

## Central Kane County League Rules - 2004

<b>GENERAL RULES</b>	<b>8U</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>12U</b>
Home team occupies the 3rd base dugout.	Same	Same	Same
Home team is responsible for field preparation.	Same	Same	Same
Coaches are responsible for their players and parents conduct during a game.	Same	Same	Same
All players must wear their official team uniforms with their shirts tucked in.	Same	Same	Same
Wearing of jewelry is prohibited.	Same	Same	Same
Metal spikes are prohibited.	Same	Same	Same
Area behind backstop is off limits to everyone.	Same	Same	Same
No batter may warm up outside the on deck circle.	Same	Same	Same
On deck batter must be backside of the player up to bat.	Same	Same	Same
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Only 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> base coaches allowed on the field.	N/A	Yes	Yes

<b>PLAYING FIELD</b>	<b>8U</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>12U</b>
Pitchers plate distance from back of home plate.	30 feet. May be moved forward 3' at umps discretion.	35 feet	35 feet
Distance between bases.	50 feet	60 feet	60 feet
Safety base to be used at first base.	Yes	Yes	Yes

<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>8U</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>12U</b>
Balls	11" RIF	11"	12"
Bats	Official Softball Only	Official Softball Only	Official Softball Only
Full catchers equipment to be worn (helmet, mask, throat protector, shin guards. Chin straps are mandatory.)	Yes	Yes	Yes
All batters, on deck batters and runners must wear helmets while on field.	Yes - Also whomever is fielding the pitching position must wear a helmet.	Yes	Yes

<b>PLAYERS</b>	<b>8U</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>12U</b>
Defense	Field 10 players. Extra fielder is to play outfield. Outfielder must play behind baselines. Min 6 players are needed to play.	Field 9 players. Outfielders must play 10' beyond baseline. Min 7 players are needed to play.	Field 9 players. Min 7 players are needed to play.
	All players are to be rotated every inning except pitchers and catchers who can play a max of 2 innings in these	Players are to be rotated after 2 innings with free substitution. Pitchers may pitch 4 consecutive innings and	Players cannot sit out more than 2 innings in any game. Defensive players may be moved in and out of positions freely

	positions. No player can play over 4 innings a game at pitcher, catcher, 1st base, or shortstop combined.	catchers 4 innings with free substitution for both positions.	including pitchers.
	No team is to have only 1 girl sitting on the bench. Play 9 or 11 girls.		
	2 defensive coaches are permitted to be on the field instructing during the game.	2 defensive coaches are permitted to be on the field instructing during the game.	
Offense	All players must bat whether they are in the defensive lineup or not. Max 10 batters per inning or 3 outs.	All players must bat whether they are in the defensive lineup or not.	All players must bat whether they are in the defensive lineup or not.
<b>THE GAME</b>			
	<b>8U</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>12U</b>
	5 complete innings are to be played.	6 complete innings are to be played regardless of the score. 1 extra inning in case of a tie.	7 innings are to be played regardless of the score (5 innings min). 1 extra inning in case of a tie. ASA International Tie Breaker rule applies.
<b>GAME TIMES</b>			
	Games are to start on time with no inning to start after 7:30 pm. Home team is to take the field for a 15 minute practice 30 minutes prior to the game. Visiting team takes the field for practice 15 minutes before the game.	Games are to start on time with no inning to start after 8:00 pm until June 1st. After June 1st, no inning will start after 8:15. Home team is to take the field for a 15 minute practice 30 minutes prior to the game. Visiting team takes the field for practice 15 minutes before the game.	Games are to start on time with no inning to start after 8:00 pm until June 1st. After June 1st, no inning will start after 8:15. Home team is to take the field for a 15 minute practice 30 minutes prior to the game. Visiting team takes the field for practice 15 minutes before the game.
<b>SCORING</b>			
	4 runs per inning. Max of 10 batters per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first.	4 runs per inning max for the first 5 innings. Unlimited runs for the 6th and extra innings.	5 runs per inning max for the first 6 innings. Unlimited runs for the 7th and extra innings.
<b>PITCHING</b>			
	<b>8U</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>12U</b>
Delivery	Coaches are to throw 5 pitches. 3 swings on a tee. As of 06/01, no tee shall be used.	The ball must be thrown underhand with at least 1 foot or 2 feet on the rubber.	The ball must be thrown underhand with at least 1 foot or 2 feet on the rubber.
Strike Zone	Over the plate and between the batters arm pits and knees.	Over the plate and between the batters arm pits and knees.	Over the plate and between the batters arm pits and knees.
Pitchers	N/A	A pitcher may pitch a max of 4 innings per game. Pitching to 1 batter in an inning will be considered a full inning.	A pitcher may pitch a max of 4 innings per game. Pitching to 1 batter in an inning will be considered a full inning. Pitchers re-entering the game will not receive a warm up pitch.

