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**RUNYON SPORTS COMPLEX COMMISSION**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**6-14 Yr Old League Play**  
(Revised for 2019 Season)

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Runyon Sports Complex Commission

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**1.0 GENERAL RULES**

- 1.01 IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDING RULES** League Directors, Managers, Coaches and Umpires are, by Runyon Sports Complex Commission Regulation (hereafter referred to as RSCC), under the jurisdiction of and accountable to the Board of Directors. Failure to comply with the RSCC Baseball Rules, the rules and regulations specified herein, or to twist or stretch rules and regulations in a manner not in the best interest of youth instruction and development will not be allowed.
- 1.02 APPLICABILITY** Standing rules are applicable to 6 through 14-year-old league play. High School, AABC, and American Legion and Tournament play are subject to rules as designated by each organization.
- 1.03 AUTHORITY** Standing rules will be authorized by the Board of Directors for each playing year. The cover sheet will be signed by the General Manager of the RSCC, attesting to the approval by the Board of Directors.
- 1.04 CHANGES** Rules will be reviewed yearly by the General Manager and consider changes presented by the baseball population at large.
- 1.05 PUBLICATION** After approval, the General Manager of the RSCC will provide a copy of the rules to be placed on the Runyon website at runyonfield.info for all to view.
- 1.06 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** It is incumbent upon the Board of Directors and persons participating in the activities of Pueblo Youth Baseball to insure that no financial assistance be made

to any member team by RSCC Commission that would tend to give one team an advantage over another. **No State Tournament entry fees will be given to youth teams.**

- 1.07 **EXTRAORDINARY PROVISION RULE** The RSCC recognizes that there may be extraordinary circumstances where these rules will not resolve all possible problems. In those cases, the aggrieved person shall take his concern up with the Runyon Sports Complex General Manager, and thereafter follow the approved RSCC policy for due process including taking concerns to the Board of Directors.

## 2.0 **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**

- 2.01 **ELIGIBILITY** Participation fee requirements will be determined by the RSCC and will be included in their registration notice. No applicant will be refused because of inability to pay membership; however, each player is expected to take part in league fee waiver program. Special arrangements for partial payments will be made, on an individual basis.
- 2.02 **PLAYER REGISTRATION** It is the obligation of RSCC to give each youth who indicates a desire to become a member of an affiliated team a registration application. Players are encouraged to find a team and register as part of that team; however, players that do not have a team will be placed on a team by RSCC if a team is available.
- 2.03 **LATE APPLICANTS**  
(a) Players who do not register to play with a team will be placed in a waiting file. Coaches may ask for players who will be assigned (if possible) according to zip code and in the order their forms were received. **Players will only be placed on National League teams unless asked by an American League Team.**  
(b) Manager(s) may replace a team member when lost due to injury or other unforeseen problems. See 4.00 General Procedures.
- 2.04 **INELIGIBLE PLAYER** Use of any ineligible player will result in forfeits of *ALL* games player participated in.

## 3.0 **TEAM ORGANIZATION**

Teams are formed by coaches and registered as a team or individuals may register to be placed on a team. Coaches needing players may pick up players who are available from RSCC. **Players may register in the division of their choice but will only be placed in the National Division unless requested by a coach from another Division. Players must stay in the division they are placed in for the entire season and may play on ONLY ONE TEAM.**

## 4.0 **GENERAL PROCEDURES**

- 4.01 Once a Coach turns in the league roster form to the Runyon Field office, the player will not be allowed to change teams **that season unless the Runyon directors see that it necessary for the good of the child in question due to extenuating circumstances.**
- 4.02 **Birth certificate copy must be turned in with player registration.** Any player found to be too old for the division in which they are registered will be released by that team. They are not eligible to join another team in the same year. Players are not allowed to change teams in the same year unless rule 4.01 applies. **Medical information forms are part of the player contract and are available in the RSCC office. Hospital Certificates are not acceptable as birth certificates.**

Coaches needing replacement players contact office for player file.

## **5.0 PRE-SEASON TRAINING AND PRACTICE**

- 5.01** The League will conduct training sessions for Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Scorekeepers. Each are expected to attend these. Coaches at the higher levels will have to attend minimum of 5 coaching sessions.
- 5.02** Coaches set their own practice schedules, outside tournaments, etc. No practicing on Runyon Sports Complex fields without permission from the General Manager or League Director. All coaches must schedule a parent meeting to cover all aspects of their season so that an understanding is reached regarding procedures and expectations. Each coach should have this in writing and signed by the player's parents.

