

Crossroads Rules

Note* Any player that is rostered on a travel team from September 2020 to August 2021 will be considered a travel player in Crossroads for the entire year.

Note 2019 Amendment * Age cutoff date is Dec 31st. If a town cannot field a team in 12U, that town may use 13 year old players to fill a roster. However, they must first try and fill the appropriate age group first. If a town cannot field a team in 14U, that town may use 15year old players to fill a roster. Each town must first try and fill the appropriate age group first. The majority of your team should be age specific.

2020 – NEW BAT REQUIREMENTS – All bats must have the NSA or USSSA stamp on bats. NO USA PGF ONLY STAMPS ALLOWED. IF BAT HAS ALL STAMPS ON THEM, THIS BAT WILL BE LEGAL TO USE. ** If a player is using an illegal bat that does not have the required stamp on it, if caught directly after her at bat and before the next pitch is thrown to the new batter that batter will be out. If a batter is using an illegal bat and has not finished her at bat, the player may switch to a legal bat and complete her official at bat. NO PLAYER or COACH EJECTIONS for using ILLEGAL BATS.

2020 – NEW PITCHING RULES - A pitcher MAY start her pitch with (1) one foot on the pitching rubber, the other foot may start behind the pitching rubber. The pitcher must start there and cannot step back after she is set to pitch. The umpire will give one warning IF PLAYER STEPS BACK AFTER SHE IS SET, after the one warning the batter will be issued a ball in her count.

*A GAME CLOCK SHOULD BE DISPLAYED AND THE GAME CLOCK WILL START AT THE BREAK OF THE MANAGER/UMPIRE MEETING.

*A NEW INNING STARTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE THIRD OUT IN AN INNING OCCURS PROVIDING THE HOME TEAM IS UP TO BAT AND IS LOSING, IF THE 3RD OUT OCCURS WITH THE HOME WINNING, THEY DO NOT BAT AND THE GAME IS OVER.

**Game clock will start at the departure of the umpire managers and umpire meeting.

- **ALL PLAYERS** ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FIELDERS FACE MASK **IN THE INFIELD** AT ALL PARTICIPATING TOWN LOCATIONS.
- IT'S UP TO THE MANAGER TO GOVERNOR THEIR OWN TEAM. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASK RULE **NOT THE UMPIRES.**

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- 1.) Game Time 75 minutes finish the inning. Games to start no earlier than 6pm.
(12U and 14U to play Monday and Wednesdays when possible but may be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursdays when fields dictate) (18U Mon –Thurs)
- 2.) Tie games - use international tie breaker with last recorded out on 2nd base. Up to max of 2 innings. After completing 2 extra innings, game will be documented as a tie.
- 3.) **Continuous batting order if a team choses to do so. Once a line up is exchanged its official. State in the beginning of the game if you are choosing to batt all or not. Your decision cannot change after the game has started unless an injury occurs.**
- 4.) **Unlimited substitution**
- 5.) Travel Ball players - 3 travel ball players on a team, if you have more you can add to a team after all teams have travel players on them. (No one team can have entire travel ball or high school players and their other town teams have none. (Players must be distributed amongst the teams in the league)
- 6.) Subs, you can call up from another team in that age group from your town or any town in the crossroads. They must play outfield and bat last. A Player that is called up from a younger division **in the regular** season may pitch or catch if needed; the player must bat last. **NO SUBS PITCHERS OR CATCHERS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE YEAR END TOURNAMENT.**
- 6a) A team must have a minimum of 7 **players** to start a game, (any combination of 7 **players** including subs but no more than 3 subs permitted) and must finish with 7 players. There will be no outs assets for playing with 7, no out for the ninth spot in the order. A 15 minute grace period will be given to the team that is short; however the game timer starts to run at game time.
- 6b) A team calling up subs cannot **exceed 11 players** in the starting lineup. All subs must bat last in the order. If a team cannot start with 7 players, the game will be awarded to the opposing team.
- 7.) Maximum number of subs is 3 for season and tournament. You can use a travel player if you have fewer than 3 travel players playing on that team. **NO SUB PITCHERS OR CATCHERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PITCH OR CATCH IN YEAR END TOURNEY.**
- 8.) Late players to the game may enter put them at the bottom of the lineup, no penalty.
- 9.) Players that have been removed from the line up due to injury or have to leave the field, when their bat comes, there will not be an out, just skip over. (In the event a batter is hurt and cannot finish her at bat this will be an out), if her turn at bat comes up later it will not be an out.

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10.) No Metal Spikes, if it is detected after the first pitch the girl will be called out if on offense and asked to change into plastic cleats or gym shoes immediately. If the player is on defense they will vacate the field immediately. The player will be removed but the game will not stop.

11.) **Run Rule: 12U and 16U** -7 runs per inning.

Slaughter rule is still in effect -12, 10, 8 runs, 3, 4, 5 innings.

(NOTE – 12U 16U ONLY REGULAR SEASON) - if time the home team is winning and the visitors cannot win because of the 7 run rule, **the visiting team will be allowed to bat and remain playing until time expires.** The second the timer goes off, the game will be called regardless of outs. In the instance the home team is winning, they will not be allowed to bat.

No run limit during end of the year tournament. 12, 10, 8 slaughter rule after 3, 4, 5.

12.) Rain outs may not always be played at the field where the game was originally scheduled at.

*A game is considered complete after the completion of three (3) completed innings. If the home team is winning after 2 ½ innings the game will be called complete.

*A game will start over new if game is called due to rain or cold. Umpires or a league official from your league at the fields will make this call, not the managers.

*Each town will schedule their own rainouts.

13.) Year-end tournament (**12u**) to start as early as Wed Oct 6th – Sunday Oct 10th.

14.) Year-end tournament (**16u**) to start as early as Wed Oct 13th – Sunday Oct 18th.

DOUBLE COIN FLIP TO DETERMINE HOME AND AWAY THROUGH OUT TOURNAMENT.

YEAR END TOURNAMENT RUN RULE - 12U / 16U / 12,10,8 - 3, 4, 5

NOTE- NO TRAVEL BALL PITCHER OR CATCHER MAY SUB ON A TEAM TO PITCH OR CATCH.

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Note – All towns MUST sign up and use the RAINED out Hotline.



Here is a link for rainedout.com, we will be using this system for the crossroads league.

Schererville account is: Schererville Crossroads

Crown Point account is: CP Crossroads

Cedar Lake account is: cedar lake crossroads

Griffith account account is: Griffith crossroads

Lake Village account is: Lake Village Crossroads

YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR EACH TOWN SO YOU GET ALL ALERTS.