

Friendship Rules 7/8 Year old Division

- 10 players in the field, including 4 outfielders
- Running batting order
- No bunting
- No stealing
- No infield fly rule
- Use the 8 year old division rules for overthrow advancement - OVERTHROW FROM THE FIELD WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE BASE ADVANCEMENT. IF A PLAY IS ATTEMPTED ON THE ADVANCE AND IT IS OVERTHROWN AGAIN, THE PLAY IS DEAD AND RUNNERS DO NOT ADVANCE FURTHER
- 6 inning game
- 5 run mercy rule in effect except for the 6th inning.
- No “run rule” – play the entire game.
- Independent umpire calls balls/strikes/outs
- Use RIF ball (level 5)
- Players pitch the odd numbered innings (1, 3, and 5)
- Coaches of the offensive team will pitch the even numbered innings (2, 4, and 6) to their batters. In these innings, the defense will station a pitcher near the coach pitcher. Coaches cannot field the ball.
- Players may pitch a maximum of 1 inning or maximum pitch count, whichever comes first
- A player is required to play the defensive position of pitcher, even when a coach is used to pitch
- Whenever a coach is used to pitch, the batter must either strike out or put the ball in play (no walks)
- All pitchers must pitch from 46 feet, regardless of ability. When a coach is pitching, the player who is fielding that position cannot be in front of the coach (ie; they must be at the side or behind).
- Maximum pitch count is 50 pitches with prescribed rest as follows:
 - If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed
 - If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed
 - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar rest is required
- Up to 3 walks per inning OR 2 HBP per inning per pitcher. After 3 walks or 2HBP, another child must be brought in to pitch the rest of the inning whereby the count of walks and HBP will be reset.
 - Example – child walks two and hits a third player during the inning. He will continue to pitch until a third batter walks or a second player is hit.
- Contact district1summer@gmail.com with questions or concerns