## **6.0 GENERAL PLAYING RULES**

- 6.01** Playing fields will be marked in accordance with the RSCC rulebook. See individual age division rules and specs.
- 6.02** Prior to start of game, umpire will give starting time to official scorekeeper (home team) who will record in the Runyon Field official scorebook located in the press boxes **and record the time on the game scorecards along with the number of pitches pitched by pitchers being used in the game that threw earlier in the week or the previous four days.**
- 6.03** All players will notify the scorekeepers by name and number as they approach the plate when substituting **in tournament play.**
- 6.04** Runyon Field official scorebooks are to remain in the press boxes. Players, scores, time limits, **pitches pitched** or any other challenges will be verified through the Runyon Field official scorebook.
- 6.05** One or more adults must be available as Manager or Coach at all practices or games. An adult must remain in the dugout at all times during a game; this shall be at the discretion of the Umpire. **No more than four coaches shall be in the dugout during a game.** Manager, Coaches and/or players may occupy both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach's boxes provided an adult remains in the dugout. No children other than uniformed team players will be allowed in the dugout or on the field. **All coaches will have to complete background checks prior to the start of the season as well as attend coaching clinics.**
- 6.06** Substitution – Minimum playing rule.
- (a) Free player substitution.
- (b) Defense: All players **shall play at least 6 defensive outs,** out of the first 12 defensive outs.
- (c) Offense: All teams **shall bat their complete roster** throughout the game in all Divisions. Any player who is injured or ill and cannot fulfill his turn at bat is out of the game. If injured or ill while base running then the last out shall take his place in the game. **Teams are to use a continuous lineup where the batter making the last plate appearance of a game is the last hitter in the next game. E.g., 8-hole hitter makes the last out at the plate. The 9-hole hitter should lead off the next game and so on. This only applies to Runyon league games.**
- 6.07** Pitching definitions – also see the individual Divisions/Leagues.
- (a) Rest in calendar days (calendar day – an arrangement of time into days – today is June 2<sup>nd</sup>, tomorrow is the 3<sup>rd</sup> – one calendar day is the 2<sup>nd</sup>, another calendar day is the 3<sup>rd</sup>). **There is no hourly breakdown.**

(b) Calendar week is Monday through Sunday.

(c) One pitch constitutes an appearance. **Innings are divided into thirds in tournament play.**

(d) Pitching over-ride definition (suspended game): pitching rules will be in effect for the week the game was suspended, not the week the game is played. NOTE: the above rule does not include rescheduled games.

(e) A **starting** pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher once as long as he has not exceeded his max number of allowed pitches.

**6.08** Time Limits will be in effect for all games. Refer to 8.06. If an inning has started, the full inning will be completed. If full inning has not been completed within time slot, **the game reverts back to the last full inning played where the home team had their turn at bat or was leading at the half inning during league play.**

**6.09** All players must be attired in full uniform **and equipped properly (protective gear)**

(a) Player out of uniform will not be allowed on field.

(b) When RSCC teams enter State Tournaments or any paid entry (into any tournament) they shall be in full uniform as stated in 6.09(a).

(c) Shirts shall be tucked in and hats worn properly (bill of hat in front of head).

**6.10** Tiebreakers related to league championship or tournament entry:

**(a) If a league tournament is held, brackets will be decided by league records in all divisions.**

**(b) Record and head to head play and runs against, if needed, will be used to determine league tournament seeding.**

**(c) If tie remains, a flip of the coin will determine the higher seed.**

**6.11** Definition of suspended game - **A game that has not had the full amount of playing time, or number of innings to declare a complete game, for their age division and the score is tied.** Games will be completed from point of suspension time ***if time and scheduling permits.***

**6.12** Any team unable to field sufficient players to begin game within 10 minutes of starting time will forfeit at field director's discretion. **(Undo circumstances, e.g., an accident)**

**6.13** Coaching visits to the mound are limited to **one minute.** Violations of this rule may result in the umpire asking for a change in pitchers. **Coach entering playing field 3<sup>rd</sup> time will result in pitching change.**

**6.14** Any failure by a coach to rotate defensive players according to the rules will result in a forfeit of that game. The Runyon Field official scorebook is used as a source of information and final decision made by field director. Coaches may be suspended for such activity if the League Director sees this happen.

