



2026 KERWIN CLASSIC 9U-14U RULES



NOTE: ALL RULES/POLICIES ARE NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE AND MAY BE AMENDED: ADDED/DELETED/CHANGE AT ANYTIME THROUGH THE DISCRETION OF KERWIN CLASSIC ADMINISTRATORS.

- A maximum of 14 players per team; every player may be on **ONE** roster for the **entire** tournament.
- Team rosters **must** be turned in by Wednesday April 16th, 2025.
- All rostered players must be listed in the batting lineup (all players bat), no substitutions.
- Unlimited Defense Substitutions
- **Base and Pitching Distances:**
 - **9U/10U** 60ft Bases, 46ft Mound
 - **11U/12U** 70ft Bases, 50ft Mound
 - **13U** 80ft Bases, 54ft Mound
 - **14U** 90ft Bases, 60ft Mound
- **Bat Size & Regulations:** 2 ¾" or smaller barrel. Players may use BPF 1.15, BBCOR or USA Baseball designations, however, all **DECERTIFIED** bats **ARE ILLEGAL** to use during the tournament. See Illegal Bats List. Violations will result in player and/or coach ejections.
 - **9U/10U/11U/12U** No (-) drop weight requirement
 - **13u** must be drop -8 or less
 - **14u** must be drop -5 or less
- No new inning after the 1:45 hour **TIME LIMIT**. If a game is still continuing after that time, a **HARD STOP** will be declared at the 2-hour time. If the inning is not complete and the home team is behind, **or if the game is tied, then** the score will revert back to the last complete inning. If the home team is ahead the game shall be called and considered complete. **Championship games have no time limit/s.**
 - **9U/10U/11U/12U** are 6 inning games or Time Limit
 - **13/14u** are 7 inning games or Time limit
- Infield fly rule is in affect (umpires' discretion).
- Unlimited stealing, with lead offs, including home plate. **NO SUICIDE STEALING!**
 - **Exception: 9u, No stealing home. Can only advance home by; hit by pitch or advance by hit/walk.**
- When running bases (during a play on a runner) the runner **must slide or avoid contact!**
- A courtesy runner **MAY** be used for the Pitcher or Catcher. The replacement must be the last out made. Coaches should have this player ready so that the game is **NOT** delayed.
- Bunting is allowed.
- DROP 3RD STRIKE FOLLOW MLB, (**Exception 9U**, drop 3rd, batter is out, but ball remains live).
- Mercy rule is 12 or more after 4 and 10 or more after 5.
 - **9U/10U**, additionally 10 runs per inning only.
- If a team forfeits a game the recorded runs against will be **8**. (Score recorded **8-0**)
- **9U/10U/11U/12U** Metal spikes are **NOT** allowed. **13U/14U** Metal spikes are **ARE** allowed
- If a player is injured or ejected from the game, he/she is **NOT** an automatic out. If the player is not available to bat when his/her spot comes up (i.e., bathroom), he/she will remain in the game, but will be an out for that at bat.
- A team must begin and end with a minimum of 8 players. If only 8 players are rostered, the 9th position **WILL BE DECLARED** an automatic out each at bat.
- **Jewelry** is permitted per NFHS Rules. [See https://rules.nfhs.org/articles/prohibition-of-jewelry-removed-in-high-school-baseball-rules/](https://rules.nfhs.org/articles/prohibition-of-jewelry-removed-in-high-school-baseball-rules/)

PITCHING RULES

- **NO MORE THAN** (*see below*) **CONSECUTIVE OUTS PER GAME**
 - **9U/10U** no more than **9** consecutive outs per game
 - **11U/12U** no more than **12** Consecutive outs per game
 - **13U/14U** No more than **15** consecutive outs per game
- In the event any additional out(s) are made from the result of double or triple play, there is no penalty.
- If a team violates the **“OUTS”** rule, the opposing team wins by forfeit.
- A **NEW** pitcher will be allowed 8 warm-up pitches, 5 for pitcher who pitched previous inning/s.
- Once a pitcher is taken out of pitching in a game, he/she may not reenter as pitcher.
- **9U ONLY, BALKS** will be called; they are considered **DEAD BALLS; INSTRUCTIONAL ONLY.**
- Pitchers **MUST** be removed after hitting 3 batters in a game.
- **9U/10U ONLY;** Curve balls are **NOT** allowed.
 - If a curve ball is thrown, the pitcher will be warned once. If another curve ball is thrown the pitcher will be removed, as a pitcher, from the game. If a curve ball is thrown and the batter swings, 1.) if the ball is hit, it will be considered a live ball and the pitcher is either warned or removed, 2.) if the batter swings and misses the ball is considered a dead ball and proper action will be taken against the pitcher (warning or removal)
- Coaches must notify the umpire of all pitching changes.
- **NO VERBAL** intentional walks.
- **ARM SLEEVES** – Will follow the NFHS rule; pitchers are permitted to wear an arm sleeve of any color **except** white and/or grey!

All other rules to follow MLB.

EXCEPT NO PITCH CLOCK, TIMING RULE AND USE OF NFHS RUNNERS LANE RULE.

