

# 9U - CLOSED BASES

**\*\*9U AA NO STEAL Rule\*\***

## **RUNNERS**

- A base runner can only advance on a wild pitch, pass ball, or a pitched ball that is dropped by the catcher(NOT ON THE TRANSFER).
- A base runner cannot advance on a pick-off, unless it is a throwing error.
- If the base runner gets in a run down because of a pick-off and gets out, the base runner is out.
- If the base runner gets in a run down because of a pick-off and is safe, the base runner must return to the previous base that the base runner was occupying.
- A base runner CAN advance on a dropped 3rd strike.
- All base runners are allowed to take leads.
- All base runners are allowed to advance if:
  - a.) A batter walks in a force situation.
  - b.) A ball is put into play by the hitter.
  - c.) A balk is enforced by the umpire.
  - d.) A pitched ball hits the ground or backstop.
  - e.) A throwing error on a pick-off attempt by the pitcher or catcher.
  - f.) Overthrow from the catcher to the pitcher
- All base runners must return to the occupied bag immediately after the catcher throws the ball back to the pitcher with no throwing error and the pitcher is in position of the ball in the mound area.

## **PITCHERS**

- Pitchers must pitch from the stretch when runners are on base.
- Pickoffs are legal at any base occupied by a base runner.
- Pitchers will be given one warning before a balk is enforced by the umpire.