

# CONWAY YOUTH BASEBALL RULES

## BUDDY LEAGUE

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1. USSSA rules will be followed unless otherwise stated. [www.arkansasusssa.com](http://www.arkansasusssa.com)
2. All bats conforming to the usssa rule addressing bats for the 2011 season will be acceptable for league play. Players playing in tournaments outside of league play will be required to conform to the new rules specifying bats allowed for 2012.
3. Buddy league is for 7 & 8 year olds only.
4. This is a machine pitch league, with the machine being set on 42 mph.
5. Players will get 5 pitches to put the ball in fair play.
6. All players will bat in rotation.
7. 10 players will play defense. 4 players must be positioned in the outfield grass
8. **COACHES:** need to be positioned in the dugout area unless coaching first or third base. No defensive coaches will be allowed outside dugout area.
9. If a batted ball hits the pitching machine it is a dead ball with everyone advancing one base.
10. The offensive coach will run the pitching machine.
11. Coin flip will determine home and visitor.
12. One hour time limit or six innings.
13. Six runs max an inning or three outs.
14. No jewelry unless health related and then it must be taped down.
15. No leading off or stealing of bases.
16. No metal cleats allowed.
17. No intentional walks.
18. No bunting
19. Run Rule – After 4 innings, if a team is up by 13 or more runs the game will be called.
20. Only the batter and the on deck batter allowed outside the dugout.
21. Once the ball reaches the infield and a player has possession of the ball, it is then the judgment of the umpire to whether the fielder is making an attempt or the play is to be called dead. We will be installing a line halfway between first and second, second and third, and third and home. This line will help enable the umpire to make a more consistent call while taking a lot of judgment out of the way.
22. Catchers must wear a protective cup.
23. Catchers may be pinch ran for by the player making the last out. Catcher must have caught the previous inning.
24. Shirrtails will be tucked in and hats must be facing forward.
25. Slide rule is in effect. Umpire has the discretion to call someone out for not sliding. This is a judgment call and will be final.
26. We will not tolerate foul language or abusive behavior towards the kids, umpires or any employee of the parks and recreation. First offense will result in an open suspension.
27. Ejection from a game for a player or coach will result in an open suspension and that person or persons must exit the park grounds immediately.
28. No soft toss allowed into the fence.
29. No drinking allowed in the park.
30. All City of Conway parks are tobacco-free facilities.
31. No dogs allowed.
32. Parks and Recreation will provide an official scorekeeper.
33. Please have your line-up turned in to the scorekeeper 10 minutes before game time.
34. Parks and Recreation reserves the right to change rules as needed.
35. Rainout line is 513-3591.
36. For viewing of schedules, scores, and standings visit us at [www.conwayparks.com](http://www.conwayparks.com)