



## **2025 - CAMBRIAN RULES FOR 8U TOURNAMENT**

- Saturday: Coin Flip determines home field (to take place any time prior to your game) between the two managers or coaches.
- Sunday: Higher seeded team is home team throughout the day. ● No player may be nine before September 1, 2024.
- Little League approved bats only - USA Baseball. No USSSA bats allowed.
- Coach Pitch 5 pitches from rubber . (3rd swing-through strike is an out). Foul on the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch is not an out; can foul as many off.
- ONCE BALL IS IN PLAY, COACH PITCHER SHOULD NOT COACH AND SHOULD GET OFF THE FIELD UNTIL TIME IS CALLED.
- You may coach only from the dugout. Defense should observe silence while coach is pitching.
- Defensive coach shags behind catcher. NO COACHING FROM BEHIND THE PLATE.
- Roster sizes: 9 players minimum and 14 players maximum. Must have 9 to start a game, may play with 8 if injury/illness forces a player out of the game. If playing with 8, the last vacated spot will be an automatic out.
- The runner halfway rule is in effect for all games. The play is considered stopped and all runners must stop when any of the infielders, the pitcher, or the catcher receive the ball and raise their arms. The infielder, pitcher, or catcher must be in fair territory, must be in the infield (grass or dirt), and must have firm possession of the ball. The ball is considered dead once ALL of the above requirements are met, and no continuation of the play will be allowed. Any runner who has not yet reached at least halfway (defined as the runner's full body past the halfway point between bases) to the next base when the play is stopped as described above, must return to the previous base. If an infielder, pitcher, or catcher fields the ball and raises their arms in fair territory, any FORCED runners that were not past the halfway line shall automatically be granted the next available base.
  - The infielder, pitcher, or catcher must be in fair territory, must be in the infield (grass or dirt), and must have firm possession of the ball. Any runner who is not at least halfway (defined as the 1/2 way marker on field) to the next base at the time ALL of these occurs is required to return to the previous base.

- Runners can tag up before the play is dead but at the risk of becoming tagged out.
- No infield fly rule; No USSSA bats; No on-deck circle, No batting weights/doughnuts. No sunflower seeds on field or in dugouts.
- No head first sliding into bases.
- Runner may leave the base when the ball reaches the batter.
- 5 runs per inning except last inning, allows a max of 10 batters and up to 10 runs ( Saturday )
- 5 runs per inning; uncapped last inning ( Sunday )
- Mercy Rule : Teams are declared the winner if leading by 12 or more runs after 4 innings played (3 ½ innings if home team is winning by at least 12 runs).
- Continuous batting - NO EXCEPTIONS; NO SUBSTITUTIONS. There is no defensive minimum requirement.
- 10 players on the field - 4 outfield players on outfield grass to start
- Catcher can be pinch run for by the last out if there are 2 outs.
- If a batted ball hits the coach pitcher before passing a fielder other than the pitcher, it's a dead ball and it counts as a foul ball. If it hits the umpire or coach after passing a fielder, it's live.
- No warmups on the infield pre-game. No infield warmups between innings. Two warm up pitches allowed after the 1<sup>st</sup>inning. Have the catcher ready.
- Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement along with birth certificates and proof of insurance, for both Cambrian Park Little League and Cambrian Park School District (2 separate sheets,) to be turned in at least 45 minutes before start of your first game.
- Games are 5 inning OR 65 minutes. No new inning will start after 65 minutes of play. Umpire keeps start/end time and will call start time before game starts.
- Tiebreakers for Sunday seedings will be (in order) head to head, runs against, runs scored, coin flip.
- No bunts, soft swings, stealing, or lead-offs.
- Managers need to exchange lineups with opposing teams and track batting orders; umpires keep track of game start, pitches, outs, and runs scored only.
- Sunday will have a gold and silver bracket and will be single elimination.

- Umpires call is final and will be made at the time of the call. At no time will an official be called for a ruling. Please remember, that this is an 8U tournament.
- Umpires reserve the right to decide on any unforeseen issues that arise.
  
- Managers are responsible for fans, players and coaches. He/She will be asked to leave if fans, players and/or coaches become unruly.

Please enjoy yourself at our complex, and if you have any questions, please reach out to anyone wearing a 'Cambrian' T-Shirt or text Annie Pyle at 408-608-5433