

Salinas Sports Complex

Rules & Regulations - 8U

General Rules/Time Limit:

- Game ball is the 11" Diamond Ball
- Base Distance: 60 feet
- Pitching Distance: 30 feet
- Game length: 6 innings or 75 minutes, finish the inning. Champ games are 80 minutes.
- For the first 3 innings, there will be a 5 run per inning maximum. Open thereafter.
- Run Rule: 12 after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs at 5 innings.

Base Running

- Runners may steal one base per pitch. No advancement on an errant throw. No stealing home.
- Lead off permitted on release.
- **OVERTHROW:**
 - o On a throw to first base if the following occurs: The batter cannot advance to second base as a result of an errant throw to first base. All other base runners may only advance one base past the base they are already going to on the errant throw to first base with the liability of being put out if the ball stays in live ball territory.
 - o On a throw to any other base or position: If, on a throw to any other base an errant throw occurs, all runners and batter/runner may advance one base past the base they are going to with liability of being put out.
 - o The umpire will only award a base to the runners if the ball has been thrown out of play. No bases will be awarded on errant throws when the ball is still in play.
 - o Runner and batter/runner may be put out if they advance beyond the base they are entitled to on an errant throw. At the end of the play the umpire will return all runners to the base they are entitled to if they have not been put out.

Fielding

- 10 players may be allowed on defense at any one time, four of which must be outfielders.
- No infield fly rule.
- Play stops when a ball, hit to outfield, gets in control of the pitcher, who is in the infield.

Batting

- Everyone bats and free defensive substitutions.
- No Walks – 6 pitches or 4 balls, then coach pitch from 30'. 3 balls from the coach with inherited count. Foul balls with 2 strikes and the batter continues to bat.
- No advancement of a dropped 3 strike.
- Bunting is allowed. (No bunting if coach is pitching).