

Gopher State/Brainerd Lakes Classic Rules & Regulations

Ejections: Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a game will be suspended for the following game. Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a contest for **flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct** shall be ejected for the remainder of the tournament and will not be permitted to remain within the tournament facility. Some examples of "flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct" include, but are not limited to, cheating (use of a declared ineligible player), fighting, repeated use of profane language, etc.

Game Length: 10-12 & Under – 6 innings
13's and above – 7 innings

Pool Play Time Limits: 1 hour 45 minutes

Bracket Play Time Limits: There is no time limit for bracket play.

Pitching/Base Distances: 10 & Under	44 feet / 65 feet
11 & Under	48 feet / 65 feet
12-13 & Under	54 feet / 80 feet

Pitching Restrictions:

10 & Under: A player may pitch no more than 6 innings per day and maximum of 9 innings in a tournament.

11 & Under: A player may pitch no more than 6 innings per day and maximum of 11 innings in a tournament.

12 & Under: A player may pitch no more than 6 innings per day and maximum of 12 innings in a tournament.

13 & Under: A player may pitch no more than 7 innings per day and maximum of 14 innings in a tournament.

Coaches should check the innings thrown by each pitcher with the umpire following each game. The Tournament Director will tabulate innings pitched.

Curve balls are not allowed in the 10U, 11U or 12U age divisions. First offense: Warning. **Second offense:** Ejection from the pitcher's position.

Penalty: The head coach will be ejected from that game and the following game. The offending pitcher will be ejected from the pitching position the following game. The second offense results in the suspension of the coach for the remainder of the tournament.

Balk Rule: 10 and 11 & Under only: No balks will be called.

Metal Cleats: Metal cleats are prohibited for 10U, 11U or 12U age divisions.

10-run Rule:

10-12 & Under: The game will end at the conclusion of 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs).

13 & Under: The game will end at the conclusion of 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs).

15-run Rule: The 15-run rule will apply after 3 innings (2 ½ if the home team is ahead). This rule applies to all ages and divisions.

Continuous Batting/Free Substitution: Teams will use continuous batting and free substitutions. No options.

Fielders: Four outfielders will be used in the 10 & Under tournament. Outfielders must play normal outfield positions (no rover, playing just behind infield, etc.). A team may use three outfielders if it desires.

Base running:

10 & Under: A runner may leave the base after the ball crosses the plate. The runner is out upon leaving too early. On a dropped third strike, the batter is out and the base runners may advance at their own risk.

11 & Under: A runner may leave the base after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. The runner is out upon leaving too early. On a dropped third strike, the batter is out and the base runners may advance at their own risk.

12-13 & Under: National Federation rules apply.

Note: Runners are allowed to advance/steal home on a passed ball. Runners are never required to slide, but if a runner elects to slide, the slide must be legal. Jumping, hurdling and leaping are all legal attempts to avoid a fielder as long as the fielder is lying on the ground. Diving over a fielder is illegal. In the 10-11 & Under divisions, a player sliding head first into home plate will be called out.

Starting Pitcher: For all ages – The starting pitcher may be withdrawn and re-enter once. This applies only to the starting pitcher. Relief pitchers may not re-enter as a pitcher.

Courtesy Runner: 10-13U: A courtesy runner (the last runner to be put out) will be allowed only for the catcher and only when there are two outs.

Bat Rule:

10U & 11U: Unlimited

12U & 13U: Weight differential – 2 ¼ diameter - unlimited length/width; 2 ½ to 2 5/8 diameter and 36 inches or less - minus 10 maximum.

Big Barrel Bats: Larger than 2 5/8 inches in diameter must have the New USSSA stamp.

Small Barrel Bats (2 5/8 inches in diameter or less) do not need a USSA mark.