

COOPERSTOWN BASEBALL WORLD -
OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Major League Rules with Many Modifications

- Cut-off date for each age group: May 1, 2012.
 - Lead offs are allowed for all ages.
 - Designated Hitter is allowed (10-man line-up may be used) for any player.
 - Extra Hitter(s) - may be used; however they must always bat in the tenth (eleventh, twelfth, etc. spot).
 - **Re-Entry: 12U & 13U:** a starter may re-enter the game one time, once an extra hitter enters and exits the game defensively, he is no longer eligible for the field but will remain batting the rest of the game.
14U/15U/16U: no re-entry allowed!
 - **Speed Up Rule:** run for catcher & pitcher at any time (must use a player not already in the game)
 - No pitching limitations (coach's discretion).
 - **Balk rules:** 12U warnings only during pool play, then only 1 warning per pitcher during tournament
13U - one warning per pitcher during pool play, then straight baseball during tournament
14U/15U/16U - straight baseball the whole time (no warnings)
 - All games will be six (6) innings in length or 2-hour time limit. No new inning will be started 5 minutes before 2-hour time limit is up. There is no time limit in the tournament (Wednesday & Thursday).
 - The "Mercy Rule" will be used (if one team leads another by 10 runs or more after only 4 innings of play, the game is over). This also applies during the tournament!
 - CBW Tournament Directors have the Option of officially calling a game after 4 innings of the weather is inclement and they do feel the game can be continued. If the game is stopped for weather and is resumed, it will resume in the exact position that it was left in, no matter what the circumstances (e.g. bottom 2nd, 1 out, man on 2nd).
 - Pool Play tiebreakers, will be determined by the following criteria in this specific order: Head-to Head competition, Least Runs Allowed, Quality Wins
 - All protests must be made at the game, to the umpire and the official scorekeeper, before the next pitch is thrown. A tournament director must be called to the field to handle the situation before the games is resumed.
 - Slide Rule - a player must slide or attempt to slide on all close plays (umpire's discretion).
 - Head-first sliding is permitted into each base.
 - Metal spikes are only permitted for the 13U - 16U age divisions.
 - No jewelry may be worn during games (e.g., earrings, necklaces, rings, etc.).
 - It is required that every player wear a double earflap protective helmet while batting, on deck, in coaches' boxes, and running bases.
 - The use of all tobacco products by athletes and game personnel (coaches, umpires, etc.) is prohibited. There is also no smoking on or near the fields or outside of the dormitories!
 - Only the following authorized people shall be allowed on the playing field: players, coaches in uniform, trainers, umpires, team managers, and camp administrators.
 - In the event of rain, no infield practice will be allowed at all!
 - No alcohol is allowed on campus property – SUNY Oneonta is a dry campus!
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| • 12U | Base paths: 70 ft. | Pitching Mound: 50 ft. |
| • 13U | Base paths: 80 ft. | Pitching Mound: 56 ft. |
| • 14U-16U | Base paths: 90 ft. | Pitching Mound: 60 ft. 6 in. |
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| • Bat Diameter for all | maximum 2 ¾ |
| • Bat Length: 14U-16U | maximum 36 inches |
| • Bat Weight 14U-16U | differential no greater than minus five (-5) |