

12U Dalton Baseball Spring 2026

LOCAL DPRD LEAGUE RULES

****All rules not covered in this document will revert back to GRPA Rules****

- Games will be 1 hour and 30 min time limit
 - Games are 6 innings if time max limit does not occur first.
 - No new inning will begin after 90 min.
 - Game is official after 3 ½ innings if Home team ahead.
 - Game is official after 4 innings if tied.
- There will be a five (5) run rule per half inning.
 - Once a team is mathematically eliminated, the game is over.
- **Pitch Count (12U Live Arm)**
 - Max 85 pitches per day per GRPA Rules.
 - 1-30 pitches = 0 calendar day of rest.
 - 31-60 pitches = 1 calendar day of rest.
 - 61-85 pitches = 2 calendar day of rest.
 - **Pitching distance is 50'.**
- **Sliding**
 - Head first slides are prohibited when advancing to a base. Slides of this nature will result in an out.
 - A dive back into a base in a close proximity is acceptable.
- **Stealing**
 - A pitched ball must reach home plate before the runner can leave an occupied base.
 - The runner is automatically called out for leaving the base before the pitched ball reaches home plate. The ball is dead and all subsequent action on the pitch is canceled. All runners must return to base held at time of pitch.
 - A walk **IS** a **LIVE BALL** situation. Once the pitcher is in control of the baseball **AND** back on the pitching mound, a runner must advance or return immediately to a base.
- **Hitting (Offense)**
 - "Slash" bunting is **NOT** allowed.
- **Bats**
 - All metal bats must have **USA BASEBALL** stamp.
 - One-piece wood bats do not have to have USA BASEBALL stamp.
- **Batting Helmets**
 - Facemask are **NOT** required on batting helmets.
- **Dropped 3rd Strike**
 - Not in effect for 12U Baseball.
- **Line Up**
 - All teams will be required to use as continuous batting order.
 - All players in attendance will be listed on the line up and bat.
 - Free substitution in the field – batting line up stays the same.
 - If a player arrives late they will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
 - If a player is injured or has to leave early, it will not be considered an out.
 - If a player is ejected, it will be considered an out for remainder of the game.