

# U14 HOUSE LEAGUE RULES

**Game Time: Warm up at 6:00 pm, umpire meeting at 6:25, game starts at 6:30 pm**

- Pitching distance is 40'. Base distance is 60'. Double first base will be used.
- The 12" regulation ball will be used.
- **Time Limit:** Game is 7 innings. No new inning may begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes of play. An inning may begin if the last out of an inning is called at 90 min, but not if it is called at 91 min.
- **Coaches:** Offensive coaches should position themselves in the coach boxes near 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base. All on field coaches must wear appropriate fully enclosed footwear.
- **Playing time:** All players are given equal playing time and opportunity to fully develop by playing several different positions.
- Pitchers are recommended to wear a fielding mask while pitching. Batters must wear a helmet with a face mask.
- Anyone warming up a pitcher must wear a mask, even adults.
- 9 defensive players may be on the field. Game may be played with 7 players if short of players.
- 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.
- If playing with less than 9 players, there will be no automatic outs at the end of the batting order.
- Fill in players must be from one age group below.
- **Maximum Number of Runs:** There is a 6 run limit per inning per team for all innings.
- **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 leaves the pitcher's hand.
- **Stealing:** Players may attempt to steal a base or home once the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
- **Third Strike:** If first base is unoccupied at the time of the pitch or there are two outs, the batter may attempt to go to first if the third strike is uncaught.
- Infield fly rule **is** in effect.
- **Thrown Bat:** A player will receive 1 warning for throwing their bat. The next incident will result in the batter being called out. The out will be a delayed call with the penalty to be applied after conclusion of play. Until then, the defensive team can try to make additional outs and the offensive team can try to score runs. No runs can score if the batter is the third out due to a thrown bat.
- Players may not wear shorts and must wear proper running shoes or baseball cleats.
  
- At the end of each game, confirm the final score with the opponent.
- Send the score to the convener, Carol Knight [carolknight31@gmail.com](mailto:carolknight31@gmail.com)
  
- Rain outs are to be decided by 5:00 pm. The coach of the home team should contact the opposing coach to discuss the decision to play or reschedule.
- Games that need to be rescheduled should be worked out between the two coaches and the home centre, then the new date should be given to the convener.