracket games

6u - 8u 1:00 hr pool games no new inning after 55 mins  
1:15 bracket games

Pool Games can end in a tie.  
No drop dead, must finish the inning.

### **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: (can finish batter if started under max limit)
  - 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
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- HALF INNING RUN RULE
- 6U-14U Rec: 7-run max per inning
- 13U-14U Open Rec or Select: No per-inning run limit



### **TIEBREAKERS (Bracket Seeding)**

1. Record
2. Head to Head
3. Runs Allowed
4. Runs Scored
5. Coin Toss

### **AGE DIVISIONS & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

#### **\*\*\*Grade Exemptions Explained At The End of The Rules\*\*\***

- 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:
  - Open Rec: Max 4 higher classification players



- 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**

- 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 (if available) or 46x60

- (some pitching rubbers may be set at 48' depending on facility)

- 11U-12U: 50x70

- 13U: 54x80 or 60x90

- 14U: 60x90

### **- Bat Restrictions:**

#### **- Banned list:**

- 2015 Demarini CF7 (-5)
- 2015 Easton XL1 (-5)
- 2016 Demarini CF8 (-5)
- 2016 Demarini CF8 (-8)
- 2016 Demarini CF8 (-10)
- 2017 Demarini CF Zen Balanced (-8)\*\*
- 2017 Demarini CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10)\*\*
- 2017 Demarini CF Zen Zero Dark 2 3/4" (-10)\*\*
- 2017 Demarini CF Zen – Balanced (-5)
- 2017 Demarini CF Insane – Endloaded (-5)
- Louisville Slugger Blue Meta Composite (33/30 model only)
- 2018 Dirty South Kamo BB KA 8 (30/22, 31/21, 32/22, 31/23, 32/24 only)

- Must be stamped NCS, 1.15BPF, USA, or BBCOR

- Altered bats = lifetime ban

#### **- Bat types:**

- 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)
- Intentional Coach interference = 1st Warning, 2nd Ejection
- If Coach is hit by a batted ball unintentionally, the ball is dead and declared "No Pitch"

### **6U T-BALL / MODIFIED**

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

### **9U CLOSED BASES RULES (Eff. for all 9U Rec/AA Closed Base Divisions)**

#### **RUNNERS**

- No steals until ball has crossed the plate
- Advancement only allowed when:
  - Ball crosses the plate
  - Wild pitch, passed ball, or dropped third strike
  - Batter puts the ball in play



- Walk in force situation
- Throwing error on pickoff or return from catcher
- Umpire discretion to call timeout when runner is not actively advancing to next base.
- Runners may lead off once the ball has crossed the plate
- Must return to base once pitcher has the ball on the mound or umpire calls timeout
- No dropped third strike
- No infield fly

### **RULE REVISIONS**

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



#### Rule – Excessive Marking or Altering Baseballs

**No Altering Game Balls:** Baseballs may not be intentionally marked, discolored, or damaged in any way (including the use of markers, pens, or other substances).

**Fair Play Principle:** Altering a baseball can change how it travels through the air or how it is perceived by players, creating an unfair advantage. This is prohibited at all levels of baseball and goes against the spirit of fair competition.

**Youth League Emphasis:** In coach pitch and youth divisions, the focus is on skill development and learning to hit and field a standard, unaltered ball. Allowing altered balls in play takes away from this goal.

**Penalty:** Any altered ball will be immediately removed from the game. Repeated violations may result in warnings to the coach and possible ejection.