



2023 Competitive Baseball League Rules

	8U Coach Pitch	9U Kid Pitch	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U
Max innings or time limit (no new inn. after time expires, new inn. begins after 3rd out)	6 or 1:20	6 or 1:30	6 or 1:40	6 or 1:40	6 or 1:40	7 or 1:40	7 or 1:40
Pitching distance	40	46	46	50	50	54	60' 6"
Base distance	60	65	65	70	70	80	90
Pitcher removed after 2nd mound visit during same inning to same pitcher	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Max runs per half inning	*5, all innings	*5, except last inn. unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Mercy/run rule (20, 15, 12, 10, or 8 runs after 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 innings)	20-4, 15-5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Players on defense	10 (4 OF)	9	9	9	9	9	9
Game ball (2 new/2 used per game, supplied by JC Parks, retrieve foul balls on your side)	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School
Coaches allowed on field for defense (OK for coaches to be just outside the dugout)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bat the roster & free substitution	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Play 9 Bat 9 or Play 9 Bat 10 with free subs	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Play 9 with DH for any defensive player	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
If player does not bat due to injury, sick, or no sub, he is out unless opposing coach waives	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minimum players to play a game (8 & 9 batter is an out each inn.)	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Courtesy Runner for Pitcher & Catcher (last out if batting roster, sub. if bat 9 or 10)	last out for C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Score & standings kept (verify with umpire & scorekeepers each inn.)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Official game if played 2.5 innings if home team leads or 1 hour	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
League games end in a tie	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Infield fly rule	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lead off base & steal	No	**Yes, except home	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3rd strike rule	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Balks called	No	1 warning per P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intentional walk (per MLB rules, no pitches, Head Coach just notifies umpire)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pitch limits (up to Head Coach, recommend Pitch Smart limits set by USA Baseball & MLB)	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No
Metal cleats allowed (except on portable mounds)	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Mandatory slide rule (but if umpire rules malicious, player is out & ejected for the game)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bats (must have USSSA 1.15 BPF, USA, BBCOR stamp or wood. No max length-weight ratio)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	***Yes, but

All players must be on the online roster and cannot play for 2 teams in the same age group. Rosters are frozen once they are due.

[See Greater Midwest Baseball \(GMB\) Rules for age eligibility & grade exception rules.](#)

Head Coaches must show birth certificates if questioned.

8U: Batter receives a max of 6 pitches or 3 swinging strikes (the bat is extended if the last pitch is hit foul). No walks or bunting. 3 outs per inning, not bat the entire lineup.

8U: Runners can't advance on passed ball. Player in pitcher position starts beside Coach-Pitcher. When infielder has ball, time is called & runners stop advancing.

8U: Runners can leave base when ball is hit.

*If the home team cannot win the game, due to the max runs per half inning rule, the game is over. We will not play, or let the home team bat, the last half inning.

**9U: No stealing or advancing home on passed ball or wild pitch. Third base runner can advance to home if play is made to any base.

***14U: Bats must have USSSA 1.15 BPF, USA, BBCOR stamp or wood. Max length-weight ratio allowed is drop 5 (-5) to drop 3 (-3).

If not mentioned in rules above, MLB rules will govern play.