



Rules: Player Pitch 10U

1. The Game

- a. Six (6) innings or ninety (90) minutes.
- b. No inning will start after time has expired.
- c. The plate umpire or his designate will hold the official clock.
- d. In the absence of an official scorekeeper the home team book becomes the official book for the game.

2. Game Play and Must Play Rule

- a. Bat the roster.
- b. Complete rosters should be submitted to scorekeeper's 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start of your game. Penalty: one out the first inning.
- c. Free Defensive Substitution (cannot affect the batting lineup).
- d. Balks: Each pitcher is given ONE balk warning.
- e. Each player must play two (2) innings by the fourth inning.
- f. A game can start with eight (8) players as long as the ninth player arrives within 15 minutes of the start of the game. If ninth player does not show an out will be taken each time the ninth batter is to appear at the plate.
- g. Players not present when their turn at bat occurs may be removed for the remainder of the game without penalty. The coach has the option of leaving the player's name in the line-up and being charged with an out each time that player's turn comes to bat.
- h. One Offensive time out per 1/2 inning only. One Defensive time out per 1/2 inning only.
- i. Loose Bases/ Stealing Allowed.
- j. No Must Slide Rule. Runner must avoid contact if possible.

3. Scoring

- a. Teams shall not score more than five (5) runs in one inning.
- b. If there are less than three outs when five (5) runs are scored, the teams shall change sides.
- c. There is no scoring cap in the sixth inning.
- d. Tie games will be recorded.
- e. Game is complete if a team is ahead by 15 runs after three innings, or 10 runs after 4 innings.

4. Coaches

- a. Each team is allowed four (4) coaches and each must wear the team shirt. Team shirt cannot be altered in any way.
- b. Defensive coaches need to be inside dugout, or not beyond the length of the dugout outside.
- c. Only one (1) coach may approach the umpires
- d. All coaches must have SBA badge to be on the field or dugout. If you are going to have a team mom in the dugout, then she will count as one of your 4 coaches.

5. Substitute Player Rule

- a. If a team is expecting to have fewer players than the number needed to field a full team (9 players), they may pull a player from another team within their division up to 9 players total.
- b. However, that player cannot pitch or catch and must be put in at the bottom of the lineup for batting purposes.
- c. Player must wear original team jersey during the game

6. Official Rules

- a. The Official Rules of the SBA will in general follow the rules and regulations of USSSA. The local SBA rules are exceptions to the USSSA rules. If there is a conflict with the USSSA Rules, the local SBA rules shall take precedence. The combination of USSSA and SBA local rules compromise the Official Rules of the SBA.

7. Recommended Playing Field Distances

- a. Distance between bases - 65 feet
- b. Pitching distance - 46 feet
- c. Home plate to center of second base - 84 feet 10 inches
- d. Foul Line - 175 feet, Center Field - 225 feet
- e. Pitching Mound - 4 inches