

Rookie Division Spring Rules		
Field Dimensions	Base Distance	60'
	Pitching Distance	44'
	Mound required?	No
General Rules	Innings	6
	No new inning after	2 hours; drop dead at 2h 15m (See Point 1)
	Players needed to start	8 (See Point 2)
	All players must play 6 outs by the end of inning #:	4 (See Point 3)
	Bat All Players?	Required
	Max Batters Per Inning	8. On the 8th batter there are 2 outs
	Defensive Conferences	1 per inning per pitcher
	Defensive Substitutions	Unlimited
	Mercy Rule	15 ahead after 4 innings, 10 afdter 5
	Forfeits allowed	No (See Point 4)
	Official Game	Four innings by trailing team OR 1h 30m reached
Equipment	Helmet Cage Required	Yes
	Max Barrell Size	2-5/8"
	USABat Required?	Yes
	Wooden Bats	No
	Metal Cleats?	No
Pitching	Max pitches/innings per day whichever occurs first	75 pitchers per game OR 2 innings per day
	Intentional walks allowed?	No
	Balks called?	No
	Curveballs allowed?	No
Baserunning and Fielding	Infield fly rule called?	Yes
	Dropped 3rd strike rule called?	No
	Bunting allowed?	No
	Thrown bat	Bench warning then out on next occurance
	Courtesy Runner required for catcher with 2 outs?	Yes
	Leading allowed?	No
	Stealing allowed?	Only once the ball crossed home plate (See Point 5)
	Advance after steal?	No
	Stealing home allowed?	No
	Headfirst Slides?	No
	Base coach helmets required?	Yes (See Point 6)

Rookie Spring Rules Continued

Specific Pitching Rules

- A pitcher is determined to have thrown an inning against their limit as soon as one pitch has
- Pitchers who have thrown one pitch or more may be removed from pitching and brought

Specific Running Rules

- Baserunners may not leave the base they currently occupy before the pitched ball crossed home plate. See Point 5.
- Any batter who receives a walk may not advance past first base until the next ball is pitched. All runners forced to advance on a walk may only advance one base, and may not advance more at their own risk.

Additional Information for Highlighted Rules (See point#)

Point 1: When the drop dead point is reached, the at bat in progress may be finished, and the game will conclude following this.

Point 2: There will be a 15 minute grace period if a team does not have 8 players, players who arrive after the start of the game will be added to the end of the line up.

Point 3: Failure to comply with this rule or encouraging of players to arrive late or not show up with result in disciplinary action

Point 4: Forfeits are not allowed in RBBA Fall Baseball. Coaches are encouraged to work with the umpires and the opposing coach to determine a way to play.

Point 5: Runners may only steal once the ball has crossed home plate. If a runner is determined to have left the base they occupy before the ball crosses the plate, a strike will

Point 6: Base coaches are required to wear base helmets provided by the RBBA. Coaches may not be allowed on the field at any point and will be prevented from taking the field

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