

9U Rules

1. All Major League Rules and USSSA Rules/Bylaws apply except for base stealing are in effect.
 2. Bases will be set at 65 feet, mound at 46 feet outside (45 feet for indoor games)
 3. There will be a 10 foot line placed past 1st, 2nd, and 3rd bases.
 4. The runner may take a lead but may not cross the 10 foot line until the pitched ball either crosses home plate or is put into play. The runner is not required to be stationary at any time, but he shall not cross the line prior to the pitch crossing the plate or being put into play, and he shall not get a running head start.
 5. The runner will be allowed to steal after the ball crosses the plate. **Runners not allowed to steal in indoor games.**
 6. If the runner crosses the 10' line or gets a RUNNING START in an attempt to steal BEFORE the ball crosses the plate or is put into play it is a delayed dead ball. At the conclusion of the play, time will be called, and the runner will be declared OUT.
 7. All other runners may advance at their own risk during the play. **(Not in indoor games)**
 8. If the pitcher attempts a pick-off, the runner may advance at his own risk. **(Not in indoor games)**
- NOTE: The purpose of the 9u Modified Stealing rule is to help the young pitcher gain confidence in attempting to hold runners on base and the runner getting used to getting his leads
9. In both outdoor and indoor play, the batter is declared out on all strike three scenarios, whether the pitch is caught or not (no dropped 3rd strike 3's). The batter is declared out on strike, the ball remains live, and all other runners may advance at their own risk. **For indoor games, runners can advance to 2nd and 3rd base if a balls gets past the catcher and goes into the netting. They cannot advance home if the ball goes into the netting. If a catcher blocks the ball and it stays in front of the catcher, runners cannot advance to the next base.**
 10. Can have 10 fielders in the field. 4 outfielders... **(8 fielders in indoor league)**
 11. All players suited must bat but coaches can play whoever they'd like defensively.
 12. Outdoor pitching rules: Pitchers are allowed 4 innings maximum per tournament - 1 pitch = 1 inning. **Indoor pitching rules - 2 innings max per game - 1 pitch = 1 inning**

9U – Pitching — Balk rule is in effect. Balks will be called in 9U but we will be very lenient with it, especially in the indoor season games. Coming to a complete set position for at least 1 full second will be the most critical thing for the young pitchers to understand.

90 Minute Time Limit outdoor games or 6 innings.

75 minute Time Limit indoor games or 5 innings.

Run rules - Max of 10 runs per inning (No Max of runs in last two innings)

20 after 2 inning

15 after 3 innings

12 after 4 innings

8 after 5 innings