



## **2018 Fall Baseball Rules**

**All players participating in Fall Baseball League shall have photocopies of their original birth certificates in the possession of their team manager.**

**NOTE:**

- 1. Any player who before May 1<sup>st</sup>, reaches the next highest age classification, shall not be eligible to play in the lower age group.  
Example, a 9 year old cannot turn 10 before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and be eligible to play in the 9-under age group.**
- 2. Any player can play in a higher age classification, but cannot play in a lower age group.**
- 3. All players must be fully uniformed, which includes the following:  
Pants, socks, cap, and team shirt with numbers that are non-duplicating and at least three inches in height.**
- 4. While in the field, as a defensive player, team caps must be worn.**
- 5. Protest of uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the League Director's responsibility regarding uniform legality. Violation of the uniform rule will result in the violator being allowed to conform or be removed from the game.**
- 6. A full-use batting helmet which covers the top and back of the head and the side of the face must be worn by every player while in the on-deck circle, when at bat and while on the bases.**
- 7. All bat boys/girls will wear full-use batting helmets when their team is at bat.**
- 8. The catcher must wear protective gear: Mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup, catcher's helmet and throat guard. Ages 8u-12u: Catchers must wear helmet that fully covers their ears.**
- 9. The National Federation of High School Baseball Rules shall govern all playing rules not specifically covered above.**
- 10. Metal spikes are prohibited for age divisions' 12u and below.**

## Awards

In each age division, there will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards.

## Game Time Limits

(9u-High School) No inning can begin after 1 hour and 40 minutes. If after 1 hour and 40 minutes the game is tied, the last batted out will be placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> base and the inning will start with 0 outs. There will be a 2 HR drop dead rule in effect if winner is not determined before this. In the championship game of tournament there will be a 2 HR time limit.

**If the home team is ahead and time has expired, the game is officially over. Run differential will not play a factor in the standings.**

All games (8u-12u) shall be 6 innings in duration.

All games (13u-High School) shall be 7 innings in duration

**ALL TEAMS MUST BE WARMED UP AND READY TO GO 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THERE SCHEDULED START TIME OR TEAM MAY BE SUBJECT TO FORFEIT.**

## Pitching

In age groups 9u-12u, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 4 innings in any given day. One pitch constitutes an inning. If a player throws more than 4 innings in a day a forfeit will be the ruling.

In age groups 13u-High School, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 5 innings in any given day. One pitch constitutes an inning. If a player throws more than 5 innings in a day a forfeit will be the ruling.

There will be one balk warning per pitcher at 10u and below. At 12u and above balks are straight up.

## Field Dimensions

8u	40' Pitching Rubber	60' Bases
9u	46' Pitching Rubber	65' Bases
10u	46' Pitching Rubber	65' Bases
11u	50' Pitching Rubber	70' Bases
12u	50' Pitching Rubber	70' Bases
13u	54' Pitching Rubber	80' Bases

14u-HS

60.6' Pitching Rubber

90' Bases

### **Run Rule**

20 after 1 inning  
15 after 2 innings  
12 after 3 innings  
10 after 4 innings  
8 after 5 innings

### **Tie Breakers**

Win-Loss Record  
Head to Head  
Fewest Runs Allowed  
Most Runs Scored  
Coin Flip

### **Batting Order Options**

Teams will have the option to bat 9 play 9, bat 10 with an EH, or roster bat. A DH is also allowed when not using an EH.

Teams can roster bat: They can roster bat all present uniformed players. The lineup must be declared before the start of the game and used the entire game. If you choose to roster bat, then all players other than the nine defensive position players are extra hitters and can move freely in defensive positions.

### **Game Sheets**

**ALL GAME SHEETS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE UMPIRE AND SIGNED OFF AT THE COMPLETION OF EACH GAME.**

### **Playing Rules**

Playing rules will be National Federation of High School Baseball Rules.

**NO SLUG BUNTING!**

## **Regarding Bat Restrictions**

Bats must be made of an approved material, and they must be smooth and round.

For age divisions 15U and above, bats must include a BBCOR stamp and are restricted to a -3 length to weight ratio.

For age division 14u and below, there are no bat weight restrictions, but all bats must have the USSSA 1.15 BPF stamp.

## **Schedules**

All schedules will be updated through [www.usactionsports.com](http://www.usactionsports.com)

**Thanks for playing,**

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