

# 2018 Southern Star Rules and Regulations

- All games are played under ASA rules except for the in house rules listed below.
- Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike / base stealing
  - 10U Upper League
    - Drop third strike must be put out at first or tagged out, unless first base is occupied and less than 2 outs. If 2 out, they must be put out at first or tagged out. If first base is over thrown the runner(s) may not advance.
    - Stealing is allowed to all bases, but no advancing on a bad throw.
  - 10U Lower League
    - Drop third batter is out.
    - Stealing is allowed to all bases, but no advancing on a bad throw.
  - 12's, 14's, 16's & 18's follows ASA rules.
    - Dropped third strike with nobody on first base or 2 outs, batter must be tagged or thrown out at first.
    - Stealing of all bases allowed.
    - No limit to number of bases allowed to advance on overthrows.
- Time Limit – 1 hour 10 minutes or 7 innings. No new inning starts after this time.
- Tied Games – 1 inning of international tie breaker format. If still tied after that inning game is a tie.
- Free Substitution / Continuous batting
  - 10's, 12's, & 14's are required to play all
  - 16's / 18's is coach's choice and declared at start of game. Both teams are not required to play the same way.
  - Courtesy runner for Pitcher & Catcher are the last out on the line up.
  - 16's & 18's not playing Free Substitution must follow ASA rules for courtesy runners.
  - If a player is injured and cannot continue to play, that spot is skipped in the batting order and not declared an out.
- Only 9 players on defense.
- Five Run Rule (10's, 12's & 14's only) a maximum of 5 runs may be scored per half inning.
- Run ahead rule - 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's & 18's: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 inning, 8 runs after five innings. Run rule cannot be waved.
- All pitchers and corner infielders are required to wear a defensive mask, no waivers will be allowed. If face masks are not worn the games will be declared a forfeit by offending team.
- Helmets with face masks are mandatory.
- Teams are allowed to start and/or finish a game with eight players without penalty, unless the 9th player was disqualified. The 9th position in the batting order is not declared an out. A catcher must be used in the defensive line up.
- Metal cleats are allowed in 14's & 16's / 18's
- Pitching Distance
  - 10's – 35 ft
  - 12's – 40 ft
  - 14's & 16's & 18's – 43 ft
- Home Team provides 1 new ball & visitors provide 1 new or good used ball.
- Each team is the home team for 1 game.