## **7.0 PRE-GAME PREPARATION**

**7.01** Teams may take infield only if time permits. When time is running short between games, infield will **not be allowed if it would cause the next game to start late.** **It will be the Umpires duty to get**

**games started on time and should communicate with the coaches involved at the conclusion of the preceding game.**

7.02 Third Base dugout shall be Home Team – First base dugout shall be Visitor team. Home Team will be second team listed on the schedule. (Ex. Yankees @ Dodgers) Dodgers are the home team.

## **8.0 PRE-GAME REQUIREMENTS**

- 8.01 Line-up sheets shall be presented 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time to the Official Scorekeeper. The sheet will include the player's ***full name***, number, and innings pitched during the preceding seven days, and the dates hereof. **It will be the official scorekeeper's job to fill out the scorecard with this information which will be signed by both coaches at the conclusion of the game.**
- 8.02 A coach may keep a player out of the game for disciplinary reasons provided notification is given before the start of the game to the Official Scorekeeper, umpire and opposing team manager.
- 8.03 Absentees/Late players must be reported on the line-up sheet and recorded in the scorebook whether they are there or not. If they show up late the scorekeeper, umpire and opposing coach must be notified.
- 8.04 The Managers and Umpires shall verify that the Official Scorekeeper is in attendance and possesses the Official Score Book and line-up sheets before the start of any game. The home team scorekeeper shall be the Official Scorekeeper unless the league provides an Official Scorekeeper. Announcers and scorekeepers must be provided by the home team. Visiting scorekeeper may sit beside and with the home scorekeeper to help keep track of score and validate pitch counts.
- 8.05 The Runyon Field scorebook shall be the Official Score Book **and the scorecard shall reflect the game score, pitchers, number of pitches, umpires and coaches' signatures.**
- 8.06 The Official League starting time will be held to and Time Limit supercedes all other rules. 2<sup>nd</sup> game will start immediately following first game with infield not to interfere with the starting time of that game. All games are officially over at 9:55 P.M., unless suspended. No new inning may start after 9:45 P.M. TIME LIMIT supercedes all other rules. FULL DAY TIME LIMITS: Games are over at the end of the time limit unless suspended, including the last game of the day. A game called because of time limit becomes official game unless suspended. Scorekeeper must record starting time (Plate Umpire gives the official starting time) they shall also record suspended time in official scorebook (see 6.12 for definition of suspended game).
- 8.07 **SCHEDULE CHANGES** All changes must be cleared by RSCC League Director only. Rescheduled game will be played only if time permits.
- 8.08 **Postponed** Games as outlined by RSCC rules shall be rescheduled in a reasonable amount of time. All **postponed** games will be rescheduled up through the last day of the regular season or if time permits the week following the leagues conclusion. (See 6.11 suspended games).
- 8.09 The home team coach shall notify the League Director of the suspension within 24 hours of the **suspended game.**
- 8.10 The League Director will assign a time for the commencement of the game.
- 8.11 The Home Team coach shall immediately notify the opposing team manager of time and date. A coach that does not call his team shall forfeit.
- 8.12 **The League Director will assign all make up games according to the open dates and blackout dates that the head coach has turned in for scheduling.**

## **9.0 FIELD DECORUM**

- 9.01** Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents, Spectators, and Fans will not degrade, use profanity, encourage degrading, threatening or in any way verbally or physically abusing any RSCC League team or participant. If Umpire shortcomings are detected, these problems shall be brought to the attention of the League Director and RSCC Manager. Failure to comply with the intent of this local regulation will automatically result in suspension from the next schedule game (**Applies to Manager/Coaches, parents and Players**). The Runyon Sports Complex has adopted a **ZERO TOLLERARANCE RULE FOR ANY UNSPORSTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR**. If a Player, Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach OR FAM is ejected from any two (2) games during a season, he will be ineligible to play, coach or observe for the rest of that season in RSCC leagues or tournaments (Umpire/Director has discretion to call the game if he feels that the overall conduct of either team, manager, assistant coach or fan is not conducive to RSCC play). One team representative from each team has the right to appeal to the RSCC general manager within 24 hours.
- 9.02** Violent physical action such as deliberate interference with fielders, shoulder blocking of catchers, throwing or threatening to throw any object or substance at batters, or unnecessarily hard tags will neither be taught nor tolerated and umpires or field directors will be instructed to remove unsportsmanlike Players, Managers, Coaches and Parents.
- 9.03** No Manager, Coach or Parent is permitted to stand behind the backstop during a game, coaching must be from inside the dugout. It shall be at the discretion of the Umpire as to the fact that the Manager, Coaches, & Players shall remain in the dugout. Violation may result in that individual being removed from that game and possible game termination. No parents, spectators allowed down fenceline on Corsentino and DiIorio Fields.
- 9.04** After each game, the teams and spectators will pick up all paper around the playing fields, dugouts and bleachers.. Continued permission to use park facilities makes this a vital part of the local program, so let's keep our grounds clean.
- 9.05** No tobacco and/or alcohol should be used in or about the dugout or on the playing field.
- 9.06** There shall be NO team practices on Runyon Field, except with RSCC Manager or Director's approval.
- 9.07** Violation of the field decorum rules may result in suspension or expulsion from the RSCC League, following review of the RSCC General Manager and League Director.

