

## **Roanoke USSSA Sports 9u Modified Playing Rules (Rev 4/01/2014)**

1. Base distance is set at 65 feet.
2. Pitching distance is set at 46 feet.
3. Ten foot hash mark placed at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd bases for lead off purposes.
4. Base runners are to remain on or between the hash mark and base until the pitched ball crosses the plate.
5. Dropped 3rd strike--batter remains out and other base runners may advance at their own risk.
6. Base runners are allowed to steal--pitched ball must cross plate prior to stealing--PENALTY--stealing base runner is out (no appeal necessary, umpire will call base runner out at completion of the play. Defensive team may elect to take the result of the play if greater.
7. No running starts allowed, PENALTY--base runner will be called out.
8. Pickoff plays are allowed. Base runners are allowed to advance if available.
9. There are NO Balks called in 9u class.
10. Defensive team plays Nine defenders only.
11. Base runners may not steal home on pass balls or dropped 3rd strikes.
12. There is a 10 run maximum run limit per inning, except for the last inning of play.
13. Regular baseball count will be in effect.
14. Games are 6 innings, 1 hour time 45 minute limits

***Roanoke USSSA Holds the right to change or amend these rules as necessary. We want this 9u class to be "Competative Instructional". We DO NOT want this age class to be a track meet but competitive real baseball. Please help us make this class a win/win for the kids!!***