CONDUCT

- **NO WARM-UPS ON ANY INFIELD BEFORE GAMES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-BOUND AREAS. AFTER FIELD GROOMERS HAVE FINISHED DRAGGING AND/OR CHALKING WARM-UPS ARE PERMITTED IN THE OUT-OF-BOUND AREAS OF THE INFIELD.**
- Managers and assistant coaches will set good examples of sportsmanship.
- Only the **manager/head coach** is allowed to speak to umpires during the game regarding a challenge, call, rule, explanation, etc. Assistant coaches and parents are not allowed!
- No team member, coach, manager, or spectator may dispute an umpire's **judgment** call.
- Parents are **NOT** allowed in the dugout during the game.
- Players should remain in the dugout during the game.
- No smoking on the fields, in the stands and in or near dugouts.
- No alcohol or drug usage ANYWHERE near the ball fields/parks.
- If a coach, player or parent are ejected from any game, they will be ejected for that game and potentially the entire tournament. The tournament Administrator/Director reserves the right to make the decision for complete tournament ejection.
- **NO BBQ GRILLS OR OTHER SUCH COOK OUTS PERMITTED AT OR NEAR ANY CONCESSION STAND OR BALL FIELD AREA.**

2026 KERWIN CLASSIC DECERTIFIED BATS LIST

Year	League	Brand	Model	Picture	Color
2017	USSSA	*DeMarini	CF Zen		Blue/White Green/White
2018	USA Bats	Easton	Ghost X 30"		Yellow/Black
2018	USSSA	*Dirty South	KAMO		Green/Black White
2018	BBCOR	Mattingly	Balistk		Blue/White
2018	BBCOR	Nike	CX2		Grey/White
2018	BBCOR	Slugger	TPX Dynasty		Red/Grey
2018	BBCOR	Marucci	CAT 5 33" & 34"		White/Grey
2018	BBCOR	Reebok	TLS Vector 32" & 33"		Red/Black
2018	BBCOR	Marucci	Cat 33" & 34"		Black
2020	BBCOR	Louisville	Slugger Meta GLD		Gold/Black
2020	BBCOR	Louisville	Slugger Meta Cust	N/A	Various
2020	BBCOR	Louisville	Slugger Meta 33"		Black/Blue
NEW 2023	BBCOR	Stinger Bat Company Mi	Missile II 33" model		Black/Green

***The 2017 CF Zen** USSSA lost its 1.15 certification in all sizes and lengths of the drop 10 2 3/4 and drop 8. This is the Blue/White 2 3/4 as well as the drop 8 Green/White one. As well, the bats zero dark thirty and custom versions are also decertified. Serial numbers that start with: WTDXCBR & WTDXCBZ

***The Easton Ghost X 30/20** YBB18GX10 and LL18GHX 30/20 2 5/8" has been decertified by USA Baseball and is no longer an approved bat under the USABat Standard. This applies to the 30" (-10) length of the Ghost X YBB18GX10 and LL18GHX. All other certified lengths and drops of the Easton Ghost X USABat remain approved for play

***2018 Dirty South KAMO with serial number BB KA 8 is illegal for play in the following sizes:** two drop 10's and three drop 8's (30/22 31/21 32/22 31/23 32/24).

***2020 Louisville Slugger Meta** – Gold (-3) 2 5/8" BBCOR Baseball Bat - 33 in./30 oz. WBL2363010303.

***2020 Louisville Slugger Meta Custom (Not pictured)** WTLBBMP20V (-3) BBCOR Baseball Bat 33 in./30 oz

***2020 Louisville Slugger Meta** - WTLBBMTB32033 (-3) 2 5/8" BBCOR Baseball Bat - 33 in./30 oz.

No bat shall be used if dented, cracked, modified or misshaped. The bat's knob may be solid or hollowed to house an embedded metric sensor. If a sensor is used, it shall (1) not affect performance; (2) be secured by a locking mechanism and a back-up mechanism to keep it in place; and (3) have a distinguishing "off-line" mode to prevent data from being accessed during a game.

2026 KERWIN CLASSIC AGE CHART FOR BASEBALL KERWIN CLASSIC ONLY

Match month (top) and box with year of birth. Tournament age division indicated on the right.

Qualifying age cut off is APRIL 30th. The player MUST be within the age specifications of this chart in order to play in the specific age group. A player can "play-up" division/s, but NO player can play past the age-cut for that specific age division.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2017	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	9u
2016	2016	2065	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	10u
2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	11u
2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	12u
2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	13u
2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	14u

ROSTER PROTEST

- \$200 Fee if a PROTEST is declared for DOB or Roster. NO

EXCEPTIONS. Note: If team protested against does not have proper documentation available either digitally or paperback immediately an automatic tournament disqualification will be declared.

PROTEST

- \$100 Fee for any other PROTEST (i.e. rule, play)

IF ANY PROTEST IS DECLARED, THE UMPIRE WILL DOCUMENT THE TIME AND CURRENT GAME RECORD (INNING, OUTS, BASES, SCORE, ETC). THE GAME WILL CONTINUE UNTIL AN AUTHORIZED KERWIN CLASSIC ADMINISTRATOR OR DIRECTOR DECLARES THE OFFICIAL RULING REGARDING THE PROTEST. IF THE PROTEST IS APPROVED THE GAME WILL REVERT BACK TO WHERE THE UMPIRE NOTED THE TIME AND RECORD. IF THE PROTEST IS DENIED THE GAME CONTINUES.