



Bronco – Fall 2011 Rules (National League)

PLAYING FIELDS

- Pitching Distance: 48 feet
- Base path distance: 70 feet

EQUIPMENT

- No metal cleats. Players with metal cleats will not be allowed to play.
- Bat diameter is 2 5/8" maximum. Big barrel bats are OK.
- All male players must wear protective cups during practices and games.

PLAYING RULES

- Bat entire lineup.
- Free defensive substitutions.
- No player shall sit out for more than one inning until all other players have sat out for one inning.
- Runners may lead off and steal.
- 6 run rule: A half inning shall be declared over when:
 1. The defensive team has recorded three outs;
 2. The batting team was tied or ahead at the start of the half-inning and has scored six runs in that inning; or
 3. The batting team was not ahead at the start of the half-inning and is now 6 runs ahead of the other team.

Exception: If an over-the-fence home run is hit, all the runs shall count.

- Runners may not advance home on a steal, passed ball, pick off attempt, or wild pitch. Ball must be batted in play or a bases loaded walk for the 3rd base runner to advance.
- No dropped 3rd strike. Runner on third may not advance on a dropped 3rd strike.
- A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The last batted out can be used as a courtesy runner. Same runner cannot run for both pitcher and catcher in the same inning.
- No on deck batter.

PITCHING RULES

- No player shall pitch more than 2 innings per game.
- One pitch to a batter is considered an inning.
- Once pitcher is removed he cannot re-enter as a pitcher.
- Nine warm-up pitches for a new pitcher. Six warm-up pitches for same pitcher between innings. A 3-minute maximum time period is allowed.
- Coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers.
- The umpire will warn pitchers of balk movements. Balk movement must be eliminated. One balk warning per pitcher. Further balks will be called and runners advanced. Runners will not be penalized on a balk play. Balk calls will be at the discretion of the umpire and are not subject to question.
- Pitcher must be removed upon the 3rd visit by the manager or coach.

LENGTH OF GAMES

- League game - 6 innings.
- No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes.
- Once inning is started, it will be completed.
- Games can end in a tie. No extra innings.
- 10 run rule after 4 innings; 8 run rule after 5 innings.

COACHES

- 2 coaches are allowed on the field as base coaches.
- 3 coaches maximum with one remaining in the dugout.