

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

- a. Umpire is required and not be a relative of a player. For 14u and higher, umpire shall be OHSAA or ASA sanctioned umpire. (Also applies to tournament) **Exceptions can be made for 2020 in order to have a complete season.**
- b. Home team will provide (1) new and (1) good used ball for each home game.
- c. Cleats are required equipment. Metal cleats are prohibited with the exception of 14U baseball and 16U softball unless otherwise noted by venue rules.
- d. 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.
- e. **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.
- f. 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.
- g. A fifteen (15) minute grace period, after the scheduled starting time, will be granted prior to a forfeit being declared.
- h. **Time Limit:** A new inning can't be started after one hour and forty-five minutes (1:45)
- i. If a game begins later than 6pm, all games will be called at 10:00 P.M. on school nights, score reverts back to the last completed inning unless it's the bottom of the inning and the home team is ahead.
- j. **Regular season games can end in a tie**
- k. 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.)
- l. **Official rosters** must contain: Team name, area, age division, Coaches name, phone number, Players name, DOB
- m. Players may only be on (1) Champaign County League Roster.
- n. Rosters must be presented to the opposing coach at the 1st scheduled game with that team. 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.
- 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, coming in to pitch 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.
- 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, every additional incidence will result in an out, regardless of which player is guilty.
- v. A team will be given one (1) warning for throwing the bat, every additional incidence will result in an out
- w. 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 and are to be resolved immediately. **Home plate umpire's decision is final.**
- bb. When games are postponed for any reason, we may or may not finish or reschedule 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.