

**Crossroads Rules Senior League**

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

Note\* A player that is rostered on a travel team from September 2021 to August 2022 will be considered a travel player in Crossroads for the entire year.

**Note 2019 Amendment** \* Age cutoff date is Dec 31. 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 15 year 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 3<sup>RD</sup> OUT OCCURS WITH THE HOME WINNING, THEY DO NOT BAT AND THE GAME IS OVER.

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

**ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FIELDERS FACE MASK AT EVERY POSITION BOTH INFIELD AND OUT FIELD AT ALL PARTICIPATING TOWN LOCATIONS. IT IS UP TO THE MANAGER TO GOVERNOR THEIR OWN TEAM. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASK RULE NOT THE UMPIRES.**

**Revision: 02/14/2022**

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 Monday-Thursday). 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 substitution
5. Travel Ball players - 3 travel ball players on a team, if you have more 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. (Players must be distributed amongst the teams in the league)
6. **Subs**, you can call up from another team in that age group from your town or any town in the crossroads. They must play outfield and bat last. A Player that is called up from a younger division **in the regular** season may pitch or catch if needed; the player must bat last. No sub pitchers or catchers can be used in the same age division can be used in regular season.
  - a. **NO SUBS of ANY AGE PITCHERS OR CATCHERS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE YEAR-END TOURNAMENT.**
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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 3 for season and tournament. You can use a travel player if you have fewer than 3 travel players playing on that team. **NO SUBS of ANY AGE PITCHERS OR CATCHERS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE YEAR END TOURNAMENT**
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, 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.**

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11. **Run Rule: 12U and 14U** -7 runs per inning. Slaughter rule is still in effect -12, 10, 8 runs, 3, 4, 5 innings.
  - a. **(NOTE – 12U 14U ONLY REGULAR SEASON)** - if time allows and the home team is winning and the visitors cannot win because of the 7-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.
  - b. **\*\* NEW – NO SCORES WILL BE RECORDED. BLIND DRAW YEAR END FOR BRACKETS PLAY**
  - c. **No run limit during end of the year tournament. 12, 10, 8 slaughter rule after 3, 4, 5.**
12. **18U - NSA Run Rule. 12, 10, 8 slaughter rule after 3, 4, 5.**
13. Team roster deadline - 12U and 14U are due by April 15 18U due by May 15. Rosters must be emailed to Daniel Erickson [purk1115@gmail.com](mailto:purk1115@gmail.com) and AL August at [sgspresident2015@gmail.com](mailto:sgspresident2015@gmail.com). **An asterisk (\*) will be placed next to each high school or travel player.**
14. Players can be added - 12U and 14U until May 18, 18U until June 10. (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)
15. Rain outs may not always be played at the field where the game was originally scheduled at.
  - a. A game is considered complete after the completion of three (3) completed innings. If the home team is winning after 2½ innings the game will be called complete.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Each town will schedule their own rainouts.
16. 12U-14U Year-end tournament to start as early as Monday, June 27.
17. North and South winners play final game Wednesday, July 6, at a neutral field. 18U tournament to start Monday, July 11.

**Tourney rules: BLIND DRAW. Double coin toss shall be used to determine home and away.**

YEAR END TOURNAMENT RUN RULE - 12U/14U/18U **No run limit per inning.** SLAUGHTER RULE IN AFFECT 12,10,8 runs - 3, 4, 5 innings

**NOTE- 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 BE AGE APPROPRIATE TO THE TEAM THEY ARE SUBBING FOR. NO OLDER PLAYERS ARE PERMITTED TO PLAY DOWN IN TOURNAMENT.**

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



Here is a link for [rainedout.com](http://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.**

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