

2024 10U Fall Baseball League Rules

(AGE AS OF 5-1-24)

*We will follow the 2024 Official High School Federation Baseball Rules.
However, some rules listed below either highlight or supersede the High School Rules.*

All participants will be expected to behave within the confines of the approved playing rules and the bounds of general ethical, moral, and honesty standards of good conduct. Coaches and players may not argue judgement calls made by the umpire including balls and strikes. **PENALTY: EJECTION.** Players, Coaches and spectators may not charge, touch or yell at umpires. **An ejected player, coach or spectator may not participate in the remainder of that day's games and the next 2 games played. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING THEIR FANS.**

1. Regulation game will consist of seven innings or 1 hour and 20 minutes, whichever occurs first. Time starts when the home team takes the field in the first inning. If the third out is recorded at 1 hour and 19 minutes a new inning will start. If the home team is batting at 1 hour and 20 minutes and is leading the game is over. If either team holds a six-run lead or more at 1 hour and 20 minutes the game is over. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation the next inning shall start with the last player scheduled to bat on second base. Limit of one tiebreaker inning after 1 hour and 20 minutes. The time of game will be kept by the umpire. It will be the umpire's sole discretion how much time is left in the game. Any game that is shortened by weather will be considered a complete game if 40 minutes or more has been played!
2. **No metal cleats.**
3. **No Bat Restrictions.**
4. Max runs per inning: 5
5. No fake bunting: A player is out if they fake a bunt and then take a full swing!
6. Players are expected to hustle on and off the field. The pitcher will be given one minute to throw not more than five warm-up pitches between innings. (Five is the maximum not the minimum.)
7. Batting helmets are mandatory for all offensive players on the playing field. One warning, second offense may result in the restricting the offending player to the dugout.
8. Players are to remove all jewelry prior to the beginning of the game.
9. One warning per bench for bat throwing. Second offense, batter is out and restricted to the dugout.
10. All players must bat. Any nine may be placed on the field at any time. If it becomes necessary to vacate a position in the lineup due to injury or a player having to leave early (except ejection) that team shall *NOT* be charged an out. If a player shows up after the game has started, he can be inserted at the bottom of the lineup.
11. **Rosters:** If a team does not have nine (9) players to start the game, they may borrow player(s) from any other team (only to field 9 players) as long as the players are registered in the league. **ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED** in the league **PRIOR** to play. 10 & U age as of 5-1-24.
12. Each Pitcher is limited to *three* innings per game. Delivery of a single pitch to a batter constitutes having pitched an inning. Coaches will be allowed 1 free trip to the mound per pitcher. They must remove the pitcher on the second trip to the mound. The innings do not have to be consecutive.
13. Stealing of any base, including home is permitted. Leadoffs will be allowed. Pitchers will be given warning for illegal pitches before a balk will be called.
14. **10 & U only:** batter is out on third strike and may not advance if ball is dropped.
15. **Infield Fly** – 10U –No infield fly rule.
16. Runners are never required to slide. However, no player shall initiate malicious contact.
17. **Courtesy Runner:** A courtesy runner must be used for the catcher when there are 2 outs. Any time the catcher reaches base safely the last player to complete a time at bat that is not a base runner shall run for the catcher. The coach may use a courtesy runner for the pitcher. A courtesy runner is the last scheduled batter who is not currently on base.
18. Distances: Bases: 10U 65 Feet Pitching: 10U 46 Feet
19. No one is permitted to move or transport any seriously injured player who requires medical attention except the player's parent or the rescue squad.

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