

Local Exceptions to Baseball Rules for Summerfield Recreation Association

2024		15U Baseball
Base Distance		80'
PLAYER PARTICIPATION	Max. Players on Field	9
	Min. Number of Players	8 / Can play with 7, but must take an out on the 8th batter
	Lower League Players	May fill in for up to 9 players
		SRA 12U players; must bat last and play outfield each inning
	Player Positions	1B, 2B, 3B, SS, P, C, and 3 outfielders
		Players must play at least 2 full defensive innings by the end of the 5th inning
		Pitchers are not permitted to return to the pitching position once removed
	Injured/Sick Players	May leave game, no out will be charged; cannot return to game
	Late Players	May enter game, must bat last in the order
	Ejected Players	Will count as an automatic out during each time at bat - All Leagues
GAME RULES	Game Length	Maximum 7 innings
	Last Inning	No new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes
	Run Limit	No run limit any inning
	Mercy Rule	10-Run lead after 5 Innings
	Playoffs - Tie Breaker	During tournament games; One extra inning (8th), then ITB Rule goes into effect beginning the (9th)
	Official Game - Weather	4 Innings (3 1/2 if home team is ahead in score)
PITCHING	Pitcher Restrictions	4 innings per game
	Pitcher's Plate Distance	54'
	Balk	Enforced after receiving a warning
BATTING / BASE RUNNING	Batting Protection	All batters will wear a protective helmet; a face protector is recommended
	Batting Out of Order	Any player batting out of order will be called out if the opposing team makes an appeal. The appeal rule goes into effect after the first pitch is thrown and expires once the batter arrives on base.
	Throwing the Bat/Helmet	Players are not permitted to throw helmets or bats. There will be 1 team warning and next offense will be an automatic out. Umpires reserve the right to eject any player from the game.
	Advance on 3rd Strike	Yes, if 1st base is unoccupied, or 2 outs exist
	Leading Off/Leading Off	Unlimited
	Ground Rule Double	Yes
	Must Slide at Home Plate to Avoid Contact	Not required. However, umpire has sole discretion if intentional contact is made. Player will be ejected from game for flagrant collision.
	Head-First Slide	Permitted
	Metal Cleats	Permitted; with exception of pitcher actively pitching
	Bat Restrictions	Maximum of a -5; Violation of Bat Restriction = Before pitch = batter warned, coach restricted / After pitch = batter out, coach restricted. Cannot challenge bat after batter reaches 1st base. 2nd bat violation results in Head Coach ejection. 2nd false challenge results in ejection of Head Coach
	Infield Fly Rule	Yes