

12U-18U League Rules updated 5/2011

Description	12U, 14U, 16U, 18U	
Pitching Distance	40 ft.	Effective August 2010, 16 and 18U Pitchers are moved to 43 Feet
Base Distance	60 ft.	
Game Length	7 Innings -or- 1 hr 30 Min	*All games in 10U-18U must be played out, With the exception of "Run Rule" Games. If game is shortened due to weather, a 4 inning game will count as a complete game. Games under 4 innings must be rescheduled. Games under 4 innings, but at allotted time will count as a complete game. Umpires Please note: No new inning will start after the Applicable Division time limit.Division time limit.
Time Between Innings	1 Minute*	*Players are allowed 1 minute to get to their positions on the field. Pitcher is allowed 5 warm up pitches. If either is exceeded, violating team will be penalized 1 out during next at bat. Rule is enforced by Opposing Coach & Umpire.
Run Limit/Innings	Yes	* 4 runs *See Equalizer Rule. Except in International Tie Breaker Innings which are a 6 run maximum per team.
International Tie-Breaker League Definition	*	The League definition for International Tie Breaker Rules is as follows: Teams will start the last listed batter with a complete at bat in the batting order, from the prior inning (ie: the last baserunner or out) on second base. The Run Rule for Tie Breaker Innings is a 6 run maximum per team.
Equalizer Rule	Yes	In Any Non Tie-Breaker Inning , teams trailing in the game may score additional runs above the 4 run limit. Teams may score no more than 4 additional runs over their opponents score to "equalize" the 4 Run Limit.
Run Limit/Games	Yes	*Team Ahead by 10 Runs After the 4th Inning, Team Behind Coaches Option to Continue Game.
Minimum Number of Players	8*	A 12U Team can begin the game with no less than 7 players. If a team starts a game with 7 players, they must take an out for the eighth spot in the line up. (1) 14U, 16U, 18U may start play with 7 players.
Grace Period	*	* 15 min delay until forfeiture. Game length will be shortened by delayed time. In 10U-16U divisions a 2 run penalty will be assessed to the late team, after the Grace Period.
Playing Time	*	* No player will sit out more than 1 consecutive inning, and no more than 2 innings per game, except due to injury. Violation will result in forfeiture of contested game.
Rotation Rule	*	*Each Player must play at least 1 inning each game in an Infield position,with the exception of Pitcher & Catcher. No exceptions are permitted without Board Of Directors approval. Violation will result in forfeiture of contested game.
Pitching Rule	Yes	12U, 14,16U,18U Division pitchers may pitch no more than 7 Innings in a 2 Game week, or 9 Innings in a 3 game week, or equivalent. International Tiebreaker Innings Included. Any exceptions must be authorized by the Board Of Directors. Violation will result in forfeiture of contested game
Pitching Innings	Yes	A complete Inning counts as 3 outs, if Inning Ends due to "Run Limit". If a pitcher throws three complete at bats, or gets one out it will count as an inning pitched
Walks	Yes*	Following ASA Rules
Infield Fly Rule	Yes*	*Umpires Please Take Note*
Speed Up Rule	Yes	* The last recorded out will run for the pitcher or catcher when there is one out, or at Coaches option when she reaches base.
Dropped Third Strike	Yes*	*The Batter may try to reach first base on a dropped third strike, following ASA "Dropped Third Strike" ruling. (unless first base is occupied, with less than 2 outs)
Thrown Bats	Yes	Unintentional or not, bats thrown by a batter for more than 6 feet from the batter's box get one warning per game, per team. Batters will be called out on subsequent bat throws.
Base Stealing	Yes	Following ASA Rules
Sliding	Yes	Following ASA Rules
Bunting	Yes	Following ASA Rules
Advance on overthrows	Yes	Following ASA Rules
Defensive Positions	9	Following ASA Rules
Injuries	*	* If a player must leave the line-up due to injury, illness or another engagement, the team WILL NOT be charged with an out in her batting position as long as the team with the departing player notifies the other team prior to the departing player's at bat.
Negative Cheers	No*	The League does not tolerate "Negative" cheers. Coaches and Managers must monitor their Players and Fans, and abide by the Code Of Conduct.