

2009 Adams rules

1. Run restriction: 5 runs per inning, with the exception of the 5th inning (if time permits). If the game clock expires prior to the 5th inning or the run rule is applied there will be no open inning.
2. There will be no intentional walks.
3. All pitches must contain an “arc”. The definition of an “arc” is “a curved line or part of it, in particular a portion of the circumference of a circle”. Each pitch will have the following: 1) Starting Point, 2) Middle Point, 3) Ending Point. The Starting Point and Ending Points will be lower in height than the Middle Point. Excessive failure to do so will result in removing pitcher coach.
4. Each team will have a pitcher coach. The pitcher coach must stand 30’ from home plate and keep one foot on or behind the line until the pitch is delivered. The pitcher coach is not allowed to give instructions or direct any players on the field (including the batter) once the ball is put into play and must exit field opposite play and remove the bat. Excessive failure to do so will result in removing pitcher coach.
5. Each batter will receive 7 pitches. If the 7th pitch is fouled out of play, the batter will receive an 8th and final pitch. The 8th pitch must be put in play by the batter or it will result in an out (regardless if the ball is hit foul.) Three strikes will result in an out. (Foul balls will be considered strikes only on the first and second strike).
6. All members of a team will be allowed on the field for defensive play.
7. No player may stand closer than 40ft from the batter, except for the player/pitcher (30 ft.).
8. Only 6 players will be allowed in the infield (including the catcher) before any pitch is thrown. All other players must remain in the outfield (grass) until the ball is put into play (with the exception of the “short fielder” who can play a minimum of 10 ft behind the baseline).
9. A team must have a catcher if there are at least 10 players present. If a team has less than 10 players, a KGSA/City approved adult shall catch (preferably a coach). The appointed adult catcher shall not direct, shout, or instruct any player on or off the field. Excessive failure will result in removing appointed adult catcher.
10. Sliding is not recommended.
11. There is no infield fly rule.
12. The no slinging of bat rule will be enforced. The first offense will result in a warning from the umpire. A repeat violation may result in the batter being called out at the umpire’s discretion.
13. There will be no more than 2 defensive coaches allowed on the field to instruct the players.
14. All coaches must stay behind the defensive players while the ball is in play.
15. There will be no intentional rolling of the ball to get the runner out. (This will be left up to the discretion of the umpire and if called, all runners will be safe.)
16. All play will halt when any player has control of the ball ahead of the lead runner with no other runners attempting to run.
17. Chattering is allowed by all players.
18. If the ball hits the adult pitcher, the play is ruled dead (no runners will advance, and the batter will bat over.) No strike will be called.
19. Only one base shall be awarded on a ball that is thrown out of the field of play.
20. The umpire is directed to ensure that the defensive team is not standing in the baseline prior to a batted ball.
21. Time out can only be called by the umpire.