

**Riverside-Bradford Baseball League
RB13 Division Rules**

1. The pitching distance is 50 feet. The base path distances are 70 feet. Regular season games will be 7 innings in length (no extra innings), base runners may lead at their own peril and big barrel (2-3/4 inch diameter) bats are allowed.

2. A balk will be called for an illegal pitch. The umpire will use his/her own discretion. The umpire will issue one warning per pitcher, per game. If a warning is issued, a coach may take an immediate trip to the mound to instruct the pitcher and will not be charged with a trip to the mound.

3. Play will continue on a dropped third strike and the batter may advance if first base is unoccupied and there are fewer than two outs.

4. A team may play the game with 8 players, but the other team will play nine in the field. No player can sit on the bench more than two innings (free substitution). Note; if a manager knows in advance the team will be shorthanded, he may contact the commissioner to add an eligible player from the next lower division. If a player is added from a lower division for a particular game, that player cannot pitch in that game.

5. All available players will bat in the game in a continuous order. The order may be changed from game to game.

6. A batter will not square to bunt, straighten up and swing away. This is considered slash bunting and, due to safety concerns for the fielders, is not allowed.

7. Catchers and fielders cannot block a base. The runner must have access to the base. Fielder's interference will be called at the umpire's discretion.

8. The infield fly rule will be enforced.

9. When a game is cancelled, the head coaches have two weeks to play the game during the home team's practice time. The home teams' coach will initiate this process and contact the umpire-in-chief of the makeup date and time. If agreement cannot be reached, the commissioner and umpire-in-chief will be consulted. If the game cannot be made up, both teams take a loss. If it can be shown that one coach would not cooperate, that team will take a loss and the other team a win.

10. A mercy rule will be adhered to only in the regular season. If after five (5) innings, four and one half (4 ½) innings, if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of twelve (12) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If the visiting team has a lead of twelve (12) runs or more, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.

11. Umpires make final determination on ALL RULES. Little League Junior Division Baseball rules prevail on any situation not covered above.