



2019 USSSA BASEBALL RULES

I. LEAGUES RULES

Based on [USSSA Baseball Rules](#) with minor changes determined by Board of Commissioners.

- A. Teams may have maximum of eighteen signed players (includes tournament).
- B. All original players' registration forms must be in the Recreation Office by 4:00 P.M. on **April 1, 2019**. Any additional players signed must have a signed contract in the Recreation Office by 4:00 P.M. on the day before a player begins to practice or play with his/her team.
- C. No player will be signed after **May 2, 2019**.
- D. For players that want to change their current team, the current team manager must release the player in writing before he/she is eligible to play with another team. No player can request a change of team after **April 29, 2019**.
- E. **Week of April 1, 2019** is the approximate start date for **8-UNDER, 10-UNDER, and 12-UNDER** leagues.
- F. Any player who starts a fight will be suspended for one (1) year. Any other participant involved will be suspended a minimum of two (2) weeks. Any Other participant involved will be suspended a minimum of two (2) weeks. Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game will be suspended for two (2) games; second offense, suspended for the season. Any manager found knowingly playing an ineligible player would be suspended for one (1) year.
Any fan who verbally or physically abuses an umpire, field director, scorekeeper, coach, or any other spectator is subject to removal from the park/facility.
- G. **CUT-OFF Birth date for all Baseball players is April 30, 2019. Player's age is determined by how old a player is on April 30, 2019.**
- J. A minimum of five (5) innings must be played and a winner must be established. If game time limit is extended for the first game, an equal amount of time shall be added to the second game if necessary. All **8-UNDER, 10-UNDER, and 12UNDER** will be on a one (1) hour time limit. For ages 8, 10, 12 divisions the last game of the night, no inning shall start after 9:30 pm.
- K. Games will be made up at the discretion of the Field Director.
- L. Caps and numbered shirts are required. Softball shirts are acceptable.
- M. Coaches may wear baseball caps.
- N. A team failing to show up for two (2) games may be dropped from the league.
- O. Illegal substitutions will result in a forfeit.

Sports Commissioners are responsible to ensure coaches have taken the national background check and completed the concussion & sudden cardiac arrest training. Forms must be turned into Knox County Parks and Recreation. Recreation coaches are also responsible to complete the online training: Concussion & Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training. Coaches that have NOT completed both the national background check and the concussion/sudden cardiac arrest training are **NOT authorized to coach in a Knox County Youth sports program.**

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