## **10.0 SAFETY RULES**

The following safety rules will be enforced during all practice sessions and games (as applicable).

- 10.01** **Medical information should be available on the Active One Website.**
- 10.02** All catchers and catcher candidates shall/must wear a cup type athletic supporter. All male players must wear cup type athletic supporter and wear a one (1) piece catchers helmet with full gear. Failure to comply within 5 minutes of game will result in forfeit.
- 10.03** All players who warm up or train pitchers will wear a catcher's mask and cup type athletic supporter.
- 10.04** Only tennis shoes and non-metal cleated baseball (soccer) shoes will be allowed during practice and games. Note: NO metal cleats shall be worn, until players reach 13 years of age.
- 10.05** An approved batter's helmet must be worn by all batters, base runners, on-deck batters and player base coaches. (this includes practice and batting cages).

- 10.06** All Managers should have a clean towel and general-purpose first aid items, including protective glove at practice sessions and games.
- 10.07** Fooling around, clowning, fence climbing, etc., by players will not be permitted.
- 10.08** During sliding practice, bases should **not** be tied down. Spikes should not be used.
- 10.09** Base coaches should not cut across the playing field to reach their coaching boxes.
- 10.10** No soft-toss anywhere around the game area (backstop or enclosure fencing).
- 10.11** In the event there should be an injury to any RSC player, **the Runyon Director on duty should be contacted and call 911 to reach the Pueblo Paramedics (Fire Department)**. The **Team** Manager or Coach will remain in charge of emergency treatment until the injured person is under his parent and/or doctor's care.
- 10.12** In the event of an injury, the RSCC Manager or League Director will be notified as soon as possible. A written report of all accidents shall be made within three (3) days following such accident by the manager/coach. The report shall identify the injured person, his address and phone number, the nature of the injury, the cause of the injury, and describe emergency action taken, including the name of treatment center or doctor.
- 10.13** Only boys and girls enrolled as team players shall be allowed to participate in practice or games.
- 10.14** Safety of the players is the primary concern. On a play at any base it is the runner's obligation to avoid collision, if there is a collision between the offensive and defensive player at any base the runner is out. (Incidental contact that does not interfere with the outcome of the play is not considered flagrant and should not result in an out. **The umpire must use his best judgment**).
- 10.15** When the umpires or field directors have determined that lightning poses a threat to the players and spectators they will immediately call both managers to the scorekeeper's table. The Plate Umpire will announce the exact time play was suspended and remove players and parents from the field and within 5 minutes get everyone inside cars with windows rolled up. Safety of participants takes precedence over the outcome of the game.

## **11.0 VOLUNTEERS**

Adult volunteers are the backbone of the RSCC. Without them a successful program is impossible to achieve.

### **11.01 UMPIRES**

- (a) Umpires are required to wear appropriate uniform approved by RSCC.
- (b) All umpires are required to furnish all personal equipment.

### **SCOREKEEPERS**

- (a) Official Scorekeeper must be provided by the home team and are the official scorekeeper of score and pitch counts. They also run the scoreboard for the said game.

## **12.0 PROTESTS AND FORFEITS**

Refer to 10.01 also.

- 12.01** No protest during league play. **All protests must include a \$100.00 deposit which is non refundable, unless the protest is upheld in favor of protesting team. Protest committee will be the umpires and RSCC Manager and League Director.**
- 12.02** Any violation of RSCC pitching rules shall cause automatic forfeit.
- 12.03** Any player not registered with RSCC may not play. A team who allows a non-registered player to play shall forfeit that game(s) and the coach will have sanctions taken against him.

