

Mr. Gatti's Pizza Invitational
9U & 10U Rules
2010

1. Playing an ineligible player will result in forfeiture of the game.
2. If a roster player arrives once the game has started, he/she must be inserted into the lineup in the last spot of the batting order. If a team has fewer than nine (9) players, the ninth place in the batting order is recorded as an out each scheduled at bat. The game is a forfeit when a team is not able to field at least eight (8) players.
3. Fully uniformed players, including socks are required: ie, hats are required to be worn at all times by players while on the field; shirts are to be tucked in at all times; and catcher must wear an athletic supporter.
4. Players, coaches, managers, and bat boys are the only ones allowed in the dugout during a game.
5. Free substitution rules will be used. Any player may be taken out and return to the game at the start of any half inning.
6. Warm-ups for pitchers: Seven (7) for new pitcher, five (5) for returning pitcher.
7. All games are scheduled for six (6) innings; however, A new inning will not be started after the (1) one hour and (45) forty-five minute time limit. The start time of the game will be recorded in the official book at the start of each game. The time is official.
8. All players on the roster will be placed in the batting order and bat throughout the rotation.
9. A base runner must slide to avoid a collision. If a base runner deliberately runs into a fielder, the runner is out, ie, a player who elects not to slide at home with the intent of knocking the catcher over will be called out.
10. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, extra innings will be played.
11. No pitcher will be allowed to pitch in more than 6 innings in any two (2) successive games. For example: 4 innings, 2 innings, 4 innings is acceptable. A pitcher may re-enter the position of pitcher once during the same game, after having previously been removed as pitcher, as long as the pitcher was not removed on a second visit (see rule 12). Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used will be forfeited.
12. If a pitcher delivers one pitch during an inning, the pitcher will be charged with a full inning. The second trip to the mound by a coach in the same inning shall automatically result in the removal of that pitcher from the game as a pitcher only.
13. Special base running rule: One warning per team for base running violations (leaving base early), any runner is out the second violation. Each successive violation by that team for the remainder of the game will result in an out.
14. No lead offs. Runners may steal/advance after the ball has crossed home plate.
15. Play with in-field fly rule.
16. The authority of the game is in the umpires' hands once the first pitch is thrown. There are no protests. Arguments with the umpire will not be tolerated.
17. In case of inclement weather, a completed game will consist of four innings (3 ½ if the home team is leading).
18. There will be a ten (10) run rule in effect after four innings (3 ½ if the home team is leading).
19. Players removed for disciplinary reasons will be recorded as an out each time their scheduled at bat.
20. Players that are injured or ill will not be called out.
21. A player that has been removed from the lineup during the game will not be allowed to return to the lineup during that same game.
22. No big barrel bats.
23. Cal Ripken rules apply in other cases.
24. **Home team keeps official book. Visiting team operates scoreboard.**
25. Teams may use (10) players defensively in the field.