

18u Crossroads Senior Softball League Rules 2023

NSA RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF HOUSE RULES LISTED BELOW.

SEASON LEAGUE GAMES TO START – Monday May 1st.

Note* A player that is rostered on a travel team from September 2022 to August 2023 will be considered a travel player in Crossroads for the entire year. A player is considered a travel ball player if they have been rostered on a team THAT IS FORMED other than an All-Start team.

There will be zero tolerance from fans towards umpires. Coaches you are responsible for your fans. Umpires will give 1 warning to any unruly fan unless the umpires decide otherwise. If they continue to be unruly, they will be asked to leave the facility along with the head coach. Coaches you have the right to question and appeal a call. Please do so in an appropriate manner. Then whatever decision is made will be final and end of discussion.

*** 9 PLAYERS WILL PLAY DEFENSE IN A GAME.**

Note 2019 Amendment * Age cutoff date is Dec 31st. If a town cannot field a team in 12U, that town may use 13 year old players to fill a roster. However, they must first try and fill the appropriate age group first. If a town cannot field a team in 14U, that town may use 15year old players to fill a roster. Each town must first try and fill the appropriate age group first. The majority of your team should be age specific.

2020 – NEW BAT REQUIREMENTS – All bats must have the NSA or USSSA stamp on bats. NO USA PGF ONLY STAMPS ALLOWED. IF BAT HAS ALL STAMPS ON THEM, THIS BAT WILL BE LEGAL TO USE. ** If a player is using an illegal bat that does not have the required stamp on it, if caught directly after her at bat and before the next pitch is thrown to the new batter that batter will be out. If a batter is using an illegal bat and has not finished her at bat, the player may switch to a legal bat and complete her official at bat. NO PLAYER or COACH EJECTIONS for using ILLEGAL BATS.

2020 – NEW PITCHING RULES - A pitcher MAY start her pitch with (1) one foot on the pitching rubber, the other foot may start behind the pitching rubber. The pitcher must start there and cannot step back after she is set to pitch. The umpire will give one warning IF PLAYER STEPS BACK AFTER SHE IS SET, after the one warning the batter will be issued a ball in her count.

2022 – NEW PITCHING RULE- A pitcher may leap not crow hop.

*A GAME CLOCK SHOULD BE DISPLAYED AND THE GAME CLOCK WILL START AT THE BREAK OF THE MANAGER/UMPIRE MEETING.

*A NEW INNING STARTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE THIRD OUT IN AN INNING OCCURS PROVIDING THE HOME TEAM IS UP TO BAT AND IS LOSING, IF THE 3RD OUT OCCURS WITH THE HOME WINNING, THEY DO NOT BAT AND THE GAME IS OVER.

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****Game clock will start at the departure of the umpire managers and umpire meeting.**

***ALL PITCHERS MUST WEAR A FACE MASK.** WE RECOMMEND ALL PLAYERS WEAR FACEMASK BUT NOT REQUIRED. EACH TOWN WILL GOVERN THEIR OWN FACEMASK RULE.

- 1.) Game Time- 75 minutes finish the inning. Games to start no earlier than 6pm. No game to be scheduled after 8pm unless it is your own town's decision to play each other. (12U and 14U to play Monday and Wednesdays when possible but may be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursdays when fields dictate) (18U Mon –Thurs). A 12-game schedule will be issued to each team, 6 home and 6 away.
- 2.) Tie games - use international tiebreaker with last recorded out on 2nd base. Up to max of 2 innings. After completing 2 extra innings, game will be documented as a tie.
- 3.) Continuous batting order.
- 4.) Unlimited player substitution in games.
- 5.) Travel Ball players - 3 travel ball players on a team, if you have more than 3, you can add to a team after **all teams** have travel players on them. (No one team can have entire travel ball or high school players and their other town teams have none. (Travel ball players must be split up evenly amongst your town teams)
- 6.) **Subs**, you can call up from another team in that age group from your town or any town in the crossroads. **ALL sub player must play outfield and bat last. A TEAM cannot USE TRAVEL BALL SUB PLAYERS IF THEY ALREADY HAVE 3 ON A TEAM.**
 - 6a) A team must have a minimum of 7 **players** to start a game, (any combination of 7 **players** including subs but no more than 3 subs permitted) and must finish with 7 players. There will be no outs assets for playing with 7, no out for the eighth or ninth spot in the order. A 15 minute grace period will be given to the team that is short; however the game timer starts to run at game time.
 - 6b) A team calling up subs cannot **exceed 11 players** in the starting lineup. All subs must bat last in the order and wear their original team shirt.
- 7.) Maximum number of subs is three (3) for a game during the season.
- 8.) Late players to the game may enter put them at the bottom of the lineup, no penalty.
- 9.) Players that have been removed from the line up due to injury or have to leave the field, when their bat comes, there will not be an out, just skip over. (In the event a batter is hurt and cannot finish her at bat this will be an out), if her turn at bat comes up later it will not be an out.

