



House League Baseball Division Specific Rules

12/13U Division

Distance between bases	75 ft.
Distance to pitching rubber	50 ft.
Length of game	Five (5) innings
Mercy rule per inning	Innings 1-4: five (5) runs Inning 5: seven (7) runs
Minimum # of players required to play any game	7
Allowable bats	Any legal baseball bat, subject to Umpire approval. No wooden or softball bats allowed.

1. Any serious violation of the Code of Conduct will result in an in-person hearing. Please refer to the [Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance policy](#) in the General House League rules.
2. Every division will have a double-elimination playoff.
3. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ANY RULE CHANGES ALLOWED. COACHES MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY MODIFICATIONS BEFORE OR DURING A GAME AT ANY TIME.
4. In any game:
 - 4.1. No player may play the OF twice until all other players have played OF once, three times until all other players have played OF twice, etc.
 - 4.2. No player may sit on the bench twice until every player has sat on the bench once.
 - 4.3. A player may play the catcher position for a maximum of any three innings if it adheres to rotational rules for sitting on the bench.
 - 4.4. A player may pitch a maximum of two consecutive innings. They cannot pitch two non-consecutive innings.
 - 4.5. Each player must play an infield position once every 3 innings.
 - 4.6. No player can play the same position twice in any 3 consecutive innings.
5. Coaches should keep in mind the spirit of the fair play rule, along with the actual interpretation of this rule. All players should be rotated in the batting order and field from game to game. If it follows the rule, but does not follow the spirit of the rule, be sure to accommodate the players in other means. Every player deserves their fair playing time and opportunity. This holds true in tournament and playoff games as well.
6. On a third strike the batter is out whether the ball is caught or not. The ball is live for any runners that may be on base.

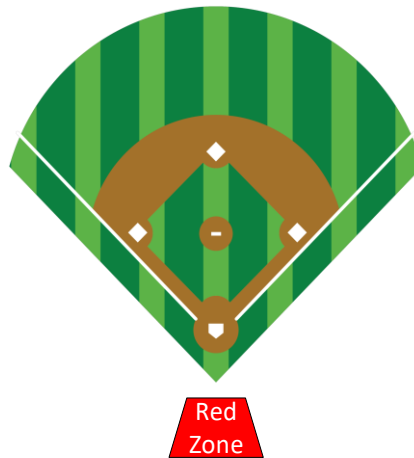


7. Stealing:
 - 7.1. A runner may only steal second base, when it is unoccupied. No runner may steal third base at any time. No double steals are permitted.
 - 7.2. A baserunner on third base can only come home from a batted ball, being forced (i.e., bases loaded walk), or an overthrow from a play after the ball has been hit. They cannot steal home or advance on a wild pitch or passed ball.
8. Unless for reason of injury, no substitutions are allowed for any position, other than the pitcher, during the inning.
9. A pitcher must be substituted after hitting any 3 batters during the game.
10. A pitcher will be ejected from the game after intentionally throwing at a batter.
11. Baserunners cannot leave the base until the pitched ball leaves the pitcher's hand. One warning per team will be given and any further infractions will result in an automatic out to the runner.
12. The defensive team will consist of one catcher, one pitcher, one 1B, one 2B, one 3B, one SS, and up to four OF: ten players maximum.
13. The use of the orange safety bag at any base is not permitted.
14. See General House League Rules as all General Rules also apply.
15. **NEW RULE 24-hour rule:** players/parents/coaches and spectators are instructed to wait 24 hours before contacting a Convener or executive member for any grievance that does not involve the safety of any party. After 24 hours, it should be brought to the attention of the appropriate person. Under the contacts section of our website, a form is available to ask a question, make a comment, or file a grievance.
16. **NEW RULE** No person(s) other than the players, coaches (one head coach and two assistant coaches or parents filling in for these coaches) or officials are ever allowed on the playing field and in the dugout except for injury. An automatic one (1) game suspension will be levied against the offending individual (parent, spectator, etc.). Upon review of the incident from the disciplinary committee, a harsher penalty may be issued.

For 5-Pitch, Rally Cap and 8U, 9U, one additional person may be permitted to assist in the dugout only. For Tee Ball, additional parent volunteers are permitted on the field.
17. **NEW RULE** In addition to a parent or spectator receiving a suspension or other disciplinary action, the player they represent, and their coach, may also face disciplinary measures.
18. **NEW RULE** There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for any: unsportsmanlike behaviour, misconduct of any kind, unruliness of any sort, use of foul or profane language, attack of any kind (either verbal or physical) towards any Umpire, coach, player, or spectator.
19. **NEW RULE RED ZONE RULE:** no spectator, parent, player, or coach is permitted to view a game directly behind the backstop at any diamond. This will help eliminate any conflicts with Umpires and



will also help the players field of view. An Umpire will provide a warning and then has the discretion to eject any person(s) from the park after that.



20. **NEW RULE** For all divisions, if a game is called for weather it is considered official if at least 2.5 innings have been played.
21. **NEW RULE** Coaches are **REQUIRED** to place players in different slots in the batting order from game to game so that players receive similar numbers of at bats throughout the course of the season.