

2025 Spring 12u MAJOR Rules - QUICK SHEET

- 1) This is kid-pitch, standard baseball rules apply (leading off, dropped third strike, etc. now apply).
- 2) No new inning will start after 1:30
- 3) Stealing, bunting, leadoffs, etc. all allowed.
- 4) Dropped third strike applies (batter can attempt to run to first on dropped third strike if first base unoccupied or if two outs)
- 5) 7 run limit (applies to all innings, no catch-up rule as exists in some other leagues)
- 6) USA Bat rule does not apply to 12U. Outlawed bats can't be used.
- 7) Bat straight through the order (all players on the roster bat in order in a given night; put differently, we don't substitute in the batting order; free substitution in field except pitcher; starting pitcher is the only pitch that can return).
- 8) Second mound visit in an inning and pitcher has to be replaced.
- 9) Starting pitcher is the only pitcher that can be reinserted into a game (no rule that they have to complete an inning before they are removed).
- 10) Teams must have at least eight players to play. If you are going to be short, you can borrow from 10u within the league (only from within league and only from age group below). Please communicate with me in advance, and I can help find players. Borrowed players wear their league-issued uniform from their 10U team. They must bat last in the order and play outfield.
- 11) We'll primarily use the Group Me App for communication; aggressive on trying to get games in, so pardon the late notice on rainouts. We try to make call by 3:45pm or so on gamedays when crew goes by to prepare the field. In obvious situations, we try to make the call earlier. I'll communicate rainouts to you via GroupMe. Coaches then communicate to their teams. Feel free to use the Group Me thread to trade practice times, etc.
- 12) Pitching rules are attached separately.
- 13) All teams are required to use GameChanger for pitch counts (this is intended to be very public for all parties). BOTH teams should keep score in GameChanger. If discrepancy, coaches will discuss with me to make final determination. The home team is the "official" scorekeeper for the game, so they need to start scoring within the app first. Click on the league scheduled game to score. Games you add yourself don't show up in standings.

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