

East Allen County Baseball
14U Koufax Boys Baseball Rules
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General Rules:

- 1) All rules fall under ISHAA regulations unless superseded by specific rules below.
- 2) Games will be played 7 innings or until a complete inning ends upon the game clock reaching 2 hours, whichever comes first (see timing rules below).
- 3) Only the umpire or a board official can suspend the game due to weather.
- 4) If weather suspends a game to where it cannot be played on the original day scheduled, it will be considered complete if 5 innings are played or 4 1/2 innings with the home team leading.
- 5) Games will be called complete by the umpire if a team is ahead by 15 runs or more after 4 innings or 10 runs or more after 5 innings.
- 6) Rostered players are not required to enter the game. Coaches should consider fair playing time for each player on the roster.
- 7) Players may re-enter the game once into the same batting order in which they left.
- 8) No new innings will be started after 10:45pm. Game must be stopped promptly at 11:00pm and rescheduled picking up where the game ended.
- 9) Infield practice will begin 25 minutes prior to game time – visiting team first. Infield practice will last no longer than 10 minutes. If the first game of a doubleheader runs past 8:15 pm, no infield practice for teams of the second game.
- 10) Only one manager, two coaches, a scorekeeper and participating players are to be allowed in the dugout or field of play.

Player Eligibility Rules:

- 11) Player must be 14 years old or younger as of April 30th of the current year to be eligible for the Koufax Division. A 15-year-old 8th grader may play but cannot pitch. High School players who made their high school Junior Varsity or Varsity teams cannot play. Any exception requires board approval, and a player granted an exception will not be eligible to pitch.
- 12) A team must field a minimum of 8 players to start a game. Teams not fielding enough players shall be given a 10-minute grace period before game is forfeited. If a game is started with 8 players and an injury occurs after 5 full innings (or 4 1/2 if the home team is ahead), the game will be complete. If a game is started with 8 players and an injury occurs before 5 full innings (or 4 1/2 if the home team is ahead), the game will be rescheduled and started where the game was suspended with the same number of starting players. Contact the league commissioner with details.
- 13) Teams may only bring up players from their own park's 12U Major League. Using players from another Koufax team or a child who is not registered at their own park's baseball program is not allowed. Called up players are to wear their current team's uniform. Called up players cannot pitch but can play any other defensive position.

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Equipment Rules:

- 14) The home team must supply the umpire one new Tournament or Competition Grade Senior Little League® certified baseball prior to the game. The visiting team will supply one Tournament or Competition grade Senior Little League® certified baseball for backup which can be a used ball in acceptable condition. Acceptability of the ball's condition will be determined by the umpire. If additional balls are required, they will be supplied by the home team.
- 15) The home team is responsible for field set-up.
- 16) The pitching rubber set at 54 feet from home plate.
- 17) All fields shall try to provide pitchers mounds set to 10 inches above home plate.
- 18) Drop 3 through 8 bats are accepted, nothing over Drop 8 will be allowed for USSSA. USA-stamped bats are allowed with no limitations. Barrel size is not a factor.
- 19) Metal cleats are allowed.
- 20) No jewelry is permitted except if required for medical or religious purposes. If needed, permitted jewelry then must be taped down.

Timing Rules:

- 21) Start time of the game will be declared by the umpire just prior to giving the ready for play signal prior to the first pitch.
- 22) For the purposes of time, the next inning begins at the time of the third out in the bottom of the previous inning. No new inning will start after 2 hours unless the previous inning ended in a tie.
- 23) Upon a weather delay, the game clock is stopped. The game clock will restart at the time the umpire signals ready for play after the delay.
- 24) Tournament games will follow regular season timing rules except for the championship game. The championship game will be played the entire 7 innings regardless of time.

Pitching Rules:

- 25) Pitchers are limited to 100 pitches and/or five innings per game, whichever comes first. Pitchers are also limited to 145 pitches or nine innings, whichever comes first, in a calendar week which runs Monday – Sunday. Pitched innings limit and total pitch count in a week will stand regardless of make-up games (end of season tournament excluded – see amended tournament rules below). If a player hits a pitch limit in the middle of an at bat, the remaining pitches will not go against their pitch total if they are replaced immediately following the faced batter.
- 26) If a team has 4 games in a calendar week (Monday-Sunday), a pitcher may receive 2 additional innings (12 innings total).
- 27) A pitcher who has thrown 100 pitches in a game must have a rest period of 4 total days.

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28) A pitcher who has thrown **more than** 70 pitches in a single game must have a rest of 2 total days before pitching again. If a player hits 70 pitches during an at bat and is immediately replaced, only 70 pitches need to be recorded on the pitcher verification sheet and would be immediately available.

Clarification Example for Rules 27 and 28: A player who starts a batter on pitch 68 would hit 70 pitches with a 2-0 count on a batter. That pitcher can finish the batter and if the total pitches go above 70, it will only count as 70 total pitch count game on the pitcher verification sheet. A pitcher who starts a new batter having thrown 70 pitches would have the full number of pitches counted on the pitcher verification sheet and towards his total pitch limit for the week and require rest days. Additionally, a pitcher who hits 100 pitches while facing a batter can complete the at bat, but the pitcher would need to be immediately replaced before facing another batter with only 100 pitches recorded.

29) One official pitch will constitute one official inning towards the pitcher's game and weekly total.

30) A pitcher who has been removed from the mound may not return to pitch for the remainder of the game once a replacement pitcher delivers one legal pitch.

