



HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION RULES

14U-17U

GENERAL LEAGUE RULES:

1. 14 AND UP IN THIS DIVISION.
2. No dogs. Only service animals will be allowed. All non-service dogs will be asked to leave immediately
3. The Ohio High School Rules will cover any rules not covered in these rules.
4. Opposition has access to the scorebook prior to the game. Home team will be the official scorekeeper. The umpire will settle any questions concerning the score using both scorebooks.
5. All umpires will be certified by CGSL. The umpire will be the sole judge of all plays and will have complete control of the starting and stopping of the game. All umpires must be 16 years old or older. Exception - Both coaches must mutually agree to use a younger umpire if necessary.
6. Any deviation from any league or playing rules could result in a forfeit.
7. No alcohol
8. Do Not Use Foul Language! Control Your Temper! Coaches will be held responsible for the actions of their assistant coaches, players, parents and fans. CGSL reserves the right to ask any person to leave the park due to unsportsmanlike behavior or actions unbecoming the sport.
9. No smoking around diamonds or dugouts. There is a smoking section at the end of each field.

Coaches' responsibilities

Read all of these rules

1. Coaches must attend all mandatory meetings. Coaches will be required to sign in and out of meetings.
2. Coaches are responsible for their equipment and must turn it in at the conclusion of the season
3. All coaches are required to umpire coach pitch games. Penalty for a coach who doesn't show up for their duty will be a two game suspension of their coaching their team. This rule will be strictly enforced. A junior umpire may be used; the coach would be responsible for the 20 dollar fee.
4. Each team is required to work the concession stand. It is the responsibility of the coach to arrange for parents to cover. You will need 4-6 parents for sufficient coverage. If a team doesn't show for the concession stand duty the team will forfeit two games.
5. Coaches who don't comply with league rules or represent the league in an unacceptable manner may not be permitted to coach in the league the following season. Remember you are teaching the community's children the rules and techniques of the game and to have fun. Teach players to make plays.
6. Do not use foul language! Control your temper.
7. Coaches are responsible for the actions of players, parents and fans of their team.
8. Coaches will follow the practice schedule provided to them by the league. Coaches may request additional practice time on available diamonds but can't make them mandatory.

PLAYING RULES:

1. All players must play at least 2 defensive innings. Players can not sit two innings in a row.
2. Infield fly rule will be in effect.
3. Drop third strike rule will be in effect.
4. Home team will be the official scorekeeper. At the end of each half inning, both scorekeepers shall inform the umpire and each other of the runs scored.
5. All players at the game will be in the batting order.
6. If a player becomes sick or injured and cannot continue to play, their spot in the order will be skipped with no out taken.
7. Each game will be 6 innings. There will be a 1 hour and 30 minutes time limit on games. No new inning will be started after 1 hour and 30 minutes.
8. Run rule: 10 runs after 4 and 10 after five.
9. Team must have 8 to start.
10. Players are not required to slide BUT they are encouraged. Please avoid contact. If contact is NOT avoided, it will be to the umpire to determine whether the runner made malicious contact. If so, the runner will be out. AVOID CONTACT.
11. There will be a (2) minute speed up rule in effect. Players must hustle on and off the field. The umpire can call balls and strikes at his or her discretion depending on who is holding up the game.
12. There will be no more than 2 timeouts per game. An injury or pitching change does not constitute a time out.
13. If a game is called due to weather or darkness, that game will be picked up at a later time, if scheduling permits. The game will be picked at the exact point where it was called. 3 ½ innings constitutes a complete game if the home team is ahead.
14. Any player that throws the bat will be warned ONE time and will be called out on his next offense in any one game. The umpire will notify both coaches and scorekeepers of the offense.
15. Pitching distance is 43 feet. Base distance is 60 feet.
16. There will be no coaches in the playing field when teams are on defense. They must be in the dugout.
17. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out.
18. Runners can steal on release from the pitcher's hand.
19. If a batter is hit by a pitch, a dead ball is declared and the batter is awarded first base unless it is the umpire's opinion that they made no attempt to get out of the way.
20. It will be the Umpire's decision to stop play if he/she believes a player is injured

Equipment Rules:

1. (12) inch softballs supplied by CGSL will be used.
2. No metal cleats
3. Batter must use softball bats as governed by the ASA Rule Book. USA bats only no USSSA bats.
4. No jewelry will be permitted. Sunglasses may be worn properly.
5. Catchers must wear protective headwear, throat guard, chest protector, and shin guards.
6. Pitcher will wear face guard.
7. Players batting, on deck, catching and running bases must wear protective headgear. Players must leave helmet on until they leave the playing field. (Note: Only one batter on deck at a time, all other players must remain on the bench).