10.) No Metal Spikes for 12U and 14U, (18U is allowed with the exception of CROWN POINT AND ST JOHN) if it is detected after the first pitch the girl will be called out if on offense and asked to change into plastic cleats or gym shoes immediately. If the player is on defense they will vacate the field immediately. The player will be removed but the game will not stop.

11.) **Run Rule: 12U, 14U and 18U** -5 runs per inning.

Slaughter rule is still in effect -12, 10, 8 runs, 3, 4, 5 innings.

(NOTE – 12U 14U ONLY REGULAR SEASON) - if time allows and the home team is winning and the visitors cannot win because of the 5 run rule, **the visiting team will be allowed to bat and remain playing until time expires.** The second the timer goes off, the game will be called regardless of outs. In the instance the home team is winning, they will not be allowed to bat.

**** – NO SCORES WILL BE RECORDED. BLIND DRAW YEAR END FOR BRACKETS PLAY**

11a) All regular and year end tournament games require 2 umpires.

12.) Team roster deadline - 12U and 14U are due by April 15th 18U due by May 15. Rosters must be emailed to Danel Erickson purk1115@gmail.com and AL August at sgspresident2015@gmail.com. **An Asterisk * will be placed next to each high school or travel player.**

13.) Players can be added - 12U and 14U until May 18th, 18U until June 10th. (Exception, if you need to add a player to have enough to have a team - Let the towns know. Say you are dropping one to add one)

14.) Rain outs may not always be played at the field where the game was originally scheduled at.

*A game is considered complete after the completion of three (3) completed innings. If the home team is winning after 2 ½ innings the game will be called complete.

*A game will start over new if game is called due to rain or cold. Umpires or a league official from your league at the fields will make this call, not the managers.

*Each town will schedule their own rainouts.

15.) 12U-14U Year-end tournament to start as early as Monday June 26.
North and South winners play final game Wed July 5th at a neutral field.
18U tournament to start July 10th

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Note – All towns MUST sign up and use the RAINED out Hotline.



Here is a link for rainedout.com, we will be using this system for the crossroads league.

Schererville account is: Schererville Crossroads

Crown Point account is: CP Crossroads

Cedar Lake account is: cedar lake crossroads

Griffith account account is Griffith crossroads

Lake Village account is: Lake Village Crossroads

YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR EACH TOWN SO YOU GET ALL ALERTS.

NEW 2023:

All player must have numbers on jerseys

Cannot be rostered on more team 1 team in the same division.

2023 TOURNAMENT RULES:

*** NEW RULE – 12u AND 14u ONLY - NO TRAVELBALL PITCHER MAY NOT PITCH MORE THEN 2 CONSECUTIVE INNINGS AND NO MORE THEN 3 IN A GAME DURING THE YEAR END TOURNAMENT. A non-travel town ball pitcher may pitch unlimited.**

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- * Tourney rules: BLIND DRAW. Double coin toss shall be used to determine home and away.
- * YEAR END TOURNAMENT RUN RULE - 12U / 14U /18U **7 runs per inning**. SLAUGHTER RULE IN AFFECT 12,10,8 runs - 3, 4, 5 innings.
- * Tie Games – At the end of regulation (75 minutes or 7 innings whichever comes first) international tiebreaker. Last out of the previous inning will start on 2nd base. Teams will still have 3 out per inning.
- * NO SUB PITCHERS OR CATCHERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PITCH OR CATCH IN YEAR END TOURNEY. All subs must wear their original team shirt when subbing. All subs must bat last and play outfield.

*** If any subs are used, you must bat entire LINE UP.**

- * ALL SUBS MUST BE AGE APPROPRIATE TO THE TEAM THEY ARE SUBBING FOR. NO OLDER PLAYERS ARE PERMITTED TO PLAY DOWN IN TOURNAMENT. The SUB player must be in the division that they are subbing for or from division below.
- * Maximum number of subs - **3** for tournament. You can only use a travel player if you have fewer than 3 travel players playing on that team. **If using sub a player, ALL PLAYERS MUST BAT AND PLY OUTFIELD.**
- * Running for pitchers and catchers –Running for pitchers or catchers must be the last recorded out.
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- * If a player is injured during a game or if a team is short, that team will NOT be penalized with an out. That spot will be skipped in the lineup with penalty.
- * Tournament games will be played in full (75 min or 7 Innings). If there is a rain out or delay during the game, the two managers and umpire will have a meeting to discuss, time, scores and details of the game. The game will resume from that point that is agreed upon by all 3 people in that meeting.

TROPHIES FOR 1ST AND 2ND NORTH / SOUTH DIVISION and 1ST AND 2ND CROSSROADS REGIONAL winners FOR TOURNAMENT.