

2021 Iron Horse Baseball - 12U B Tournament -



Field Complex: 50 Dann Road, East Amherst, NY 14051

Diamond Locations: Lou Gehrig #2, Lou Gehrig #5

Tournament Directors:

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***Please report the final score after each game via text to both tournament directors.**

Lou Gehrig Park Rules

- No pets or animals are allowed at the complex.
- Bicycles are not permitted on the walking paths.
- Skateboards and rollerblades are prohibited.

Zero Tolerance Policy!

Lou Gehrig Youth Baseball and Softball League supports a zero-tolerance philosophy when it comes to the behavior of athletes, coaches, and spectators. All attendees of LGYBS tournaments are expected to show good sportsmanship as they observe and participate.

Foul language, disparaging remarks, confrontational behavior, and general intolerance of others will not be tolerated.

The penalty for violating this standard will result in the removal of the offender from the field and expulsion from the complex. Any player, coach, or spectator ejected from a game is also ejected from the park for the remainder of the tournament. If an ejected party refuses to leave the site, all games will be considered forfeit.

Game Length Rules:

- 1) Opposing teams will meet five minutes prior to the game for Ground Rules.
- 2) All pool games begin with a coin flip to determine home/away.
- 3) All Sunday games are determined by the higher seeding.
- 4) Games will be six (6) innings in length with a two-hour time limit. No inning may begin after 2 hours have passed from the first pitch. All games, with the only exception Sunday will have this limit.
- 5) **A 12-run mercy rule is in effect after four (4) complete innings** if the home team is winning and every inning after that.
- 6) Should the game be tied after six complete innings, AND the time limit not be expired, extra inning(s) will be played.

Pitching Rules:

- 1) **No pitcher may pitch more than nine (9) consecutive outs in a game.**
- 2) Please use wise judgement with your pitchers throughout the tournament. Keep your pitch counts and keep your kids safe.
- 3) The second trip in the same inning to the same pitcher shall automatically result in the removal of that pitcher from the game as a pitcher. Pitchers may not re-enter as a pitcher later in the same game.

- 4) Dropped Third Strike rule is in effect. A pitch is considered uncaught if the ball touches the ground before being caught, or if the ball is dropped after being grasped.
- 5) Balks will be called at the judgment of the umpire. **One balk warning per team per game.** If a warning is issued, the play is considered dead. A pitched ball will not count, a hit ball will not count, runners may not advance.

Offensive Rules:

- 1) A late arriving player is added to the bottom of the batting order.
- 2) If a player leaves the game due to an injury or sickness before the end of the game, the batter is considered removed from the lineup and the team does not have to take an out on that player's subsequent at bats in the game.
- 3) Substitutions may be made on an open basis throughout the game.
- 4) "Catcher speed-up" rule may be used with two outs. The last recorded out shall be the substitute.
- 5) A team cannot play with less than eight players at any time including the situation of losing a player to injury or ejection.
- 6) A team will be forced to record an out if at any time his lineup drops below nine players for any reason.
- 7) No batter will square to bunt and then pull back and swing away. The batter will be called out and play is dead. Any runner(s) on base will return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.

Batting, Fielding and Running Rules:

- 1) **Teams must bat and play all players in uniform.**
- 2) Infield Fly Rule is in effect.
- 3) You may freely substitute players on defense
- 4) Free substitution does not include the pitcher.
- 5) If a batter cannot bat due to injury or sickness, the spot in the lineup will be skipped without penalty.
- 6) If a player is ejected from the game, that player's spot in the lineup will be considered an out.
- 7) Runners are not allowed to slide head-first into a base. A runner may dive back to a base head-first.
- 8) No Contact Rule a. There is a "no contact" rule in effect at all bases if a play is being made on the runner. The base runner will not be ruled out for not sliding, if in the umpire's judgment the runner made the effort to avoid the tag and or contact. If in the umpire's judgment, a runner intends to injure, makes malicious contact or whose actions are considered to endanger any player on the field, the runner will be called out and ejected from the game.

Bat Rules

- 1) Bats shall not exceed 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter.
- 2) **Bats must be Wood, USA, BBCOR or USSSA certified.**

Coach / Spectator Behavior:

- 1) All parents, coaches, and spectators are required to show good sportsmanship.
- 2) Coaches may NOT argue judgment calls. All umpire's judgment calls are final. An umpire may ask for help from his/her partner umpire in the case of an obstructed view.
- 3) The coach of the team is responsible for the entire team, including but not limited to the coaching staff, players, parents, and spectators.
- 4) Any player, coach, or spectator ejected from a game is also ejected from the park for the remainder of the tournament. If an ejected party refuses to leave the site, all games will be considered forfeit.
- 5) All protests must be handled immediately by an on-site Tournament Coordinator when dealing with Baseball Rules.
- 6) There is a strict NO ALCOHOL policy in place at all Lou Gehrig Fields preceding, during, and following the tournament

- 3) Please do not allow your coaches to make safe/out calls in an attempt to persuade an umpire into a call. Let them Umpire make the call. Please advise your parents and spectators to follow the same rule.

Additional Rules:

1. Steel spikes are not allowed.

Standings, Games and Rain:

1. All games are considered complete after four complete innings (3 ½ if home team is winning). If a new inning is started and not completed, the score will revert to where it was at the start of the last complete inning.
2. The tournament director reserves the right to change the tournament format in case of inclement weather.
3. In the event of a complete Sunday rainout, the highest ranked remaining seed MAY be awarded the Division and Tournament Championships. Again, the Tournament Directors will have final say. We will make every attempt to play to the entirety but if weather occurs, we will make that decision.

Tie Breakers:

1. Record
2. Runs allowed
3. Runs differential (runs scored minus runs allowed)
4. Runs scored
5. Coin Flip