

NODAK LITTLE LEAGUE 10U RULES

Revised 2018

1. Bats cannot exceed 2 5/8" barrel and 33" in length. All bats must have a USA Baseball stamp.
2. Players cannot be older than 10 years of age as of May 1st 2018. Please check Birth Chart found at www.baberuthleague.org.
3. No advancing to 1st base on a swinging third strike.
4. Runners must avoid contact with fielders on close plays. Failure to do so could result in player ejection. (UMPIRE DISCRETION...if the runner is "out" but may have been safe due to the location of the fielder, the umpire may award the base and call the player safe.)
5. The ball is dead when thrown back by the catcher. Runner must return to the base they were on.
6. Games will start at 6:30 pm unless agreed upon by both coaches.
7. No advancing to home plate on a passed ball or wild pitch.
8. No leading off or stealing during the 1st game of league play. The 2nd game of the night will follow the 12U rules. Umpires need to watch for illegal leading off.
9. No Metal spikes.
10. Ten run rule in affect after 4 innings. 15 run rule after 3 innings if both coaches agree.
11. The League President must receive written protest of a game within 48 hours of the game. Protest must be on a rule violation and coaches must inform the opposing coach at the time of the incident that a formal protest will be made.
12. The team at bat may only go through the batting order once/inning. (See rule 21)
13. Any player, coach or fan using profanity or exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, in the opinion of the umpire, shall be removed from the game. If removed from a game, the party must leave the vicinity of the baseball field. League President will receive a written incident report and rule on potential one game suspension. The home team is responsible to make sure the League President receives this report within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
14. Anyone receiving two game violations will receive a written letter of suspension from the League President.
15. Base coaches are the only ones allowed in the coaches box on the field. Anyone under the age of 18 must be wearing a batting helmet.
16. Two 5 inning games will be played each league night. The 1st game counts in the league standings. The 2nd game is designed for player development.
17. Any player may leave and re-enter the game. If they re-enter, it must be in the same batting order the left.
18. Pitchers may reenter if they have not reached the max pitch count.
19. Babe Ruth pitch count will be followed for all games both league and tournament.

20. An Extra Hitter may be used as a 10th batter.
21. Ninth Batter rule
 - a. When the 9th batter comes to the plate there are automatically 2 outs.
 - b. If the 9th batter is walked, the inning will continue until 1 of the following happens:
 1. An out is made to end the inning.
 2. At least one run scores (not limited to one run).
22. Courtesy runner may be used for the catcher.
23. The baseball shall be a cork center and leather cover.
24. A game is not considered final until at least 4 innings are completed.
25. A runner on 3rd may attempt to advance home when a throw is made to 2nd on an attempted steal by a runner from 1st base. There is NOT a free throw to 2nd base.

TOURNAMENT RULES:

1. All regular season rules apply with the exception of the 9 batter rule. There will not be a 9 batter rule during the league tournament.
2. Higher seeded team is always the home team.
3. Pitch count rules will be enforced.
4. Teams must start the game with 9 players. The umpire will wait 15 minutes from the start time, if a team does not have 9 players at that time, the game is forfeited.
5. Each team must provide 3 new game balls to the tournament. Game balls will be given to the umpire of your 1st game.