

## 2018 10U Baseball Rules

### Farm League

1. Farm League ages are 9 and 10 year olds. A Player can't be 11 years old before January 1st. All 11 year olds must move up to the Little League. (No Exceptions).
2. Games will consist of six innings. A complete game shall be called after four innings. Only exception is after 3 1/2 innings and home team is ahead.
  - (A) If the game has not gone long enough to be called, the game may or may not be rescheduled
  - (B) Middle of the fifth or sixth inning score reverts back to the last completed inning unless it's the bottom of the inning and the home team is ahead
  - (C) If the score is tied after the 6th inning, if time allows extra innings can be played using the international tiebreaker rule where the last batter from the previous inning will start on second base at the beginning of the inning.
3. Time Limit: A new inning can't be started after one hour and forty-five minutes (1:45). Regular season games can end in a tie
4. A maximum amount of fifteen minutes shall be allowed between games. Each team shall be allowed a total of five minutes of in-field practice before the game starts. All games that are first on the schedule for that day will start on time.
5. The batter can run on a dropped 3rd strike, if first base is unoccupied, regardless of outs. On a third strike the ball is live and the runners on 2nd may advance one base at their own risk. **If bases are loaded on a drop 3rd strike batter is automatically out. No player is permitted to steal home.**
  - o Base runner **CANNOT** steal home.
  - o Runs are awarded following a **BATTED BALL OR WALK ONLY.**
6. Each team will get three (3) outs or seven (7) runs per inning whichever comes first.
7. Pitching distance shall be forty-six (46) feet. Bases will be 60 feet.
8. No fielder can play more than ten (10) feet in front of any base until after the ball has been pitched.
  - **Play with (6) infielders and (4) outfielders.**
  - **The 4 outfielders must be in a normal playing position. Depending on the size of the field it can be defined as the edge of the grass or an approximation of 20 ft. beyond the base paths. Outfielders will start in the grass**
9. Play will be stopped if a player is obviously injured and the umpire will place the runners to their respective bases. (Safety of the child comes first!)
10. An umpire can eject a player if he feels they intentionally tried to injure another player.
11. An umpire may call a player out for throwing the bat after one team warning.
12. **Infield Fly Rule Does NOT apply to this age group**
13. Each team may use players from 8U league when their rosters fall short of 9 players.

14. Sub players will not play before an original player on the roster. Subs may play any position on the field. Teams need to have 6 original members to count as a game. The Game May start with only 8 players in the field.
15. Fake tags are prohibited and a runner will receive a free base.
16. Batting helmets must be worn at all times by batter and runners until they return to the dugout.
17. Sliding: Head first sliding is strictly prohibited and constitutes an automatic out. No sliding into first Base. All runners must slide if a play is being made that base. A Player may dive headfirst back into a bag on a leadoff after the ball has crossed home plate.
18. Stealing: There is to be no leading off from bases. Runners are allowed to steal on the release of the pitch.
19. Stealing: During an attempt made on stealing runner the ball shall be considered live. (At his own risk, the runner may advance one (1) base beyond that where an attempt to retire him was made.)
20. Free substitutions are permitted on defense.
  - a. All present players must play at least 3 innings of defense in a full six (6) inning game.
  - b. Coaches have the right to reduce playing time for failure to attend practices.
  - c. No player can play more than 4 innings in any one position, with the exception of extra inning games.
  - d. Players arriving late will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
21. All rules not covered herein shall be governed by high school rulebook.
22. The maximum number of innings a player may pitch is three (3) per game. Any delivery of a pitch will constitute an inning pitched.
23. No pitcher can return to the mound after being removed as pitcher.
24. No curve balls are permitted. 1st offense is a warning from umpire; 2nd offense-removal from pitchers mound.
25. A coach may make two trips to mound. On the third trip, the pitcher must be removed from the mound.
26. A pitcher must be replaced after hitting three (3) batters during a game.
27. Bunting is permitted. Once the batter squares to bunt he must bunt or pull back. Slap bunting will result in an automatic out.
28. Big barrel bats are permitted. 2 5/8 inch diameter is the maximum allowed. USSSA BPF 1.15 or USA
29. Run Rule: 15 run after 4 innings and 12 runs after 5 innings.
31. No metal cleats
- 32. Each team will get three (3) outs or seven (7) runs per inning whichever comes first. (including last inning)**