



Sandwich Baseball Tournament 10U Rules

General Rules and Field Dimensions

The Tournament rules are based on the Little League rulebook except in the case of the Sandwich Baseball Association "local rules" outlined in this document. In the case of a rules conflict, the Sandwich Baseball Association "local rule" will be considered the governing rule.

- 1 – Base Length: 60 feet
- 2 – Pitching rubber: 46 feet
- 3 – Game length: Six Innings, no new inning can start after one hour and 45 minutes (excludes championship)
- 4 – If a game is canceled due to weather or darkness, it shall be considered a complete game after three innings (2-1/2 innings if the home team is ahead)
- 5 – Large-Lead Rule: 10 runs after four innings (or 3-1/2 innings if the home team is leading)
- 6 - Player age as of May 1
- 7 – All pool-play games will start with a coin flip to determine home team with the coach from the team who travels farthest making the call.
- 8 – The game clock will start when the home team takes the field for inning one
- 9 – A minimum of eight players per team are required to begin a game.
- 10 – Pool play games may end in a tie
- 11 – Metal spikes are prohibited
- 12 – Each player must play at least two innings in the field

A – Batting

- 1) Every player shall bat. Each team will use a complete batting order
- 2) A player who arrives after the game begins must bat at the bottom of the batting order
- 3) A hit ball which goes under or bounces over the outfield fence shall be declared a ground-rule double.
- 4) Bunting is allowed, but the batter may not pull back and swing after showing bunt. If the batter swings after showing bunt, that batter will be ruled out
- 5) Drop third strike is not in effect

6) Each team can score a maximum of five runs in each of the first five innings. Once a team scores five runs, their turn at bat is considered over and they will immediately take the field. In the sixth inning only (and subsequent innings if needed to break a tie), there is no run limit.

10) All bats must conform to the following rules. All bats must be:

- USSSA 1.15 BPF stamped, 2 3/4" diameter or less, no weight restrictions
- USA Baseball (no weight or barrel restrictions)
- BBCOR
- Wood
- No bat may be longer than 33"

B - Pitching

1) Pitchers shall be limited to three consecutive innings per game, twelve innings total in the tournament. One pitch in an inning constitutes a full inning pitched.

2) Pitchers may pitch on consecutive days.

3) There are no balks and the Fed. Balk Rule 6-2-4 does not apply.

4) A pitcher must be removed after hitting two batters in one inning or three batters in a game.

5) The manager/head coach may make one visit to the mound per pitcher per inning. On the second visit, the pitcher must be removed. Visits to the mound due to injury do not count toward the two-visit maximum.

6) Intentional walks are not permitted.

7) Pitch-outs are not allowed.

C - Base Running

1) The baserunner may steal 2nd or 3rd base when the ball crosses the plate or on a passed ball, wild pitch, or overthrow. There is no stealing of home at anytime. This includes on an overthrow that occurred during the steal play.

2) Base runners cannot leave their base until the ball has crossed home plate. Any runner leaving early shall be declared out.

3) There are no delayed steals allowed

4) There is a mandatory slide rule. All players must slide to avoid contact.

6) If a defensive player is injured while attempting to field a ball, the base runner(s) will be allowed to advance only to the base(s) toward which he was headed at the time of the injury and time will be called to attend to the injured player.

7) All overthrows within the fence (excluding catcher back to pitcher) are in play and runners may advance.

8) The Infield Fly Rule does not apply.