

Bantam Division Rules

Ball Size- An 11 Inch Ball will be used.

Pitching- The Pitching Distance will be 35 feet. A Pitcher can pitch for two consecutive innings per game (they do not need to be consecutive). They may pitch a third inning after 2 other innings have been pitched. Purpose of this rule is not to hinder teams, rather to encourage the development of more Pitchers.

Catching- All catchers must rotate every inning. Catcher may not catch consecutive innings. No pulling Catcher unless injured.

Fielders- Must Rotate Players (Infield/Outfield)(Outfielders) Four Outfielders will be used. All Outfielders must be positioned in the grass, unless on Diamond #1 and #12. They may be positioned 2 steps (approx. 5ft.) in from the grass but must be positioned behind infielders.

Courtesy Runner- The Bantam Division will use a modified courtesy runner rule. The courtesy runner for the Pitcher and Catcher will be the previously available Batter not on base, if it is not the Pitcher or Catcher.

Dropped Third Strike- NOT in effect. The Batter will be declared out after third strike.

Base on Balls- After a Batter receives four balls, no base will be taken. They will then receive 3 Coach pitches. The Umpire will not call Balls or Strikes when the Coach pitches, rather, the Umpire will only count 3 pitches after which the batter will be considered out if she does not hit. If the player is hit by a coach pitched ball, she will NOT be allowed to advance to first base. The pitch will count as one of the coach pitches. The Umpire will simply declare it a dead ball.

Stealing- The Bantam Division will use modified Stealing Rules. Home plate IS available to steal. Runners may steal 1 base PER PITCH. (~~If~~ the Defense tries to make a play, the ball is then **LIVE** and the Batter/Runner may steal until she is either put out or an attempt is made to get the ball to the pitcher, {even home plate.}) They may be put out in between bases. If they advance beyond the 1 base per pitch, they will be returned to the correct base after the Pitcher gets the ball back from the Catcher. During Coach Pitch, the players are not allowed to steal.