

GENERAL FIELD RULES 2009

Local League Rules for Upper Rogue Cal Ripken

1. Home Team sits in 3rd base dugout; visitor team sits in the 1st base dugout.
2. Home team is responsible for chalking the fields & picking up bases and replacing plug at end of game.
3. Both teams are responsible for picking up trash in dugouts and around bleachers.
4. NO hitting or throwing balls against backstop or fences.
5. Pre game infield is no more than 10 minutes for each team, for game start at 5:30 home team goes at 5:05 and visitor 5:15.
6. No pre game batting practice on infield.
7. After game, home team receives a game ball.
8. **Home plate umpire will be provided for each game in White City**, Home team needs to provide a field umpire. If there is not umpire at time of game home team manger must call Dave Martinez 601-3802, if no umpire is available both teams need to agree upon an umpire.
9. Official score is kept by the home team, call or email Shawn Martinez at 951-9399 or shawn@sodaweb.org with ending score.
10. One manager and two coaches are allowed in the dugout for each game. Each coach must be rostered and have completed URCR volunteer form.
11. Only uniformed players and coaches are allowed in the dugout for each game.
12. One coach of the team on the field may stand or sit on playing field within 5 ft of dugout opening.
13. Any player or manager ejected from any game is subject to a one game minimum suspension. That suspension may be longer if determined necessary by the executive board of directors.
14. In case of injury, please contact the league President for Insurance information.
15. All teams will lineup before each game and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Also each team shall lineup and shake hands after every game. **Each Manager is responsible to teach their team good sportsmanship!**

GENERAL PLAYING RULES (REFER TO OFFICIAL RULE BOOK FOR ANYTHING NOT COVERED)

1. Games begin at 5:30 Mon. – Fri. games are to be kept at a strict 2 hour time limit, no new inning after 7:30.
2. For any passed ball that rolls under the backstop, one base is awarded. EXCEPT for when the runner is on 3rd base, it is based on umpire discretion on whether to award home.
3. Any ball that lodges in outfield fence or rolls under is considered a ground rule double.
4. Head first sliding is PROHIBITED.
5. Batter must step out of box when there is a play at home plate.
6. NO fielder may block a runner's path to a base unless they have the ball or are trying to field the ball.
7. All players must slide at home. If there is a collision because the runner did not slide when the play is being made, the runner will be called out.
8. Pitchers warming up in the bullpen or between innings must be caught by a player with a mask or a coach of that team.
9. For 11U : Free substitution and bat the whole line up. Teams may substitute players every inning anywhere on the field except the pitchers position. Teams will bat the entire line up in the same order during the game.

For 14U: The batting order shall be followed throughout the game unless a player is substituted for another, In that case the substitute shall take the place of the replaced player in the batting order.
10. The pitcher must start the pitch with both feet in contact with the rubber and may only take one step in a forward motion while delivering the pitch to the batter.
11. All batters must wear helmets with face guards.
12. Mercy rule: Only 8 runs per half inning. Once the 8th run scores, the ball is dead and no additional runs count. A game is final after 4 complete innings a team is ahead by 10 runs or more. EXCEPTION to the 8 run rule: if in the 4th inning a team is down by more then 10 runs, they may exceed the 8 run limit until they are no longer down by 10 or more runs or 3 outs.
13. Only team managers (or acting managers) are allowed to talk to umpires.

If you are an 11U team, your team will play the 10U rules.

On page 50 of the rule book it states the 10 U rules.

- ~ Batter may not advance on a dropped third pitch
- ~ Pitching distance is 35 feet
- ~ There is no infield fly rule
- ~ An eleven inch ball is used
- ~ Stealing bases is permitted in tournament play. Local league may opt to not permit stealing in local league play. **Stealing will be permitted.** Base runners shall not leave their bases until the pitched ball has reached the batter. For purposes of this rule "stealing" also applies to advancing on a wild pitch, passed ball, catcher's overthrow back to the mound or advancing past first base on a walk. Once the pitcher has the ball in the circle the ball is dead.
- ~ Intentional walks are prohibited
- ~ For the pitching: Pitchers can only pitch 10 innings per calendar week. One ball pitched is one inning. (Monday - Sunday).
- ~ All players must slide into home if a play can be made.