

12U Rules 2021

1. Play is First governed by “Allegheny River League Rules”
 2. Play is SECOND governed by the “PONY Rules and Regulations”
 3. Play is Third governed by the “Official Rules of Major League Baseball
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1. Games will be 6 innings long.
 2. Games will be played on 70ft bases
 3. Pitchers mound will be 50ft. away from Home plate.
 4. Each team will supply 2 game balls.
 5. Infield fly is enforced.
 6. Teams must have 9 players at game time.
 7. Teams will field 9 defensive players.
 8. Both a 15 run rule and 10 run rule apply.
 9. Bunting is permitted and encouraged. No Slashing. Slashing defined as squaring to bunt, pulling back and swinging away. Team waring on attempt, out on an executed slash. Players permitted to square to bunt and then pull back accepting the result of the pitch.
 10. Pitching
 - A. At any time in an at bat, the defensive manager upon being granted time, may indicate an intentional walk to the batter. Any balls remaining to complete the count for a walk for the batter shall not be counted towards the pitch count and the batter is awarded first base. Each pitcher shall not exceed more than two intentional walks per game.
 - B. As soon as a pitcher delivers 1 pitch to a batter it is considered an inning pitched
 - C. Pitcher will be removed after hitting 2 batters per inning or 3 batters per game, NO EXCUSE, if umpire awards batter first base after getting hit by pitch, he was hit.
 - D. Once a pitcher is removed for any reason that pitcher cannot return to the pitchers position in that game.
 - E. Pitcher can pitch from either the stretch position or the windup position any time.
 - F. Balks
 - i. Each Pitcher will receive one warning on first balk of game
 - ii. Additional balk from same pitcher will be penalized. Dead ball, all runners advance one base.
 - iii. Any runner that gets called out on a balk returns to the base he came from and is safe then advances one base.
 - G. Pitchers are allowed 2 inning per game, 4 innings per day and 8 innings for the tournament.
 11. Stealing: Base runners may lead off under normal rules.
 12. Batting and Fielding Rules:
 - A. Teams shall implement the following batting order:
 - B. Teams must use a consecutive batting order. And free substitutions
 - C. When a player cannot bat due to injury or illness, he/she shall be substituted under PONY Rule 9-L. When no player is available the batter’s position shall be skipped in the batting order with no penalty.
 13. The batter becomes a runner when:
 - A. A fair ball is hit.
 - B. A 3rd strike is called by the umpire and is not caught, provide 1st base is not occupied with less than 2 outs or 1st base is occupied with 2 outs.
 14. Runners must avoid contact at base.

15. Sliding- Must slide feet first into the bag. Runners may dive head first going back to bag.
16. All bats must have a USA Baseball stamp, BBCOR stamp, or be true wood.
17. Mandatory 1 game suspension for a player ejected from a game for non-malicious act. To sit out next played game.
Mandatory 3 game suspension for a player ejected for malicious intent (intent to injure). To sit out next 3 played games.