

# Champaign County Baseball & Softball League-Wide Regulations (All Age Groups)

2021

- a. All Champaign County Baseball and Softball league age group rules will be used in conjunction with these League-Wide Regulations. 15U Baseball and 16U Softball will follow OHSAA rules with a 7 run per inning limit.
- b. Umpire is required and not a relative of a player in that game. For 12U and older, all attempts should be made to ensure the umpire is an OHSAA or ASA sanctioned umpire. (Also applies to tournament). In the event of an umpire “no show” or unavailable last minute, coaches can agree on a substitute umpire OR attempt to reschedule.
- c. Home team will provide (1) new and (1) good used ball for each home game.
- d. Shoes are required equipment. Shoe sole or heel projection other than the standard shoe plate are prohibited. Metal cleats are prohibited with the exception of 15U baseball, 16U softball AND if allowed by the hosting ballpark.
- e. Player Substitutions: Teams may borrow up to (3) players from a lower division. Teams need to have 6 original members to count as a game. If an area does not have a lower division, they may borrow from another Champaign County League lower division team. No borrowed player will be permitted to play if a full line up of roster players is present and able to play. Sub players will not play before an original player on the roster. Subs may play any position on the field.
- f. **Must bat all available players** (roster bat/pegged batting order). Open substitutions will apply on defense. If a player gets injured or has to leave the game for any reason while using continuous batting order, that player is then skipped in the batting order with no out taken. This player may also reenter in a later inning. Anyone arriving late will be inserted at the bottom of the batting order. No penalty.
- g. 8U, 10U, and 12U/13U players cannot play more than 3 innings in any one position. The exception is extra-inning games whereas coaches are allowed to field players as they see fit. Pitching limits still apply.
- h. Games may be played with 8 players, without penalty. Games can be played with 7 players with a 1 out penalty for the 8th batter position.
- i. A fifteen (15) minute grace period, after the scheduled starting time, will be granted prior to a forfeit being declared.
- j. **Time Limit:** A new inning can't be started after one hour and forty-five minutes (1:45)
- k. **Regular season games can end in a tie, but both coaches can agree to play one extra inning if time permits.**
- l. Tournament Only: If the score is tied at the end of the 6th inning, extra inning will be played, and the international tiebreaker rule will be used. (The last batter from the previous inning will start the new inning on second base.)
- m. **Official rosters** must contain: team name, age division, coaches name, phone number, players name, and player DOB. Rosters can be challenged and players may only be on (1) Champaign County League Roster.
- n. Players may be added to a roster up to the 3rd game of the season by contacting the league president. Final rosters must be presented to the tournament director prior to the 1st game of the tournament if requested.
- o. Final rosters must contain a minimum of (8) players and a maximum of (20).
- p. No infield warm-up is permitted after the first inning by coaches.
- q. **Coaches** must stay inside dugout, unless you are coaching a base or time is called (per OHSAA rule)
- r. No manager or coach shall direct any remark to or call any opposing player by name for the purpose of distracting that player while the game is in progress.

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- s. Any manager, coach, umpire or team member creating a disturbance, using profane or insulting language, or displaying any other form of unsportsmanlike conduct during the warm-up, game, or immediately following a game, may be suspended from any further participation, in any capacity, for the year involved. This includes parents. Any suspension is subject to review by respective associations' board.
- t. Batting helmets must be worn at all times by a batter and runners until they return to the dugout.
- u. A team will be given one (1) warning for a player throwing a helmet or bat; every additional incidence will result in an out, regardless of which player is guilty.
- v. Baseball Bat Guidelines:
  - a. 8U - Big barrel bats are NOT permitted; only 2 ¼ inch diameter USSSA BPF 1.15, USA, BBCOR, or wooden
    - Bat limits are being evaluated for the 2022 season. For 2021, all bats for 10U and older are allowed with a drop 5 differential or more. (no drop 3)
  - b. 10U/12U - up to 2 ¾ inch diameter USSSA BPF 1.15, USA, BBCOR, or wooden bats are allowed with no more than drop 8 differential
  - c. 15U - up to 2 ¾ inch diameter USSSA BPF 1.15, USA, BBCOR, or wooden bats are allowed with no more than a drop 5 differential.
- w. Chanting and singing will be permitted on the field and in the dugout. Team cannot direct singing or chanting towards the opposing team. Stomping on benches or banging on fences will not be permitted. Hanging onto or climbing the backstops or fences is strictly prohibited.
- x. An umpire can eject a player if he feels they intentionally tried to injure another player.
- y. An umpire may call a player out for throwing the bat after one team warning.
- z. 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!)
- aa. All protests are to refer to OHSAA and Champaign County League rules and are to be resolved immediately. **Home plate umpire's decision is final.**
- bb. When games are postponed for any reason, attempts are typically made, but we may or may not finish or reschedule the game.
- cc. Games once started but suspended because of darkness or rain, prior to being an official game may be completed at a later date. Play will resume from the same point that play was suspended. The same line-ups will take the field as were in use at the time of suspension. The home team scorebook will be official in case of disputes.
- dd. An on duty board member of the host association will be the sole judge of whether a game will be postponed
- ee. **Home teams are responsible for making sure umpires are aware of county league rules.**