



Travel Baseball – League Rules

FALL 2024

Location

- All games will be in Carol Stream:
 - McCaslin Park - 27W650 North Ave., West Chicago
 - Armstrong Park 1 - 475 Chippewa Trl., Carol Stream
 - Armstrong Park 2-4 - 391 Illini Dr., Carol Stream

League Format

- 8 game seasons followed by a single elimination playoff
- League will abide by IHSA rules unless other noted

Rosters

- Team rosters must be turned in before your first game
 - Players will not be eligible until the waiver has been signed
 - A player may only be on one team for the season
 - No roster additions after week 2 of the season
- Teams must have birth certificates on hand throughout the season
 - Birthday cutoff is April 30

Field Setup

- Base Paths
 - 10U – 65 feet
 - 12U – 70 feet
 - 13U – 80 feet
 - 14U – 90 feet
- Pitching Mound
 - 10U – 46 feet
 - 12U – 50 feet
 - 13U – 54 feet
 - 14U – 60 feet and 6 inches
 - Portable turtles will be used for all levels

Time Limits/Game Length

- All games will have a no new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes with a drop dead at 2 hours.
 - Championship games will have no time limit, and game must complete.
- The score (assuming the home team is not batting and winning the game at the drop-dead point) will revert back to the last complete inning to determine the winner.
- In the event of a tie during a playoff game the game will continue until a winner is determined.
- 10U – 6 inning game
 - Official game is 3 innings or 2.5 innings if the home team is leading
- 12U-14U – 7 inning game
 - Official game is 4 innings or 3.5 innings if the home team is leading



Pitching

- 10U – 2 innings
- 12U-13U – 3 innings
- 14U – 4 innings
- One pitch constitutes an inning
- One free trip to the mound per inning by the coach, and only a maximum of two free trips allowed per pitcher per game. On the second trip of the inning or third trip per game the pitcher must be removed.
- 10U-12U – A pitcher who hits two batters in an inning or three batters within the game will be removed from the game as a pitcher.
- 13U-14U – A pitcher who hits three batters in an inning or four batters within the game will be removed from the game as a pitcher.

Mercy Rule

- 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4, or 8 runs after 5 innings
 - 2 ½ innings if the home team is leading

Courtesy Runner

- Will be allowed for catchers and pitchers scheduled for the following half-inning after one out, and in case of injury to a player. The courtesy runner used must be the last batted out. An injured player who requires a courtesy runner must be removed from the game, and will not be allowed to re-enter.

Batting

- 10U-12U – Continuous batting order
- 13U-14U has the option of:
 - Continuous batting order
 - Standard 9 player batting order with DP the Flex being the 10th player with bench substitutions (IHSA rules)
 - The team with more players may bat the same number of players as the opposing team
- No fake bunts or slashing
 - Batters who show bunt must either bunt or take a pitch. Batters who show bunt then swim will be called out whether they contact the ball or not and immediately ejected from the game. Player's spot in the lineup will be an automatic out for the remainder of the game.

Defense

- Free substitution for defensive players if using continuous batting order

Equipment

- Rubber spikes only at 10U-12U
- Metal spikes may be worn at 13U-14U, but rubber spikes on games on turf (McCaslin Park)
- All bats must be BBCOR, wood or stamped either 1.15 BPF or USA Baseball to be used
 - 13U will have a -8 bat restriction. BESR stamped bats are illegal and cannot be used
 - 14U will have a -5 bat restriction. BESR stamped bats are illegal and cannot be used



Schedules/Rainout Information

- Each home team will be required to communicate with the opposing team in the event of a rainout.
 - Reschedules will need to be coordinated with the opposing team then coordinated with Carol Stream Park District.
- The Carol Stream Park District reserves the right to change and/or adapt all baseball schedules in any way necessary to operate the league with proper notice to the manager.
- Once schedules are completed, the teams are required to make their scheduled game unless weather or a coordinated reschedule can happen. If not, the team who cannot make the game will forfeit (7-0).
- Do not assume games are canceled because of weather conditions. Every effort will be made to play the games, even in light rain. If games are determined to be playable and your team does not show, you will lose by forfeit.
 - Rainout Information for Carol Stream Games (Updated by 4pm on weekdays, and 8am on weekends):
 - **Website:** [Field Conditions - Carol Stream Park District \(csparks.org\)](http://csparks.org)

Standings/Tie Breakers

- Standings will be kept, and are calculated by highest winning percentage
- Tie breaker policy for playoff seeding will be the following procedures, in order, until all ties are broken:
 1. Head to head competition between the tied teams (Team MUST beat all other teams tied in standing to win this tie-breaker)
 2. Any team with a forfeit during the regular season will automatically lose all ties even for the head to head tie-breaker
 3. Point differential for the entire regular season
 4. Least points allowed for the entire season

Score Reporting

- **Report Scores:** [Youth Sports - Baseball & Softball Game Report - Carol Stream Park District \(csparks.org\)](http://csparks.org)