

## 12 & Under Boys Baseball Rules

1. A player must not turn thirteen (13) years of age on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
2. Bases are to be at sixty (60) feet, pitcher's mound at forty-six (46) feet.
3. A complete game is five (5) innings and all innings will be limited to ten (10) runs with no open inning. Run rule is 11 runs after 4 innings, 21 runs after 3 innings etc.
4. A half inning will consist of 3 outs or 10 runs.
5. A pitcher may only pitch six (6) innings a week and only three (3) innings per game. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched. A week is considered Monday-Sunday. Only the starting pitcher may re-enter the game to pitch one time per game. Any teams that violate this rule will result in a forfeit of game violated.
6. A starting team shall consist of nine (9) players, with three (3) outfielders must be positioned in the outfield until the ball is hit. The minimum is 7 players, less than that is a forfeit.
7. Catchers must wear full protective gear.
8. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher. The courtesy runner will be the player that made the last out. No courtesy runner allowed in last inning or extra innings.
9. All players present for the game must be placed in batting order therefore creating free defensive substitution between innings. Should a player miss his turn at bat for illness or injury, he may return to his spot in the lineup without taking an out. A late player shall be placed at the bottom of the lineup and if that player has not arrived by their first at bat the team will either remove the player from the lineup or take an out each time that players at bat rolls around.
10. Slide rule has been eliminated, runners must avoid contact on an attempted play at a base.
11. Coaches may not touch the runner while the ball is live, if the occurs the runner shall be called out.
12. No lead-offs are allowed.
13. Infield fly rule will be enforced.
14. One warning per team for batter throwing the bat, after that each time this occurs the batter shall be ruled out.
15. A player can go to any fielding position after they have pitched in the game.
16. Each league must have a portable pitching mound or a dirt mound.
17. When a pitcher gains possession of the ball and is on the rubber, all runners must return to their base immediately. If not on base when ball is pitched, they shall be ruled out.
18. If play is stopped due to inclement weather, 3 ½ completed innings will be considered a complete game if the home team is ahead. If 3 ½ innings have not been completed, then game must restart from the beginning once it is rescheduled. Exception: Playoffs, all 6 innings must be played unless run rule comes into play.
19. Each team must have matching uniform, shirts, pants, hat.
20. Players may only use USA bats
21. Stealing is allowed once the ball crossed home plate, if runners leaves early, he shall be called out.
22. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule in play for 12U boys. Make sure all coaches, players and umpires are aware of this rule, when it applies etc.
23. Little league rules apply to rules not listed above.