<b>BATTING</b>	<b>8U</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>12U</b>
Batting Order	All players will bat in order. Batting orders will be exchanged.	All players will bat in order. Batting orders will be exchanged.	All players will bat in order. Batting orders will be exchanged.
Batter's Box	No enforcement.	Batters must stay in the batters box at all times. The batter is out if they step on or in front of home plate during the pitchers delivery.	Batters must stay in the batters box at all times. The batter is out if they step on or in front of home plate during the pitchers delivery.
Bunting	Not allowed.	Allowed.	Allowed.
Foul Balls	Unlimited with 2 strikes.	Unlimited with 2 strikes.	Unlimited with 2 strikes.
Hit By Pitch	N/A	Batter is awarded 1st base if reasonable effort was made to avoid being hit. If the ball bounces on the ground prior to hitting the batter and the batter has made reasonable effort, the batter is awarded 1 <sup>st</sup> base.	Batter is awarded 1st base if reasonable effort was made to avoid being hit. If the ball bounces on the ground prior to hitting the batter and the batter has made reasonable effort, the batter is awarded 1 <sup>st</sup> base.
Dropped 3rd Strike	Not in effect.	Not in effect.	In effect.

Batting Tee	Batting tee is to be used after coach throws 5 pitches for the next 3 swings. Tee not allowed after 06/01.	n/a	n/a
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<b>BASE RUNNING</b>	<b>8U</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>12U</b>
Stealing	Not allowed.	Not allowed.	Allowed for all bases.
Pass Balls	Not allowed.	Not allowed.	Allowed.
Lead Offs	Not allowed.	Allowed only after the ball has left the pitchers hand. Runners leaving the base too soon will be called out.	Allowed only after the ball has left the pitchers hand. Runners leaving the base too soon will be called out.
Sliding	Not mandatory, but contact between runner and fielder should be avoided.	Optional but runners must avoid contact when a play is made at 2nd, 3rd, or home or they will be called out.	Optional but runners must avoid contact when a play is made at 2nd, 3rd, or home or they will be called out.
Overthrow	No advancement by the runner.	One base beyond the base being approached will be awarded.	One base beyond the base being approached will be awarded.
Baseline	Runners should try to stay within 3' of the baseline.	Runner is called out when running more than 3' outside of the baseline.	Runner is called out when running more than 3' outside of the baseline.
Infield Fly Rule	Not in effect.	Not in effect.	In effect.
Dead Ball	Play is dead and runners cannot advance once any	Play is dead and runners cannot advance once any	Play is dead and runners cannot advance once any

	infielder has possession of the ball.	infielder has possession of the ball in the pitchers circle.	infielder has possession of the ball in the pitchers circle.
<b>UMPIRES</b>	<b>8U</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>12U</b>
Who	Parent umps will be utilized (1 from each team).	Paid umps will be used.	Paid umps will be used.
Decisions	Decisions by all umps are final. There are no provisions. Appeals must be made prior to the next pitched ball. Unless appealed, an ump cannot call a runner or batter out. Only head coaches can address an umpire.	Decisions by all umps are final. There are no provisions. Appeals must be made prior to the next pitched ball. Unless appealed, an ump cannot call a runner or batter out. Only head coaches can address an umpire.	Decisions by all umps are final. There are no provisions. Appeals must be made prior to the next pitched ball. Unless appealed, an ump cannot call a runner or batter out. Only head coaches can address an umpire.
Interference	No penalty.	Base runner is out if interfering with a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.	Base runner is out if interfering with a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.
Thrown Bats	Upon the umps judgement, a thrown bat will result in the batter being called out.	Upon the umps judgement, a thrown bat will result in the batter being called out.	Upon the umps judgement, a thrown bat will result in the batter being called out.
Weather	The ump will, in consulting with the coaches, suspend a game if lightning or the assumption of lightning is present.	The ump will, in consulting with the coaches, suspend a game if lightning or the assumption of lightning is present.	The ump will, in consulting with the coaches, suspend a game if lightning or the assumption of lightning is present.
<b>MISC</b>	No foreign material (i.e. hitting devices) on the fence lines during a game.		
<b>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROCEDURE</b>	A player or coach who is bleeding or who has an open wound shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. If medical care or treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time, the individual does not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is the umps judgement. The re-entry rule applies to players taken out of the game for this rule. If there is an excessive amount of blood on any part of the uniform, that part of the uniform shall be changed before that individual may participate.		