

## 12U League Rules

**Ages:** 11, 12      **Grades:** 5th & 6th

1. Target game length is between 1 Hour 30 Minutes & 1 Hour 45 Minutes. Maximum of 6 innings. (or otherwise agreed upon by coaches) No inning should start after 1 hour 45 minutes.
2. 10 Run Rule comes into play after 5 innings.
3. 6 runs or 3 outs constitutes an inning.
4. This is a "kids pitch league". Pitchers mound is 46 feet & bases are set at 60 feet.
5. A coach may take 2 trips to the mound per inning. On the second trip to the mound, the pitch must be removed.
6. Pitchers are allowed 5 warm up pitches between innings. New pitchers are allowed 8 warmup pitches. There are no balks called in this league.
7. Pitchers are allowed to pitch 3 innings per game. A pitcher cannot re-enter back to pitch after being taken out.
8. The 3rd strike is an automatic out. There is no running to 1st base on a dropped 3rd strike.
9. Ball must cross the plate before any runner leaves the base. There will be 1 team warning for leaving the base early. After that, the runner will be called out.
10. Stealing home is allowed.
11. The infield fly rule will not be used.
12. Courtesy runners are allowed for a catcher to speed up innings or for an injured player.
13. 9 players play on defense. (3 outfielders) Teams must bat entire roster.
14. Runners must slide on all close plays.
15. When showing a bunt, the play may not pull back and swing.
16. The Home Team provides all the baseballs.

12U Baseball is 75% Competitive & 25% about letting all kids play and teaching skills. All teams are playing to win each game. However, getting all players in the game and allowing many different players to pitch is the main goal in this league.

Please remember that sportsmanship always prevails.