

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BASEBALL

2021 12U RULES

Basics

- All games and practices are played at the complex on field #5
- Must attempt to play all 6 innings
- Players must wear protective cups
- Teams must use only 4 infielders, 3 outfielders, a pitcher and a catcher
- Must use a running batting order (i.e. the next batter after the last batter from the previous inning)
- All players should play at least 4 innings. Two in the infield
- Only base coaches are allowed in the field. No coaches allowed in the outfield or infield.
- No leads; steals only as the ball crosses home plate
- 5 steals per inning limit
- 5 runs per inning limit

Pitching

*****All players should have the opportunity to pitch! Do not use the same pitchers for every game*****

- Normal pitch count (3 strikes, 4 balls) 3 strikes, the batter is out; 4 balls is a walk
- All games will have a league umpire
- Pitch count – 85 per game based on Cal Ripken rules using recommended rest time between games

Batters

- Warn batters not to throw their bats after hitting the ball. 1st time will be a warning, 2nd time they may be called out on the umpire's discretion.
- Batter and runner may advance only 1 base on an overthrow
- Batter may advance more than 2 bases on a hit to the outfield (triple or homerun) with the following exceptions:
 - If the ball reaches the infield and the fielder shows some type of possession the runner must return to the previous bag unless they are beyond the halfway point between two bags.
 - The ball is in play until time is called, the batter doesn't automatically get to advance to the next bag.

Coaches

- Use the scorebooks to keep track of game results and pitch counts. Both coaches should submit game results to the commissioner within 24 hours of the games completion
- Ensure the umpire signs in on the clipboard in the shed and both head coaches initial it or the umpire will not get paid for that game
- At the end of the season, there is an All-Star game, players are nominated by their coaches so please keep sufficient stats.
- Coaches will draft players before the start of the season. If the head and assistant coaches have children playing, they will automatically be selected as the first 1-3 draft picks and that team will not draft in the applicable rounds. Drafting is implemented to maintain parity and prevent powerhouses from dominating every year. The draft will be based on drawing from
- Teams making the playoffs will be determined by the amount in the age group. Top 4, top 6, etc
- As a courtesy, please fill out the player evaluation for and submit to your commissioner at the end of the season so next years coaches know who they are drafting