



**2012 16-UNDER RULES & BY-LAWS
KNOX COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE
SANCTIONING BODY
USSSA BASEBALL**

REGISTRATION: All players and teams must be registered with USSSA BASEBALL in order to compete in a sanctioned event.

LEAGUE FEES: \$28 per player In-County and \$56 per player Out of County. Payable to Knox County Parks & Recreation by May 8, 2012.

GAME RULES: Unless otherwise stated, all rules shall be Major League Baseball Rules as printed in the Sporting News/USSSA Baseball.

1. Home team will be listed second on the schedule.
2. There will be a 15-minute grace period for the 1st game of the day only.
3. In case of inclement weather call the Game Lines listed below or
Follow us on Twitter at **knoxcountyparks**

- Gibbs High School – (County): 215.4263
- Schumpert Park –(County): 215-4263
- South – Doyle High School – (County): 215.4263
- Additional site: TBA

Follow the directions to the site you are to be playing at.

4. The mercy will be as follows: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings. All games will be 7 innings with a 1:45 minute time limit.
5. No infield warm ups are allowed. Warm up in the outfield only, or designated warm up areas.
6. The home plate umpire or the field umpire will have the official game time. It is the coaches' responsibility to know how much time is left in the game.
7. Approved High School bats only for league play.
8. There will be no pitching limits.
9. You may use a DH, but for the pitcher only. If both team coaches agree prior to start of the game, all players may bat.
10. In league play only, the speed rule will be used for pitchers and catchers only.
11. Protest fees are \$100.00 payable with a check only. All protests must be made while the game is being played or while the player being protested is in the game. No protest will be accepted after the game is over. All protest checks are to be made out to Knox County Parks & Recreation (KCPR). The field directors will handle all protests on site.
12. All catchers' equipment must meet NOCSAE standards.

13. All playing equipments, helmets and bats must be in good useable shape to begin the game and playable balls to complete the game.
14. For league play only, each team must supply 2 new baseballs to begin the game and playable balls to complete the game.
15. Coaches do not have to be in uniform or like colors for league play, but must be in full uniform or matching team colors for tournament play.
16. Knox County will have on site Field Supervisors or Field Directors who will be the game directors for the location you are playing. You may direct any questions to these supervisors or directors
17. **All league play supersedes tournament play.**
18. All players must be in like uniforms, with non – duplicating numbers on the back of each jersey. No player will be allowed to participate in games if they are not in full uniform, which includes jersey, baseball pants and hat.
19. **A team may carry up to (4) -- 17 year olds as long as they are returning to High School for the next year.**

TEAM AND PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. All players must sign a county contract to be eligible to play in the Knox County 16-UNDER Baseball League.
2. Players are only allowed to play for one (1) team, unless a release is granted in writing by the head coach, by June 8, 2012. A copy of this release must also be given to the league director.
3. No refunds of league fees will be given once schedules have been completed.
4. 16 maximum players are allowed on the 16-UNDER Rosters.
5. Rosters are frozen as of June 8, 2012. You may not add anyone to your roster after this date.

DISCIPLINARY:

All participants are required to behave. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players, fans, and assistant coaches. The disciplinary policy of Knox County will be used as the policy manual for this league. The umpires are in charge of each game and will do the best they can to call the game, but will not tolerate unruly behavior.

The league directors of Knox County Parks & Recreation have the right to make changes to the schedule or policies as they see necessary.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Websites: www.usssabaseball.org
www.knoxcounty.org/parks

Knox County: Jeff Mayberry: 215.6611

Knox County Game Line: 215.4263