

U12 HOUSE LEAGUE RULES

Game Time: warm up at 6:30 pm, umpire meeting at 6:55, game starts at 7:00 pm

- Pitching distance is 35'. Base distance is 55'. Safety bag will be used at first base.
- The 11" regulation ball will be used.
- **Time Limit:** Game is 7 innings. No inning may begin after 75 minutes of play. An inning may begin if the last out of an inning is called at 75 minutes, but not if it is called at 76 minutes.
- A full last inning shall be played regardless of score unless mutually agreed upon by both coaches.
- **Coaches:** Offensive coaches should position themselves out of bounds near 1st and 3rd base.
- **Playing time:** All players are given equal opportunity to fully develop by playing all positions.
- All players are placed in the batting order. Late players will be added to the end of the batting order. All players should get the opportunity to bat lead-off during the year. Batting order should be shuffled each game.
- 9 defensive players may be on the field. Game may be played with 8 players if short of players.
- Players should rotate to a new position every inning. Coaches may opt to have a pitcher/catcher play up to three innings in a row.
- Pitchers are recommended to wear a fielding mask while pitching.
- **Maximum Number of Runs:** A maximum of 6 runs or 3 outs per innings (all innings).
- **Larger Strike Zone:** The umpire will be instructed to call a slightly larger vertical zone (shoulders to bottom of knees).
- **Walk Rule:** If player receives 4 balls, they receive a walk and will advance to first base only.
- **Lead offs:** There are no lead-offs allowed. Runners will receive 1 warning. The next incident the runner will be called out. Base runners can leave base when the pitch crosses the plate.
- **Stealing:** Players may attempt to steal a base once the ball crosses home plate. Stealing home is allowed.
- **Third Strike:** The batter will be called out on a dropped 3rd strike.
- **Thrown Bat:** A player will receive 1 warning for throwing their bat. The next incident will result in the batter called out.
- Infield fly rule **is** in effect.
- Pop-outs caught by the catcher must be higher than the batter's head to count as an out.