

Baseball rules for the Juvenile Division and above.

1. See attached bat restrictions. Balls are stamped with JJIS.
2. Bases are 90' and Pitcher's Mounds are 60'6".
3. Batter's may advance on dropped third strike if first is unoccupied with 2 outs or less or any time with 2 outs.
4. In-Field fly rule is in affect when there are runners on first and second (or bases loaded) and less than 2 outs.
5. Pitchers may pitch no more than 21 outs per calendar day, or 18+ outs in a single game.
6. If a batted ball is fouled into the catcher's glove (does not hit the ground) it is still a live ball for all base runners. On third strike the batter is out.
7. If the batters foot steps out of the batters box or onto home plate with a fair ball the batter is out. (Dead Ball)
8. Run rule is 10 after 4 ½ for the Home team.
9. Interference is called on the runner when the fielder is attempting to make the play and has contact with the fielder. Runner is out.
10. Obstruction is called on the fielder if there is contact with the runner and they are not making a play on the ball. Runner may be awarded the next base by discretion of the Umpire.
11. Interference is called on a batter if after they leave the batter's box they interfere with a catcher's play.
12. Interference is called on a catcher if the bat touches the catcher during the swing. (Dead Ball)
13. Faking a tag without a ball is obstruction. Penalty shall be enforced. Runner is allowed next base.
14. Bat weight and barrel restrictions;

Juvenile 1 Division; Bats longer than 30 inches must meet all NFHS guidelines (all bats have a 2 5/8 inch maximum barrel diameter). 2. Bats 30 inches and less in length not meeting the NFHS -3 guidelines must have a barrel diameter of no greater than 2 1/4 inches and do not require the BESR label, as adopted by the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association.

Juvenile 2 Division; -3 length to weight ratio, diameter 2 5/8 only

First offense – remove bat from field; batter is out; no runners may advance

Second offense – remove bat; coach is removed; batter is out; no runners advance

Third offense – game is forfeited

Only wood, aluminum, graphite and fiberglass bats are acceptable.

Baseball rules for the Bantam/Midget Division.

1. See attached bat restrictions. Balls are stamped with BM.
2. Bases are 75' and Pitcher's Mounds are 52' for Midget.
3. Bases are 65' and Pitcher's Mounds are 44' for Bantam.
4. Batter's may advance on dropped third strike if first is unoccupied with 2 outs or less or any time with 2 outs.
5. In-Field fly rule is in affect when there are runners on first and second (or bases loaded) and less than 2 outs.
6. Bantam Pitchers may pitch no more than 12 outs per calendar day; Midget 15 outs per calendar day.
7. If a batted ball is fouled into the catcher's glove (does not hit the ground) it is still a live ball for all base runners. On third strike the batter is out.
8. If the batters foot steps out of the batters box or onto home plate with a fair ball the batter is out. (Dead Ball)
9. Run rule is 10 after 4 ½ for the Home team.
10. Interference is called on the runner when the fielder is attempting to make the play and has contact with the fielder. Runner is out.
11. Obstruction is called on the fielder if there is contact with the runner and they are not making a play on the ball. Runner may be awarded the next base by discretion of the Umpire.
12. Interference is called on a batter if after they leave the batter's box they interfere with a catcher's play.
13. Interference is called on a catcher if the bat touches the catcher during the swing. (Dead Ball)
14. Faking a tag without a ball is obstruction. Penalty shall be enforced. Runner is allowed next base.
15. There is a Nine (9) run limit per inning for the first 5 complete innings.
16. Bat weight and barrel restrictions;

Bantam divisions; -13 length to weight ratio, diameter 2 5/8

Midget divisions; -9 length to weight ratio, diameter 2 5/8

Only wood, aluminum, graphite and fiberglass bats are acceptable.

Baseball rules for the Atom Division. Face guards are mandatory

1. See attached bat restrictions. Balls are stamped with Atom.
2. Bases are 55' and Pitcher's Mounds are 36' for Atom.
3. Batters may not advance on dropped third strike, Batter will be called out, and runners may not advance.
4. In-Field fly rule is not in affect.
5. Pitchers may pitch no more than 9 outs per calendar day.
6. No Balks are called, Warnings are given. No balls are given at this age-Instructional league. (Section 24)
7. If the batters foot steps out of the batters box or onto home plate with a fair ball the batter is out.
8. Run rule is 10 after 4 ½ for the Home team.
9. Interference is called on the runner when the fielder is attempting to make the play and has contact with the fielder. Runner is out.
10. Obstruction is called on the fielder if there is contact with the runner and they are not making a play on the ball. Runner may be awarded the next base by discretion of the Umpire.
11. Interference is called on a batter if after they leave the batter's box they interfere with a catcher's play.
12. Interference is called on a catcher if the bat touches the catcher during the swing.
13. Faking a tag without a ball is obstruction. Penalty shall be enforced. Runner is allowed next base.
14. Two hour time limits strictly enforced. No new innings begin after two hours.
15. Base runners may not steal any base. Runners may lead off such that the back foot is no more than 3 feet from the base. Penalty: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense is a warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense runner is called out.
16. The catcher must return the ball to the pitcher after each pitch. Pitchers and catcher are not allowed to pick base runners off base. (the return throw from the catcher to the pitcher is a dead ball).
17. Batter's are called out on all dropped third strike's
18. There is a Six (6) run limit per inning for the first 5 complete innings.
19. Atom divisions; No length to weight ratio, diameter 2 5/8 Only wood, aluminum, graphite and fiberglass bats are acceptable.