



15U Baseball Cheat Sheet

Bat Rules:

- Max Length: 34 inches.
- Max Diameter: 2 5/8 inches.
- Must be drop 5 or less.
- Certification:
 - Must have a BBCOR, USABat, or USSSA 1.15 stamp.
 - USSSA 1.15 Bats: Must not weigh more than 5 ounces less than the bat's length (e.g., a 32-inch bat must weigh at least 27 ounces).
- Wooden Bats: Allowed.

Base Running Rules:

- Leads and Steals: Allowed as per MLB rules.
- Headfirst Slides: Permitted in all situations.

Pitching Rules:

- Pitching Distance: 60 feet, 6 inches.
- Pitch Count Limits:
 - Max Pitches per Day: 95.
 - Required Rest Days:
 - 66+ pitches: 4 days rest.
 - 51-65 pitches: 3 days rest.
 - 36-50 pitches: 2 days rest.
 - 21-35 pitches: 1 day rest.
 - 1-20 pitches: No rest required.
- Balks:
 - First Balk: "No pitch—dead ball" call; runners do not advance.
 - Subsequent Balks: Runners advance one base.

Fielding Rules:

- Players on Field: 9 players.

- Substitutions: Free substitutions, except for pitchers.
- Dropped Third Strike: In effect.
- Infield Fly Rule: In effect.

Substitution Rules:

- Entire Bench Bats: All players must be in the batting lineup.
- Defensive Play:
 - Each player must play at least one full inning in the field within the first three innings.
 - Must play at least two innings in the field after five innings.
 - Must play at least three innings in the field after seven innings.

Mercy Rule:

- 12-Run Rule:
 - Applies after 4½ innings if the home team is ahead.
 - Applies after 5 innings if the home team is losing.
 - Game ends if the run differential meets or exceeds 12 runs at these points.

Sportsmanship Rules:

- No Malicious Contact: Results in immediate ejection from the game.
- Bat Throwing: Warning on the first offense; subsequent offenses result in an out.
- Negative Cheers: Not permitted by players or fans.
- Artificial Noisemakers: Not allowed (e.g., cowbells, whistles).

Forfeit Rules

- Minimum Players: A team must have at least 8 players to start and finish a game.
- Less than 8 Players:
 - If a team cannot field 8 players, the game is forfeited.
 - This rule applies to tournament play only.
 - During the regular season, every effort should be made to play the game, which may include using players from the opposing team to ensure the game is played