31) Coach's mound visits are permitted. A pitcher must be replaced upon the second visit in the same inning or the third visit in a game.

32) All balk rules will be enforced from the start of the season.

Additional Rules for Tracking Pitches

- Coaches are responsible for tracking pitch counts and innings pitched. Coaches shall report the numbers with the opposing coach after the game to have a pitcher verification sheet signed. If a coach refuses to sign, please reach out to your park's board president for a resolution. (Official Pitcher Verification Sheet in Addendum)
- If a coach shows up to a game without their signed pitcher verification sheet from the previous games in the calendar week, all pitchers for that team will have a 40-pitch count maximum for that game.
- Total pitch and inning counts for the whole tournament are revised below.

Amended rules for the End of Season Tournament

- Pitchers are limited to a total of 145 total pitches and 13-innings, whichever comes first, for end of season tournament.
- If inclement weather or other non-man-made situations do not allow for a complete game, the game will be completed on the next possible date from the point at which it was stopped. The game will be played as if on the original day. All pitching records will reflect the original scheduled game.
- Same rest rules apply to the tournament.
- Total pitch count and inning limit for the tournament apply regardless of rainouts or re-scheduled games.

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Batting Rules:

33) Extra Hitter rule is in place and can be used in each game, however, not required. Use of the extra hitter shall be established upon submission of the team's line-up to the opposing team any time prior to the start of the game. Once established, use or nonuse of extra hitter shall be in place for the entire game. Under this rule, the batting line-up will consist of 10 batters, however only 9 will play the field. With the exception of the pitcher, any 8 or 9 players may play defensively at any position; however, the batting line-up cannot change. (Unrestricted defensive substitutions are allowed within the 8 positions and 9 players). Regular IHSAA substitution and re-entry rules apply to all batters including extra hitters. Injury is the exception – once the injured player leaves the game, he may not return to the game – if the team cannot bat 10 players if using the extra hitter or 9 batters if not using the extra hitter, an out will be assigned to the position in the line-up.

Base Running Rules:

34) Advancing to 1st after a batted ball, runners must use the orange bag (when provided) if there is going to be a play at first base.

35) Baserunners must avoid contact. Runners do not have to slide if there is a play being made on them. However, intentionally running over or into defensive players is not permitted and will be cause for player ejection at the umpire's discretion.

36) Headfirst sliding is permitted.

37) Teams must have a coach at first and third base. Players are not permitted to coach the basepaths.

Administrative Rules:

38) Weather and mandatory school functions are the only acceptable reasons to cancel a game. Weather cancelations are to be communicated by the hometown board to the visiting team's board 1 hour or more prior to game time. The coaches of both teams should coordinate a rescheduled date and time within 7 days. If the game is not rescheduled within 7 days, coaches should escalate to their park's board president for assistance.

39) The division representative (sometime called the "league rep") will maintain a record of every team's roster, gather results, maintain standings, and post the league standings in public forum.

40) If need be, the division representative may be called to look at a field to help determine playability in a rain-out situation. The umpires may also be consulted. If another Koufax field is available and playable, the game may be moved.

41) In a rain-out situation the home team is responsible to consult with the opposing team to reschedule the game. The home team must call the division representative to notify of the rain-out and when the game has been rescheduled. The home team must play the team they are scheduled to play in accordance with the original Koufax schedule. The home team will offer the opposing team dates for reschedule. If the home team fails to offer any dates within one week, the home team will forfeit and count as a loss in the standings. If the opposing team fails to agree to a date for the

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reschedule, the opposing team forfeits the game. (School functions and known "No Play" dates may be an exception).

- 42) Teams are to send complete team rosters to the division representative prior to the start of the season and must notify the division representative of any changes to their roster.
- 43) The home team keeps the official scorebook and is to report the score of their game to the division representative.
- 44) League standings are based team's overall record. If two teams finish with the same record, the tie breakers in order of priority will be: head-to-head record, defensive runs allowed, offensive runs scored. If still tied after the 3rd tie break, a flip of the coin shall determine placement. League Standings will also determine seeding for the end of season tournament.
- 45) The season ending tournament will consist of the top team getting a first-round bye. The two higher seeds will host first round games. After the first round the higher seed will continue to host games. It will be the responsibility of the home team to pay the umpires for that game. If a scheduled tournament game is moved to another field, it will still be that home team's responsibility for the umpires. The season ending tournament will award 1st and 2nd place trophies, with the cost shared on a per team allocation amongst each league.
- 46) There will be no "coaches' option" regarding these rules. Coaches who agree to override any league rules will result in an automatic forfeit for both teams.
- 47) Any protest must be made in writing within 24 hours of the incident to the league commissioner. The protest committee shall consist of the league commissioner, Board Presidents or Vice-Presidents (no coaches) from Harlan, Hoagland, Monroeville, New Haven and Woodburn. The Protest must also be made verbally with the home plate umpire at time of incident before play resumes.

Conduct Rules:

- 48) Any coach who is ejected from a game by an umpire shall serve a one game suspension for the next available game. Umpires are to notify the league commissioner.
- 49) No alcohol or smoking in the proximity of the playing areas, concessions or areas where families and players gather. Coaches, managers, and/or scorekeepers will be immediately ejected including a once game suspension if caught smoking or drinking on park grounds.
- 50) Managers and coaches will be responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players, and applicable parents and fans. No taunting of opposing players by coaches or players or parents. This league exists for the kids who play, not for adult amusement.

