

Sioux Empire Baseball Association

13/14 Yr. Old League Rules

The SEBA 13/14 Yr. League sponsored by Avera Health/Avera Sports Institute is for players who are currently in 7th and 8th Grades/Ages 13 or 14 by or after May 1. Teams are formed first by the child's attending school and then by other criteria so that each team has a maximum roster of 13 whenever possible.

Approximately 12-13 Players Per Team

Teams will be formed first by school attending, and then zip code when applicable. Each team will have a head coach and an assistant coach. Their sons/daughters will play on that team unless otherwise indicated. No new head or assistant coaches will be allowed as long as the original coach's son/daughters is still on the team. Players must play in at least 50% of league games in order to be eligible for the year-end tournament.

Regular baseball league rules will be followed, with the following exceptions:

- A. Bases will be eighty (80) feet apart. Pitching distance is fifty-four (54) ft.
- B. Scores and standings will be kept for the purpose of seeding for the year-end tournament.
- C. Regular baseballs will be used.
- D. Games are seven (7) innings. If a game is called before four (4) complete innings, the game will be made up. The make up game will resume exactly where it was stopped. **KEEP GOOD BOOKS!** If after four (4) complete innings (or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead) one team is ahead by fifteen (15) runs or after five (5) complete innings one team is ahead by ten (10) runs, the umpire shall declare the game complete. The four (4) defensive inning rule may be affected when this occurs. There is no new inning after one hour 45 minutes (1:45). **The 1st pitch of the game begins the game clock.** If the home team is behind when time expires in the top of an inning, they will be awarded their turn at bat. If the home team is ahead and time expires in the top of the inning, the game will end after the completion of the visitors turn at bat. If the game is tied after the time limit, the game will remain tied. **Note: The top of an inning must be completed if the visiting team is behind, and the bottom of an inning must be completed if the home team is behind.** Exception: Suspended game due to weather or daylight.
- E. A minimum of eight (8) players is required to start a game. When batting, the ninth (9) position will be an out. Any fewer players will require a forfeit.
- F. All players must play at least three defensive innings per game. ALL players will bat through the line-up. It is recommended that players be afforded the opportunity to play infield and outfield during the course of the season.
- G. A courtesy runner for the catcher will be used when there are two outs.
- H. Pitching Regulations - Pitchers must follow the below Daily Max and Required Rest limits.

Age	Daily Max (Pitches in Game)	Required Rest (Pitches)				
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
13-14	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+

Additional Pitching Rules:

1. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he/she may not return to that position for the rest of the game.
2. Balks will be called after one warning per pitcher.
3. Players may begin using breaking balls once they have developed a consistent fastball and change-up
4. Pitchers should warm-up properly before each outing
5. Coaches need to monitor for signs of fatigue. Fatigued pitchers or pitchers who have thrown a moderate to high volume of pitches that day or previous day should avoid the catching position.
6. No pitcher can appear in a game as a pitcher for three consecutive days, regardless of pitch counts
7. Players should not pitch in multiple games on the same day

- I. Infield fly rule will be used. * See complete rule below.
- J. Dropped third strike is in effect.
- K. A player may not intentionally create contact with another player at any time. If the defensive player has the ball and a play is being made, the offensive player must either slide or make every effort to avoid contact with the defensive player. Should a player run over or crash into another player, he or she will be ejected from the game. If a defensive player is in the base path without the ball and makes contact with, or impedes the path of the offensive player, interference may be called on the defensive player. Any runner obstructing a throw to attempt a double play will result in a double play being called.
- F. An intentional walk may only be issued by a team's head coach one time per game. This may occur at any point before or during an at-bat. In the instance an intentional walk is declared, the ball is ruled dead and the umpire shall award first base without pitches needing to be thrown. The correlating amount of pitches will be applied to a pitcher's pitch count total upon issue of walk. * *The use of an intentional walk in any game is not mandatory and coaches should strongly consider the necessity of the intentional walk before issuance.*
- L. Metal spikes may be worn.
- M. Bat size may not exceed 34" in length and 2 5/8" in diameter.

INFIELD FLY RULE: An infield fly ball (not including a line drive nor an attempted bunt), which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when first and second, or first, second and third bases are occupied before two are out. The pitcher, catcher, and any outfielder who stations himself in the infield on the play shall be considered infielders for the purpose of this rule. When it seems apparent that a batted ball will be an Infield Fly, the umpire shall immediately declare "Infield Fly" for the benefit of the of the runners. If the ball is near the baselines, the umpire shall declare "Infield Fly, if Fair". The ball is alive and runners may advance at the risk of the ball being caught, or retouch and advance after the ball is touched, the same as any fly ball. If the hit becomes a foul ball, it is treated the same as any foul. If a declared Infield Fly is allowed to fall untouched to the ground, and bounces foul before passing first or third base, it is a foul ball. If a declared Infield Fly fall untouched to the ground outside the baseline, and bounces fair before passing first or third base, it is an Infield Fly.

On the Infield Fly rule, the umpire is to rule whether the ball could ordinarily have been handled by an infielder – not by some arbitrary limitation such as the grass, or the baselines. The umpire must rule also that a ball is an infield fly, even if handled by an outfielder, if, in the umpire's judgment, the ball could have been as easily handled by an infielder. The infield fly is in no sense to be considered an appeal play. The umpire's judgment must govern, and the decision should be made immediately.