

ANGOLA KID'S LEAGUE 2021 ROOKIE BOYS LEAGUE RULES

1. Age: 7 & 8 year old boys.

The pitching machine concept will continue to be used. The way a game is played is structured to keep more players involved with baseball. We hope this concept will help the players learn more about the sport and feel like they are in actual game situations.

2. Player Roster: A 12-man roster (when possible) will be used.

All players will be in the batting order. A game can be played with as few as 7 players.

- A. A fourth outfielder and fifth infielder will be placed on the field defensively.
- B. A player is placed on either side of the pitching machine assuming the defensive position of the pitcher. The player(s) in this position must have both feet inside the pitching circle until the ball crosses the plate. PENALTY shall be the pitch is called a No-Pitch.
- C. The catcher takes his normal position.
- D. All four outfielders must be on the outfield grass.
- E. All batters must wear batting helmet with approved face guard.

This now means 11 players have been placed on the field defensively. The extra 12th player is in the batting order and will be placed in the field defensively after the first inning. With each new inning the team coach must rotate the extra player in the field and a new player sits on the bench for the next half inning. No player is permitted to sit on the bench more than half an inning unless a special situation warrants such (injury or illness). At this level it is important players actively participate every moment and not waste time sitting on the bench growing bored.

3. Game Length: Six innings or one hour and thirty minutes. No new inning will start after the time limit. If the game is tied it will remain tied. Standings will be based on a point system. Two points will be awarded for a win and one point will be awarded to each team with a tie. If two teams have the same point total at the end of the season the tie will be broken by the results of their head-to-head meeting. In the unlikely event the two teams still remain tied, the total number of runs scored for the season will be determining factor and after that a coin toss.

4. Field Dimension: Standard youth base lengths of 60 feet; the pitching machine will be set at 40 feet.

5. Umpires: Only one umpire is necessary since calling of balls and strikes is eliminated. The umpire will be positioned behind the catcher. A 3rd coach or parent volunteer will feed the pitching machine this person must have a background check. The person feeding the machine must be quiet during the play. A scorekeeper will be used to help keep track of the batting order and the score. This will enable us to be able to keep track of the standings.

6. Playing Rules: Normal youth baseball rules will apply with the following exceptions:

- A. Absolutely no stealing of any base.
- B. Each batter will receive a maximum of five pitches. If the ball has not been hit into fair territory, the batter will then be called out. However, if the batter hits a foul ball on the last pitch they shall not be out unless the ball is caught.
- C. Five runs per inning will be allowed to score.
- D. Infield Fly Rule will not be used.
- E. On an infield hit where the ball does not reach the outfield grass the batter and base runner(s) shall be permitted to advance only 1 base. When the batted ball reaches the outfield grass, once the ball hits the infield dirt on the throw in, the runner is forced to stop at the next base touched but may still be thrown out on the throw.
- F. If a batted ball makes contact with the pitching machine or sandbags it is considered a dead ball and the batter will be awarded 1 base. Any base runner (s) that is forced to advance by the batter being awarded a base shall advance 1 base.

7. Schedule: The Board shall supply the game schedule to all coaches prior to the start of the season.

- A. Home team is listed first on the schedule.
- B. All rained out games will be rescheduled by the Board depending upon availability of the field.

*******PARENTS AND COACHES*******

It is imperative that you as parents and coaches remember this is still a game for the kids to have fun and learn about the sport. We hope all adults will act like adults and will adhere to all the rules of baseball and maintain a low key and a relaxed atmosphere. Let the kids have fun and just play the game.

COACHES: SHIRT SIZES ARE ON YOUR ROSTER PLEASE MAKE SURE KIDS GET THE SIZE OF SHIRT THEY ORDERED.