

4U Honk Ball Baseball Rules

1) RULES: 4U Honk Ball games shall be played using the most recent set of rules listed below in order of precedence:

- a) These standing rules for the 4U Honk Ball Baseball League (highest priority).
- b) The official USSSA Rules
- c) "OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES" published by The Sporting News.

2) PLAYERS:

a) All players on the roster must be given the opportunity to play. We typically have between 6-8 players per team and as such, no child should sit out.

3) PLAYING TIME AND AT-BATS:

a) Free substitutions are allowed at all positions.

4) BATTERS:

a) Offensively, the entire roster will have an opportunity to bat each inning. Once the entire roster has hit, that will signify the end of a $\frac{1}{2}$ inning and the teams will swap offense and defense.

b) Ball must go past 10 ft arc line or touch the grass past the batting area if no arc is present. Coaches, please don't touch the ball until it has rolled fair. A ball that stops on the 10 ft arc line is foul until the ball clears the entire chalk line. If a defensive play is made on the ball before it crosses the 10 ft arc line it is ruled a foul ball.

5) RUNNERS:

a) Base runners are not allowed to advance past one base at a time. Meaning there are no doubles, or triples as runners are required to go from base to base; however, the last batter will hit, and all players will run the bases at that time.

b) Regardless of the result of a play runners are considered safe.

6) FIELDERS:

a) You do not have to play a catcher, but you can only have 5 infielders. The rest must be at least 10 feet behind the infielders.

b) The pitcher cannot tag batter as he is running to first base, the pitcher must throw ball OVERHANDED to first baseman.

7) EQUIPMENT:

- a) All games will be played with a league provided soft Blast Ball and a soft foam bat.
- b) Players are not required to wear a helmet while batting.

8) LENGTH OF GAME:

a) 4U Honk Ball games will be 45 minutes and will not start new inning after 45 min or 3 innings whichever comes first.

9) COACHES:

- a) Two defensive coaches are allowed on playing field; however, please try to avoid touching the players.
- b) Base coaches are allowed at first and third; however, again please try to avoid touching the players. More specifically try to avoid stopping or starting them with your hands as they travel around the bases.
- c) No Excessive screaming or yelling while on the field. Un-sportsman like conduct will not be tolerated. (See paragraph d)
- d) Any gestures or verbal interaction/abuse by players, managers, coaches, or fans, causing disorderly conduct, as determined by the Umpire or League Commissioner shall at a minimum result in ejection from the field/park for the current game plus the next 2 games.
- e) Be familiar with these Standing Rules, USSSA Rules, and Major League Baseball Rules.