

Brainerd Lakes Classic Rules & Regulations

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

Pool Play Time Limits: 1 hour 45 minutes. No new inning will start after time has expired. If time has not expired, and the game is tied, an extra inning may be played

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

Baseballs: Each team will supply the home plate umpire with one new baseball prior to each game.

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 a maximum of 100 pitches during the tournament, but no more than 75 in one day.

11 & Under: A player may pitch a maximum of 110 pitches during the tournament, but no more than 85 in one day.

12 & Under: A player may pitch a maximum of 110 pitches during the tournament, but no more than 85 in one day.

13-14 & Under: A player may pitch a maximum of 120 pitches during the tournament, but no more than 95 in one day.

Note: If a pitcher reaches their maximum number of allowed pitches during an at-bat, they may finish pitching to that batter.

Coaches /bookkeepers are to continuously check pitch counts for accuracy between innings with the umpire(s) to ensure all parties are in agreement. When the game is complete, both teams should verify pitch counts with the umpire's scorecard before it is reported to the tournament director.

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 end of 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs).

13-14 & Under: The game will end at the end 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 can 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 if the fielder is lying on the ground. Diving over a fielder is illegal. The runner is out if purposely colliding with a fielder.

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: 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:

All bats must comply with the current legal bats in USSSA or USA bat regulations. All regulations are posted under the Baseball portion of the www.myas.org website.

Drop Rules: The 14U age division will use the -5 drop rule. The 12U-13U divisions will use the -10 drop rule. The 9U-11U divisions may use any drop size they desire.

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.