



## 2024 Bremen Youth Baseball Rookie League Rules Cheat Sheet

### Pitching Machine:

- Batter will receive 5 pitches. A foul ball on the 5th pitch will result in a 6th pitch.
- If batter does not hit after 5 pitches, they are out.
- Machine can only be adjusted at the top of an inning if both coaches agree to it.
- Ball that hits machine or goes under machine is dead. Runners advance 1 base.

### Base Running:

- No leading off. Warning first, then out is called.
- Players must slide if a play is made at the base or be called out at the umpire's discretion. A warning may be given for the first offense.
- Maximum of 1 base on an infield hit for batter & runners, and 1 extra base for an over-throw to any base.
- Outfield hits - Batter and runners may take as many bases as they wish, and are frozen when ball is controlled by the pitcher with one foot on the dirt of the pitcher's mound.
- Runners past half-way get the next base, if not, return to previous base.

### Fielding:

- Only 6 infielders at traditional positions. All other players must be in the outfield grass.
- Pitching position must start with his foot in circle even with or behind rubber.
- Infielders may be no closer to the plate than the rubber is to the plate (45 feet).
- Dead ball once the ball has been returned to pitcher with one foot in the circle.
- If coach touches base runner to assist them, runner is out.
- Only two coaches on the field at any time on offense (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) or defense (right-center and left-center).

### General Game Information:

- Games start at 6:00pm.
- 6 innings, all Pitching Machine.
- 1 hour 45-minute time limit starting at the first pitch (check your watch).
- If tied after 1:45, game ends in tie.
- 7 runs per inning limit - except the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (no limit).
- 10 Run Mercy Rule after 4 innings.
- The scoreboard should be shut off and the rest of the game played until 6 innings are over or the time limit is reached at the discretion of the losing coach.
- Players who show up late must be placed at the end of the batting order.

### Weather Shortened Games:

- If lightning, 30-minute delay.
- Games are complete after 4 innings or 3 ½ if home team is winning if weather ends a game early.