

2018 12U Fastpitch Rules

- PLAY BY OHIO HIGH SCHOOL RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:
- Both coaches must agree to any changes prior to the game starting. (League play only, not in league tournament)
- The official ball shall be a 12-inch ASA approved optic yellow ball.
- The official pitching rubber will be 40 feet from home plate.
- Chinstraps are no longer required by NFHS
- A team must have at least 8 players to begin a game, no less than 7 players to continue.
- Each team will field 10 players: pitcher, catcher, 1st, 2nd, shortstop, 3rd, left field, left-center field, right-center field, and right field. NO FLOATER
- Games are 6 innings with 3 outs or 6 runs per inning. The last inning will be an open inning until 3 outs are made. Extra innings are also open until 3 outs are made.
- There will be 12 run rule after 4 ½ innings if home team is winning. If in the 5th or 6th inning the visitors are up by 12 or more, home team will still bat in the bottom of the 5th or 6th inning.
- No pinch runners except in the case of injury. If a runner is injured, the pinch runner will be the player who made the last out.
- No runners can lead off (baseball lead off). Runners may lead off or steal after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
- May attempt to steal 2nd, 3rd and home after the ball has crossed the plate. One warning per team for leaving the base too early. The next runner, who does so, is out. The other runner will be sent back to bases occupied at the time of the pitch.
- May only steal one base per pitch. If a player attempts to steal 2 bases on one pitch and is tagged out she is out. If the player reaches the next base safely, time will be called and runner will be sent back to first base she stole.
- **On an overthrow, a runner may advance only one base. Only one overthrow per hit ball. All base runners may advance on an overthrow, not just the runner the play is being attempted on. A runner can advance home on an overthrow.**
- **On an overthrow during a pick off play, a runner may advance one base with the chance of being thrown out. The initial overthrow is the only overthrow that can occur during the play. If a runner on third base leads off, and the catcher attempts to pick them off and an overthrow occurs, the runner may advance home.**
- No infield fly rule

- All players bat. If a player shows up after the game has started, she will be put in the last position in the batting lineup.
- Free substitutions of players are allowed with the exception of pitcher. See Below.
- Pitchers are limited to 3 innings per game. One pitch constitutes one inning. No pitcher shall re-enter as a pitcher in the same inning. A player from a lower age group cannot pitch. If a game goes into extra innings, a pitcher may pitch one extra inning (totaling 4 innings pitched for the game. Rule applies during league and tournament play).
- If a player throws a bat, both teams will be warned at the same time. Next player throwing a bat from either team will be called out. The ball is dead and all runners return to the bases occupied at the time of the pitch.
- All players must play 2 defensive innings (During league play only)
- **Troy Coaches:** Players DO NOT have to play one infield or one outfield position per game. If you feel the player's safety is a factor (i.e. not paying attention, they can play the outfield all season if necessary. Many teams are aggressive in this league, so player safety is #1)
- **Games will be 6 innings or 1 ½ hours, whichever comes first. However, an inning must be completed for a game to be considered complete. No new inning will be started after 1 ½ hours. A maximum of 6 runs per inning. Three outs or 6 runs per inning, whichever comes first. The last inning is open; no run limit.**