

10U CHBB – Rules Primer:

- 1) Plate Meeting - It is essential that the Head Coaches meet at the plate with the umpire before game play begins. Game Time, run rule per inning and line ups are the minimum discussion, along with clarity of any rules. During game play, the Head Coach is the only person to approach the umpire (in a calm manner) for rule clarity.
- 2) This is kid-pitch, standard baseball rules apply with two primary exceptions:
 - a. No leading off
 - b. No infield fly rule
 - c. There are no balks (no leading off / pick offs)
 - d. There is no running to 1B on dropped third strike (strike out is a strike out regardless if catcher catches it or not).
- 2) No new inning will start after 1:20. The next inning starts as soon as the third out is called in the previous inning.
- 3) Time called when fielding team stops runners from advancing or runners stop voluntarily. Umpire discretion. Ball is dead when pitcher has the ball on pitching plate in situations where ump not called time.
- 4) Stealing and bunting allowed; runners can leave the base when ball crosses plate.
- 5) 5 run limit (applies to all innings, no catch-up rule as exists in some other leagues)
- 6) USA Baseball Bats (must have stamp and appear on the approved list at <https://usabat.com/>)
- 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 pitcher that can return, and he can only return if he was pulled after a completed inning (cannot return if removed mid-inning).
- 8) Second mound visit in an inning and pitcher has to be replaced.
- 9) Teams must have at least eight players to play. We field 9 players (3 outfielders, 6 infielders). If you are going to be short, you can borrow from 8u within the league. Please communicate with the commissioner in advance, the league can help find players who are in the league. Borrowed players wear their league-issued uniform from their 8U team. They must bat last in the order and play outfield.
- 10) 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 3pm or so on game days when crew goes by to prepare the field. In obvious situations, we try to make the call earlier. We will communicate rainouts to you via GroupMe. Coaches then communicate to their teams.
- 11) Pitching rules are attached separately from commissioner. Please use the GroupMe thread to communicate scores and pitch counts at the end of each game (Pitch counts to be communicated very publicly, so that all parties are fully aware). Google sheets are used and distributed with the schedule to document pitch counts and pitcher eligibility.