

8U 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: 8u Baseball ages are 7 and 8 year olds. A player can't be 9 years old before May 1st. All 9 year olds must move up to the 10u baseball league (No Exceptions).
2. Playing Field: Pitching: 35ft. from the back corner of home plate to front edge of the pitching rubber. Base Path: 60ft.
3. Eight (8) foot radius pitching circle rule WILL apply.
4. 30 foot lines in between the bases will be used.
5. Games will consist of six innings. A complete game can be called after four innings. Only exception after 2 1/2 innings and the home team is ahead.
6. 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.**
7. Run Rule: 15 run after 4 innings and 12 runs after 5 innings. A game will be called and considered official if a team is ahead by fifteen(15) or more runs after three (3) complete innings (2 ½ innings with the home team leading) etc.
8. Play with 10 defensive players (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. No infielder can play more than ten feet in front of any base until after the ball has been pitched.
10. A player fielding in the defensive pitcher position must have at least 1 foot inside the circle until the ball has been pitched.
11. Each batter will receive seven pitches or three strikes. There will be no called strikes. A foul ball on the seventh pitch does not count as a pitch.
12. Full swings only. No bunting is allowed.
13. Infield fly rule does not apply.
14. No Stealing is permitted.
15. Head first sliding is strictly prohibited and constitutes an automatic out. All runners must attempt to slide if a play is being made on them at a base.
16. Defensive team may place 2 coaches in the outfield. These coaches are for instructional purposes only and may not touch the ball or assist the fielder in any way.
17. Coaches will pitch overhand to their own players and must keep at least one foot inside the circle while pitching. The coach/pitcher must make every effort to remove him or herself from the playing area after the ball has been hit.
18. To stop play, **an infielder must be in control of the ball and throwing it back to the pitcher or the pitcher has control of the ball in the circle.**
19. If the runner is past the 'halfway' line once the pitcher position has control of the ball, the runner will be awarded the next base. If the runner has not reached the line, they will be directed back to the previous base in which they came from.
20. A runner may only advance one base on an overthrow after an attempted out was made, if while advancing to that base an attempt is made to make an out and that ball is overthrown he may advance one base at his own risk.
21. All present players must play at least 3 innings of defense in a full six (6) inning game. If a player does not start the game he will be required to start the next game attended to ensure he gets three full innings of play.