

Farragut Baseball Inc.
2020 Super Season
Sandy Koufax League Rules – Field 6

Official baseball rules as modified by USSSA will be utilized with the following exceptions:

1. Pitching Rules:
 - a. Pitchers may not exceed 70 pitches per game/day, 50 pitches in order to pitch without one calendar day of required rest, and 110 pitches for the week (Saturday through Friday). This includes pitching in other school or league games outside of FBI.
 - b. Once a pitcher is taken off the mound, they cannot pitch again during that game.
 - c. A polite reminder about swapping pitcher and catcher in the same game with wear and tear on the arms of the young players: catchers are throwing the equivalent number of throws.
2. A minimum of 8 players will be required to begin a game. Each player will be in the batting order. A team playing with only 8 players will **not** be charged an out for the 9th batter.
3. No player shall sit twice before **all players** sit once. This rolls on to the next game and thereafter.
4. Substitute players must be registered in Farragut Baseball Inc. (FBI) for the current season and play in either Sandy Koufax 14U or Pee Wee Reese 12U Leagues. You must have at least 7 from your original team roster to avoid forfeiture of a game. Pick up players bat last. Pee Wee Reese pick-up players can play any position except pitcher. Sandy Koufax pick-up players play outfield, unless there is a concern for safety of a player who would be playing in the infield. If a player is injured during a game, they may be removed from the lineup without an out being assessed at their time to bat. At no time can your team play without at least 7 players.
5. There will be unrestricted substitution rules (due to batting all players) with the exception of the pitcher, see Rule # 1-c.
6. A time limit of 1 hour 40 minutes or 7 innings will apply for each game. An inning may not be started after 1 hour and 35 minutes.
 - a. Umpires will announce the game time to both teams prior to play beginning. All games will use timers and for any discrepancies the umpire will make the official call regarding time.
 - b. If no time is left on the clock and the Home Team has completed its at-bat, a new inning will begin only if the game is tied.
 - c. If a game is tied, a maximum of 1 complete extra inning will be played. If the game is still tied after the extra inning, the game will end in a tie.
7. Run rules will apply and there is an 8 run limit per inning. If a team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings the game will be called.
8. Base runners are not required to slide as long as a collision can be avoided. **If there is a potential play at the plate, the runner must slide.** Whether or not a runner should have slid on a play at the plate is at the umpire's discretion.
9. With two (2) outs, a courtesy runner should be used for the catcher. The runner must be the player who made the last out.
10. A complete game will be 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead, or 4 innings if the visiting team is ahead.
11. Bats must be USSSA certified and stamped with a USSSA stamp. Wood bats are also allowed.

Safety Rules:

1. Protective cups are required for all male players.
2. Face masks or chin guards on batting helmets are **optional** and are up to players/parents.
3. The catcher is required to wear a full front and back mask (skull caps are not allowed).
4. Metal spike cleats are **allowed** starting in Sandy Koufax 14U.

NOTE: Failure to comply with any of the above stated rules can/will result in a forfeit game.

Scoring:

1. The league recommends using a digital app to assist with game score and pitch count.
2. Runs scored should be confirmed by both team score keepers between each half inning.
3. Each team should assign a parent to keep score before the game starts. The Home Team is considered the official scorekeeper and is responsible for running the scoreboard – **adults only, no children**.
4. Each team score keeper should keep track of both team's pitch count (player pitches). Following each game, head coaches are responsible for providing the player pitching records and final score to the League Commissioner for tracking.

Cancellations or rescheduled games:

1. All games will be played as originally scheduled except for inclement weather with every attempt made to play as scheduled.
2. Cancellations/rescheduling will be decided by the League President and/or the FBI Board.
3. If a game is called due to weather, 3 complete innings will be considered a full game. If less than 3 innings have been played, the game will be made up starting at that point.

Sportsmanship:

Coaches: Be sure to encourage players and parents to cheer for all players as this is very important for building the morale for these young kids. You would be surprised at how much each it means to these kids when they are all cheering for each other and hear their teammates supporting them. Also, be sure at the end of each game to line your players up to shake hands with the other team.

Conduct Code:

Coaches and parents will conduct themselves so as to create a positive role model for all players, on and off the field. Umpires will have complete control of all games. Coaches may inquire or ask the umpire about rules, but baseball judgement calls will not be questioned. Questions from parents related to any rules should be directed to the head coach of their team. Abusive behavior and language will not be tolerated. An ejection by an umpire will result in a two-game suspension by Farragut Baseball Inc. The league president and/or Farragut Baseball Inc. Board Members have the discretion to eject a coach or parent (including leaving the field premises) if these rules are not followed and unacceptable behavior is shown.