### **13.0 PLAYER CONTRACT**

The team roster is an ongoing commitment binding both player and Manager. Parent signature on RSCC roster is considered the player contract. Rosters are frozen and players cannot switch teams after contracts are signed and turned in. This applies to the current season only. (See exception section 4.01)

- 13.01** Player contract is void in the second year if either Manager or Player:
- (a) Does not participate in second year in the same League Division. (Example – Manager moves up to older division, younger player remaining behind is free to get placed on another team.)
  - (b) Manager elects to terminate a player.
  - (c) Player elects to terminate his position on a team.
  - (d) Those cases that either do not fall within the above categories, or are deemed “Special Cases”, will be discussed and decided upon by General Manager and League Director.

## **15.00 POST GAME FIELD PREPARATION**

### **APPENDIX I**

#### **American (Live Pitch) and National Divisions (Coach Pitch)** **(6, 7 and 8 year olds)**

- Players:** All youth RSCC Baseball players ages 6, 7 & 8, as of midnight April 30 are eligible. Players turning 9 before **May 1** must move up to 10 & Under. **Any player turning 9 before May 1<sup>st</sup> that is still in the class-grade with 8 year olds will be allowed to participate in this division. See USSSA Ruling.**
- Teams:** All teams can carry up to a 14-player roster **and a minimum of 11 players.** If players are needed to fill your roster see the G.M. or League Director.
- Playing Fields:** All games are played on Corsentino Field or the new field.  
Distance between bases – **65 feet.**  
Pitching Distance – 40 feet  
Pitching mound – Level.
- Equipment:** Wood bats or composite wood bats are used exclusively. Runyon approved baseballs used in this league only.
- Playing Rules:** Minimum playing time – 6 of first 12 defensive outs. Then free defensive substitution.  
Batting – Rotation of all players. All players must bat in order. Fielding positions will be rotated by the coach in the same manner.  
**National Division** - Maximum 6 pitches per batter or 3 swinging strikes. There will be no called strikes. On 6<sup>th</sup> pitch batter will be out, unless foul ball or hit in play.

No running on dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.

No bunting.

No walks in National Division.

Umpire may call no pitch.

Base running – No leads off base. No stealing.

American Division Live Pitch allows runners to leave base after the ball has crossed home plate.

No runners may score on a passed ball or wild pitch.

No infield fly rule.

No metal cleats (See safety rules section 11.00)

**Pitching Rules:** A limit of 60 pitches on any one outing and for the week

**8 & Under** 20-29 Pitches = 1 day rest, 30-44 pitches = 2 days rest, 45-60 pitches = 3 days rest  
(Our philosophy is to develop more pitchers.)

**Number of  
Players:**

Teams may start and play with 8 players. In the event a game is being played with 8 players, and a player is seriously injured during the game, the team shall be allowed to finish the game with 7 players.

Teams playing with **8 players**, take an automatic out for the **9<sup>th</sup> batter** and two out if they are only using **seven players**.

Maximum of 10 players plus one manager/coach will be allowed on the defensive field (4 outfielders). All four outfielders must be positioned in outfield as the ball crosses the plate.

Teams playing with 8 players, must take an automatic out for the player who left the game injured when his turn to bat comes around.

**Coach may be on the field to help players understand playing situation and rules. Do not delay game.**

Substitute runner may and should be used for the catcher to help speed up the game. This should be the player that made the last out before the catcher hits.

**Game Length:** Five innings unless extra innings are needed to reach a decision within the time slot. Starting time: refer to 8.06.

8-run rule after four innings. (Teams will continue to play until the time limit is up.) Umpires will remain on the field. **Maximum seven runs per inning or three outs.** (No continuation of runners)

**Official game is after four innings, or one hour 15 minutes playing time (1½ hour time slots).**

**Half way through the season if teams agree, and have cleared it through the League Director or General Manager, kids may pitch and play live pitch to prepare themselves for 10-and-under play.**

## APPENDIX II

**Divisions of Play:** There are 3 divisions of play. **American DI, American and National.** All divisions play regular baseball with the exception of the 8 & Under and the 10 & Under National Division. American D-I teams and coaches must qualify to play in this division and

### American D-I, American & National League (9 & 10 year old division)

**Players:** All youth RSCC Baseball players ages 9 & 10 as of midnight April 30 are eligible. Players turning 11 before May 1 must move up. **Any player turning 11 before May 1<sup>st</sup> that is still in the class-grade with 10 year olds will be allowed to participate in this division. See USSSA Ruling.**

**Teams:** Teams can carry a 13-man roster and a minimum of 11 players. **All team members are encouraged to be of the same age, either all 9's or all 10's.**

Pitching Rule: (refer to 6.07)

Batting – Rotation of all players. All players must bat in order. Maximum seven runs per inning or three outs.

