

# 2025 “In the Net” points of emphasis

## **NEW FOR 2025**

When you arrive to start your schedule, you **MUST** text ITN On Site Director at **717-317-1152**. Please add it to your phone.

**DO NOT SHOW UP AT GAME TIME!!** 20 to 30 minutes early please.

## **ON ALL TURF FIELDS (Pre-Game plate meeting)**

NO METAL SPIKES - remove or restrict to bench  
Seeds & Gum - 1 team warning. 2nd offense the player is restricted to the bench and HC is ejected and must leave the area. This ejection is a non-suspension for the next game. If a player is restricted to the bench for violation he can be replaced by a legal substitute. If no sub is available that spot is an OUT each time if comes up in the line-up

### **Time Limits:**

13u+ is 1hr 50 min, no new inning  
12u- is 1hr 40 min, no new innings  
Semi-Finals add 15 minutes  
Championship is untimed

### **Mercy Ruling:**

12 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5.  
Games can be called for Mercy Rulings after the specific number of complete innings, providing the home team has the certain run lead.

### **Foul Balls**

Each team is responsible for foul balls on their side or straight back.

### **3rd to 1st move is NOT LEGAL**

### **Balks**

Immediate Deadball to follow high school rule

### **Catchers Masks**

13u+ 2 piece or hockey style  
12u- Hockey style only, or must cover ears

### **Courtesy Runners:**

P & C at any time  
\* Sub from the bench if not batting whole line-up  
\* If batting all, the last batter from the previous inning

### **Pitcher re-entry to pitch same game**

Not allowed. Once removed as pitcher they cannot return.

### **Catch/No catch out of play lines**

Secure catch and stay within the playing field. Step ON the line with one foot while controlling the ball is immediate deadball and move runners up one base. 2 feet INSIDE of line constitutes a catch.

### **Designated Hitter (13u+ only)**

A DH must be use to hit for ONLY the pitcher

### **Batting Line-ups (All Ages)**

9 batters + EH; 9 batters + EH & EH  
Or the entire roster in the order.  
So to summarize they can bat 9/10/11 or all

## **Injury or ejection for line-ups**

**Ejection-** Any player on the bench still eligible may assume that spot in the order. If no one is available that spot is an OUT.

**Injury:** That spot in the order is to be filled will legal substitution. If no one is available the spot is skipped with no penalty.

## **EJECTIONS (Parent or Fan):**

Parents or fans ejected from a game will be dismissed from the remainder of the tournament (must leave the premises – any common grounds of the current location the event is taking place). The ejected Parent / fan has five (5) minutes to leave the premises or the Head Coach will be ejected as well. Head Coach will be subject to standard ejection rules (meaning he would then be required to sit out the next game). It is the Coaches responsibility to make sure his parents and fans are under control at all times. (Fan is defined as anyone associated with your team; this includes but is not limited to parents, siblings, grandparents, sponsors, etc.)

**SAFETY RULE:** Each team will receive one (1) Team Warning when the infraction occurs of a player throwing his bat. After the team warning, players will be called out if the violation occurs at anytime during the remainder of the game. If the player is called out, all play will stop, all runners will return to their base at the time of the pitch. If the thrown bat causes an injury, forcing a player to leave the game, the batter who caused the injury will be ejected for the remainder of the game and must sit out the next game of the event. NO EXCEPTIONS!

## **Bats**

8u to 12u - bring it and swing it - no restrictions  
13u tournaments can use a -5  
14 - showcase a -3.

Please note that if a 13 year old is playing in a 14u or above tournament the 13 year old MUST use a -3.

## **Special 12u or lower rules**

**Balks:11u & 12u - 1 warning per pitcher**

**Balks & In field fly not used for 8/9/10u**

9/10 AND UNDER SPECIFIC RULES

1. Both age groups do not allow leads, the player can leave the base when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
2. 9U cannot steal home, 10U can steal home
3. There will be no dropped 3rd strike or infield fly rule in effect.

Stealing - 9U Stealing Rule - Players can not steal home in 9U division! The only way a player can advance home from third base is the ball must offensively(batted) put in play or a bases loaded walk.

Common Rule for the 9u/10u Divisions: PLAYER MAY NOT LEAVE HIS / HER BASE UNTIL THE BALL LEAVES THE PITCHERS HAND. If a player leaves early, he / she will be called out and the pitch will be a dead ball.

## **Please add 717-317-1152 to your contact list, this is the on site director.**

Text this number to check in at least 20 minutes before game time.

If you DO NOT check in they will call me to find out where you are.

Dom Nichols will be the lead umpire for the Keystone Umpires at In the Net.

This includes Dom speaking on our behalf to be sure umpires comply with uniforms. Dom is also the one to take complaints and then bring them to me without telling me who it was.