

**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. **Balks will be called. 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. **On an uncaught third strike with no runner on first base, or with two outs, the batter immediately becomes a runner and can advance to first base with liability to be put out. If, at the time of the strike three pitch, first base is occupied with fewer than two outs, the batter is out and does not become a runner, and all runners on base can advance at their own risk. A batter who does not realize his situation and is not in the process of running to first base will be declared out once he leaves the dirt circle surrounding home plate.**
4. A team may play the game with 8 players, but the other team will play nine in the field. **While a team is playing with 8 players, the ninth position in the batting order will be an “automatic out”. The automatic out shall not apply if both teams only have 8 players. If a team has 8 players to start a game and a 9th player arrives late for the game, the late player will take the 9th spot in that team’s batting order and there will no longer be an automatic out.** 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. 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.
7. The infield fly rule will be enforced.
8. 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.
9. Umpires make final determination on ALL RULES. Little League Junior Division Baseball rules prevail on any situation not covered above.