**Playing Field:** All games are played on Corsentino Field or Galarraga Field.  
Pitching mound (4 inch rise) with rubber set at 46 feet. Bases are 65 feet. Fences are 200 feet.

**Equipment:** Wood bats or composite wood bats are used exclusively. Runyon Filed approved balls only.

#### American D-I League Only

Coaches and Teams must qualify for this division of play. There will be a limited amount.  
Regular baseball is played.

#### American II League Only

Players may lead off and steal.

Bunting permitted.

**Balks are called as a warning until midway through the season and then enforced after a warning.**

Runner may run on dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.

#### National League Only

No running on dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.

No leading off base or base stealing.

Runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> may not score on a wild pitch or passed ball.

No bunting allowed.

No balks will be called.

**Runners may not advance on *any* passed ball or wild pitch until the month of June. Umpires may let pitchers move up a few feet from the 46' rubber so that more strikes might be thrown. Coaches may request this as well.**

**Pitching Rules:** A limit of 60 pitches on any one outing.

**10 & Under** 20-29 Pitches = 1 day rest, 30-44 pitches = 2 days rest, 45-59 pitches = 3 days rest, 75 max in any calendar week. Automatic forfeit of game for violations of this rule. (Our philosophy is to develop more pitchers.)

**Playing Rules:** Number of players: Teams may start and play with 8 players. In the event a game is being played with 8 players, and a player is seriously injured during the game, the team shall be allowed to finish the game with 7 players.

Teams playing with 8 players, take an automatic out for the 9<sup>th</sup> batter.

Teams playing with 7 players, take another automatic out for the player who left the game injured.

No metal cleats allowed. (See safety rules section 11.00)

**Game Length:** Six innings unless extra innings are needed to reach a decision **within the time slot.**

Starting time: Refer to 8.06.

Suspended game shall be played at later date, with pitching rule over-ride, 6.07 (e).

**An official game must play at least four innings or time slot, 1 hour and 30 minutes of playing time with 2-hour time slots. No new inning starts after 1 hour and 30 minutes unless game is tied. The game is over when the time slot ends and will revert back to the last full inning played.**

8-run rule after four innings. Teams will continue to play until time limit is up. Umpires will remain on the field. Maximum seven runs per inning or three outs. **No runs count after the 7<sup>th</sup> run in any inning.**

Teams will play out the remaining time if game becomes official, if agreed upon by coaches. **Umpires must stay and umpire for duration of the time the teams play within the time limit.**

### **APPENDIX III**

#### **American D-I, American & National League** **11 and 12 year old Division**

**Players:** All youth RSCC Baseball players ages 11 & 12 as of midnight April 30 are eligible. Players turning 13 years old before May 1 must move up, ***no exceptions.*** 12-and-under players **are** allowed to play up to 14-and-under. Once a player has moved up an age group he must stay up for the duration of that season. **Any player turning 13 before May 1<sup>st</sup> that is still in the class-grade with 12 year olds will be allowed to participate in this division. See USSSA Ruling.**

**Teams:** **Teams can carry a 13-man roster and a minimum of 11 players. All team members are encouraged to be of the same age, either all 11's or all 12's.**

**Playing Field:** **Both American and National League will play with 70' bases.** Pitching mound (6 inch rise) with rubber set at 50 ft 6 inches.

**Equipment:** Wood bats or composite wood bats are used exclusively. Runyon Field approved balls only.

**Playing Rules:** Minimum playing time – 6 of the first 12 defensive outs. Then free defensive substitution.

**Rules:** Batting – refer to rule 6.06 (c) All players must bat in order.

**Pitching rules:** **75 pitches is the max pitched in a day.**

**12 & Under** 20-29 Pitches = 1 day rest, 30-44 pitches = 2 days rest, 45-59 pitches = 3 days rest, 60-75 pitches = 4 days rest, 75 pitch max in any calendar week. Automatic forfeit of game for violations of this rule

1. Balks – American League will enforce balks at all times. **One warning for each pitcher will be allowed.** Warnings will be given the first half of the season in the National League and then they will follow American Division standards.

