

## 12U League Baseball Rules 2021 Champaign County League

**\*All age groups are subject to Champaign County League-Wide Regulations.** All rules not covered herein shall be governed by high school rulebook

1. Age Qualifications: 12u Baseball ages are 11 and 12 year olds. A player can't be 13 years old before cutoff date (May 1<sup>st</sup>) All 13 year olds must move up (No Exceptions).
2. Playing Field: Pitching: 52ft. from the back corner of home plate to front edge of the pitching rubber. Base Path: 70ft.
3. Games will consist of six innings. A complete game can be called after four innings. Only exception after 3 1/2 innings and the home team is ahead.
4. 7 runs per inning limit. **This includes the last inning. In the event that the final inning cannot result in a lead change, the winning team must complete the final defensive inning.**
5. Run Rule: 15 run after 4 innings and 12 runs after 5 innings.
6. Play with 9 defensive players (3 outfielders)
7. Stealing is permitted with leading off from bases at their own risk.
8. During an attempt made on stealing runners 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.)
9. Sliding: Head first sliding is strictly prohibited and constitutes an automatic out. All runners must attempt to slide if a play is being made on that base. A player may dive headfirst back into a bag.
10. Infield Fly Rule may be called at the discretion of the umpire.
11. There will be no automatic walks. The pitcher must pitch to the batter.
12. The batter can run on a dropped 3rd strike according to baseball rules.
13. All present players must play at least 3 innings of defense in a full six (6) inning game. (including tournament). Coaches have the right to reduce playing time for failure to attend practices.
14. The maximum number of innings a player may pitch is four (4) per game. Any delivery of a pitch will constitute an inning pitched.
15. No pitcher can return to the mound after being removed as pitcher.
16. Curve balls are permitted.
17. A coach may make two trips to the mound. On the third trip, the pitcher must be removed.
18. A pitcher must be replaced after hitting three (3) batters during a game.
19. Bunting and slap-bunting are permitted.