



**Broomfield - Louisville - North Jefferson Youth Fall Baseball League
Fall Baseball 2009**

Rules and General Game Management

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**Please go over game ground rules with the opposing coach before each game. The Fall League is Instructional please go over these rules and any game variations/decisions before the game. Since there is a mix of teams and age groups, decide ahead of time on base distances, stealing, leading off (mostly for the younger kid pitch teams 8/9 year-olds) and anything else you want to discuss. Let's keep the atmosphere relaxed and in a learning mode. More than likely you will need to change/check pitching and base distances before the game so have a tape measure to do that. The Parks & Rec's Departments may prep the fields once before all games are played, that will be it. We try to schedule games for teams of the same age on the same fields to avoid having to make changes, but sometimes you may need to change the base/pitching rubber distance. BBL Teams all carry their own bases in Broomfield

General Rules for Fall Games:

-Play normal summer rules (JCJBL), with the exception of:

- 1) Each team supplies a new game ball to the umpire at the start of the game (Have a 2nd new ball or good ball in reserve)
- 2) Pitchers can only pitch 2 innings in a game
- 3) Catchers can only catch 3 innings in a game
- 4) No more than 5 runs allowed by a team in any inning. Once you reach 5 runs, switch sides
- 5) No run rules, so play the full 1:45 or 6 innings, 1:30 for Machine Pitch Games
- 6) Be responsible adults, you can keep score but we don't keep standings.
- 7) Go over ground rules before the games and come to an understanding about how you want the game to be played (stealing, leading off for younger teams, etc). Talk it out with the opposing coach and the umpire. Come to an agreement on rules. Some teams are moving into new rules and trying to teach the game plus new rules such as stealing, leading off, etc. There are no big trophies for 1st Place, and you won't accumulate points for tournaments.
- 8) Teams MUST bat their entire lineups, free defensive substitutions: No Exceptions –No penalty if a player is hurt or cannot finish the game—Simply skip that batter in the line-up;
- 9) **Biggest rule: Keep it Lite—Have Fun—Help the Players become better ball players!!**

Here are the distances we will use in the fall:

Age	Pitching	Bases
MP		60'
9's	44'	65'
10's	46'	65'
11/12's	50'	70'
13/14's	54'	80'

Game Time Limits:

- Machine Pitch **1:30** game times
- Kid Pitch 9-14's **1:45** game times max (**Game ends at 1:45, no exceptions**)

-We have limited daylight, so we need to keep the games moving.

Special Rules for Rookie 9-Year Old Teams:

- Leading Off permitted if "agreed" to by coaches
- Dropped 3rd Strikes result in an out
- Most rookie teams at 9 are just experiencing Kid Pitch for the first time
- No stealing home on a passed ball