Number of players: Teams may start and play with 8 players. In the event a game is being played with 8 players, and a player is seriously injured during the game, the team shall be allowed to finish the game with 7 players.

Teams playing with 8 players, take an automatic out for the 9<sup>th</sup> batter.

Teams playing with 7 players, take another automatic out for the player who left the game injured.

No metal cleats allowed. (See safety section 11.00)

**Game Length:** Seven innings unless extra innings are needed to reach a decision **within the time limit.**

Starting time: Refer to 8.06.

**Official game is 5 innings or time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes of playing time. No inning may begin after the 1:45 time limit. If the game is not completed by the 2:00 time limit, the score will revert to that at the end of the last full inning of play.**

Suspended game shall be played at later date, with pitching rule over-ride, 6.07 (e).

8-run rule after five innings. Teams may play until their time limit is up with the umpires remaining on the field. Maximum seven runs per inning or three outs.

Teams will play out the remaining time if game becomes official, if agreed upon by coaches and **umpires must remain on the field to be paid.**

## APPENDIX IV

### American D-I, American & National League (13 Year Old Division) (14 Year Old Division)

**Players:** All youth RSCC Baseball players ages 13 & 14 as of midnight April 30 are eligible. Players turning 15 before May 1 must play in the high school division of Runyon Field. The 14 year old league will begin in early April and will end in late May. All 14 yr old Teams must have **ONLY** 14 year olds on their roster. 14U league, incoming high school players may try out for their respective high school teams at the conclusion of

this league. The 13 year old league will begin in April and will end in mid to late June. **Any player turning 15 before May 1<sup>st</sup> that is still in the class-grade (8<sup>th</sup>) with 14 year olds will be allowed to participate in this division. See USSSA Ruling.**

## Teams

**Rosters:** Teams can carry up to a 13-man roster and a minimum of 11 players on their roster. **All team members must be of the same age, either all 13's or all 14's. If a player rosters himself on a roster that is not his own age he stands a chance that his team will be competing in competition that does not include his age group. Ex. 13 yr old is the only one on a 14U team. When the 14 yr olds are done in late May the 13 yr old will have no where to go.**

**Playing Field:** Games are played on the DiIorio Field and some games could be played on the Andenucio Field. Bases are set at 80 feet. Pitching mound (8 inch rise) with rubber set at 54 feet.

**Equipment:** Wood bats or composite wood bats are used exclusively. Runyon Field approved balls only.

**Playing Rules:** Minimum playing time – 6 of the first 12 defensive outs. Then free defensive substitution.

Batting – refer to rule 6.06 (c) Bases are set at 80 feet. All players must bat in order. Maximum of seven runs per inning or three outs.

**Pitching rule:** **75 pitches is the max pitched in a day.**

**14 & Under** 20-29 Pitches = 1 day rest, 30-44 pitches = 2 days rest, 45-59 pitches = 3 days rest, 60-75 pitches = 4 days rest, 75 max in any calendar week. Automatic forfeit of game for violations of this rule

Balks will be enforced with a **warning given to each pitcher once. In the event that a pitcher picks someone off base while committing a balk the runner is returned safely with no out. Pitcher is not punished but the 2<sup>nd</sup> violation will result in the runner moving up a base.**

Number of players: Teams may start and play with 8 players. In the event a game is being played with 8 players, and a player is seriously injured during the game, the team shall be allowed to finish the game with 7 players.

Teams playing with 8 players, take an automatic out for the 9<sup>th</sup> batter.

Teams playing with 7 players, take another automatic out for the player who left the game injured.

Metal cleats allowed in 14-and-under division.

**Game Length:** Seven innings unless extra innings are needed to reach a decision **within the time limit.**

Starting time: Refer to 8.06.

**Official game is five innings or time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes of playing time. No inning may begin after the 1:45 time limit, but innings started before the 1:45 time limit will be completed.**

Suspended game shall be played at later date, with pitching rule over-ride, 6.07 (e).

8-run rule after five innings. Teams may play until their time limit is up with the umpires remaining on the field. Maximum seven runs per inning or three outs.

