

## 12U Baseball Rules

- 12U Base paths and mound 70' 50'
- 12U max pitches per day is 110.
- **FINISH THE HITTER:** if a pitcher is approaching his pitch count limit, he may finish the hitter but must be removed from the mound following the last hitter. Any pitches thrown over his limit to the last hitter will not be counted against his pitch count.
- **FORCE PLAY SLIDE RULE** at 2nd, 3rd or Home, runner must slide directly into bag. All players are required to avoid violent contact with another player while running the bases. Players running to a base must slide directly into the base. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the runner does not make an effort to avoid collision, he is to be declared out. If the act is deemed by the umpire to be malicious, the runner will be ejected from the game.
- **COURTESY RUNNERS** for the catcher and pitcher are allowed. a. Must be sub player if team is not batting everyone, last made out or if last made out is the pitcher or catcher, player must run (no sub)
- You may bat 9, 10, or everyone. A team may start with 8 players but must take an out for the 9th player. If a team cannot start or finish with at least 8 players, the game will be forfeited.
- **Run Rules:** 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings
- A (6) inning game (12U) affected by but not limited to the weather, run rule, light failure, darkness (on fields without lights) or time limits, shall be considered a complete game after three (3) complete innings or two and a half (2 ½) if the home

**team is ahead. A game which is stopped after the 3rd inning, but not in a complete inning, reverts to the last completed inning. Suspended games will resume from the point of suspension.**

- **Intentional Walks: Pitches do not need to be made.**
- **Starters may re-enter the game one time, however they must re-enter in the same place in the batting order. Substitutes may not re-enter the game. Pitchers may not re-enter as the pitcher once removed from the mound.**
- **When a balk is called it is NOT a dead ball. Fake 3rd to 1st is LEGAL. A team will receive one warning prior to a balk being called, after that each infraction will be called.**
- **Any player that actively participates in a game who is not on the official online roster is considered an illegal player. These actions will result in immediate forfeiture.**
- **Game time limit: 1 Hour/40 mins**
- **Metal cleats: are NOT allowed.**
- **Catcher's requirements are the use of a catcher's mitt, chest protector, leg guards, protective cup, and catcher's helmet with face mask and throat guard.**
- **The side is considered retired at the end of six runs or three outs whichever occurs first.**
- **Runners may advance to first on a dropped third strike by the catcher, providing first base is not occupied.**
- **Runners may lead off and steal bases as in Official Baseball rules.**
- **No pitcher may wear a white-sleeved shirt or a white batting glove on either hand while pitching. Pitcher may not wear sunglasses.**

- **Bats may not exceed 34 inches in length and 2 3/4 inches in diameter; a batter will be called out before a pitch has been delivered. If a batter brings up an illegal bat after first occurrence (during the same game or rest of season) that batter is called out, the second batter will be called out and the head coach ejected for the remainder of the game and the next game. Please see the USSSA Rules for further clarification on bat regulations.**