

13U Rules 2021

1. Play is FIRST governed by the “PONY Rules and Regulations”
 2. Play is SECOND governed by the “Official Rules of Major League Baseball
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1. Games will be 7 innings long.
 2. Games will be played on 80ft bases
 3. Pitchers mound will be 54ft. 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. All pitching balk’s will be penalized. Dead ball, all runners advance one base.
 - ii. Any runner that gets called out on a balk returns to the base he came from and is safe then advances one base.
 11. Stealing: Base runners may lead off under normal rules.
 12. Batting and Fielding Rules:
 - A. At the start of a game a manager may select a batting lineup of the following options. Once the game begins the lineup type may not be changed. Lineup types between teams are encouraged but not required to match.
 - B. Continuous hit their entire lineup with free substitution of defensive players.
 - C. Bat 9 Players and may substitute players under PONY Rule 9-K and MLB substitution rules. A substitute cannot be replaced until they have batted once and played six consecutive defensive outs.
 - D. Bat 9 Players including a DH and may substitute players under PONY Rule 9-K and MLB substitution rules. A substitute cannot be replaced until they have batted once and played six consecutive defensive outs.
 - E. Bat 10 players including one player as EH and may substitute players under PONY Rule 9-K and MLB substitution rules. A substitute cannot be replaced until they have batted once and played six consecutive defensive outs in the field.

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 when there are more than 8 players in the lineup.

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.

13. Runners must avoid contact at base.

14. Sliding- Runners can slide head first.

15. All bats must be a BBCOR, USA -10/-8/-5 or be true wood. No USSSA bats.

16. 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.

17. Pitching is 3 innings per game or 10 innings per tournament. **NO METAL CLEATS or MOLDED CLEATS** allowed on the pitcher's mound must use tennis shoes or turf shoes – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**