



Southeast Diamondbacks Little League Farm Division Rules

1. Bases are to be set at 60ft. Front of pitching machine to be placed 36 feet from the front of home plate. Please bring a tape measure or use a 60ft. string to measure.
2. Both teams are responsible for setting up the field. Whoever gets there first should begin setting up. *Both coaches are responsible for making sure the equipment gets put back in the shed.
3. Pitching machines are to be used exclusively during all games. There is no live pitching.
4. *Exception: If a machine breaks during a game and there is no replacement in the shed or way to fix it, a coach may then pitch to his/her team.
5. Pitching machines will be supplied by SEDLL and the speed will be calculated by SEDLL and may NOT be altered. The spring setting should be set at 3.(please do not use your own machine)
6. At the beginning of the season, Farm league will use the “SOFT” type baseballs only. At the halfway point, the executive board will consult with Farm managers and a decision will be made on switching to Little League Baseballs.
7. All defensive players should be used but may consist of only 6 regular position infielders and 4/5 outfielders.
8. You may use only one pitcher. There is NO catcher in Farm Division.
9. EVERY batter must wear a helmet.
10. NO on deck batters. There are no practice swings or hitting sticks allowed, not even behind the backstop. There are no practice swings at any time before a player’s at bat. Players should stay on their mat/bucket until it is their turn to hit. **This is a Little League rule.**
11. Batters will receive no more than 5 pitches during an at-bat. However, an at-bat cannot end on a 5th or subsequent pitch that is fouled off the bat.
12. After the batter’s 5th pitch, they will hit the ball off a tee.
13. Any hit ball that makes contact with the pitching machine or the coach operating the machine is considered a live ball and all runners may advance.
14. There will be NO base on balls or hit by pitch allowed to batters.
15. Each team’s batting lineup will include every player present without omission.
16. All players will bat each inning and the bases will be cleared upon the last batter in the lineup’s hit.

17. All overthrows will result in **one additional base**. This means the base they are running to plus the next one.
18. **Sliding is not allowed**. The first offense will result in a warning. Any consecutive offense by the same player results in a player being called out.
19. Coaches can be in the outfield during defensive play.
20. Game time is 1 hour. There are no umpires.
21. Games are usually two innings. If you finish quickly, you can go ahead and play another inning but game time will not exceed 1 hour.
22. The HOME team will sit along the third base line and the VISITORS will sit along the first base line.
23. There will be NO score kept in the Farm division.
24. There is no end of season tournament in Farm. All players will receive a participation trophy or medal at the end of the season.
25. Games will be played primarily on the Football Field. Every effort will be made to play some games on the baseball fields.
26. You need to move players around each inning in order for them to develop at a variety of positions.
27. Games should not be forfeited due to lack of players. Just play with the number of players you have.
28. Have fun!