



Lou Gehrig 12U-B Tournament
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2022 Lou Gehrig 12U-B Tournament Rules

Lou Gehrig Park Rules:

1. No Alcohol or tobacco
2. No foul or abusive language
3. No pets
4. No bikes, scooters or skates or the like
5. No batting practice on Lou Gehrig diamonds.
6. Teams are allowed 5 minutes each infield practice prior to games if time permits. No teams are allowed on infields prior to 30 minutes before game time.

ZERO Tolerance

No judgment call may be debated by any manager, coach, player or fan. Rule interpretations may only be raised by the team manager, not coaches. The team manager is held responsible for the behavior of his coaches, players and fans. A manager that cannot control any of the above will have his team suffer a forfeit as well as any ejection that the umpire or Lou Gehrig league official may apply. Anyone ejected from the field during a game will be asked to not come back to the field during the tournament.

Equipment: No metal cleats, no jewelry, no large barrel bats.

**Any protests must be made to the Tournament Director Immediately following the game.
All decisions made by the tournament directors are final.**

1. Game Length Rules:

- a. Opposing teams will meet five minutes prior to the game for Ground Rules.
- b. All pool games begin with a coin flip to determine home/away. All Sunday games are determined by the higher seeding.
- c. 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 on Sunday, will have this limit.
- d. A fifteen-run mercy rule is in effect after 4 complete innings or a ten-run mercy rule after 5 complete innings if the home team is winning and every complete inning after that.
- e. Should the game be tied after six complete innings, AND the time limit not be expired, extra inning(s) will be played. Not to exceed curfew.

2. Pitching Rules:

- a. No pitcher may pitch more than **9 consecutive outs per game, or 36 outs for the tournament**. Please use wise judgement with your pitchers throughout the weekend. Keep track of your pitch counts and keep the kids safe.
- b. 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.
- c. **Balks will be called at the judgment of the umpire. One 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.
- d. Dropped Third Strike rule is in effect.
- e. Pitchers must be dressed in full uniform and may not wear wristbands or undershirts which are not of like color to their uniform.
- f. Pitcher's mound is 50 feet.

3. Offensive Rules:

All teams will bat ALL uniformed players during the course of the game.

- a. A late arriving player is added to the bottom of the batting order.
- b. If a player leaves the game and the Lou Gehrig Complex 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.
- c. Substitutions may be made on an open basis throughout the game.
- d. "Catcher speed-up" rule may be used with two outs. The last recorded out shall be the substitute runner.
- e. A team cannot play with less than eight players at any time including the situation of losing a player to injury or ejection.
- f. A team will be forced to record an out if at any time his lineup drops below nine players for any reason.

4. Batting, Fielding and Running Rules:

- a. Teams must bat and play all players on their rosters.
- b. Infield fly rule is in effect.
- c. You may freely substitute players on defense.
- d. Free substitution does not include the pitcher.
- e. If a batter cannot bat due to obvious injury or sickness, the spot in the lineup will be skipped. No penalty for injury.
- f. If a player is ejected from the game, when that player's turn comes up to bat it will be considered an out.
- g. Lead offs can be taken.
- h. Base paths are 70 feet.
- i. Lineups shall be submitted to the opposing coach 15 minutes prior to game time.
- j. Runners are not allowed to slide head-first into a base. A runner may dive back to a base head-first.

5. 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.

6. Bat Rules

- a. Bats allowed: USA certified, USSSA certified, BBCOR certified, or wood.
- b. Bats shall not exceed 2³/₄” in diameter.

7. Coach / Spectator Behavior

- a. All parents, coaches, and spectators are required to behave themselves in an adult-like and sportsman manner.
- b. Coaches may NOT argue judgment calls. All umpire judgment calls are final. An umpire may ask for help from his/her partner umpire in the case of an obstructed view, however, coaches may NOT ask for an umpire to appeal to a second umpire on a “Bad Call”.
- c. The Manager of the team is in charge of his/her entire team, including but not limited to the coaching staff, players, parents and spectators.
- d. 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.
- e. All protests must be handled immediately by an on-site Tournament Coordinator when dealing with Baseball Rules.
- f. There is a strict NO ALCOHOL policy in place at all Lou Gehrig Fields. This applies before, during, and following the tournament games.
- g. Please do not allow your coaches to make safe/out calls in an attempt to persuade an umpire into a call. Let the umpire make the call. Please advise your parents and spectators to follow the same rule.

8. Additional Rules

- a. Steel spikes are not allowed.
- b. The infield fly rule WILL be in effect.
- c. **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.
- d. Only the manager may discuss a decision with an umpire.
- e. No manager or coach will be allowed behind the backstop during the game in which they are participating is in progress.
- f. Poor sportsmanship by players and fans will not be tolerated. There will be no hollering at or harassing of opposing players OR umpires during OR after the game. Intentionally throwing of equipment will result in disqualification. The use of tobacco or alcohol beverage in any form is prohibited on the playing field or bench area. Let's make this a FUN tournament for all.
- g. **The tournament director reserves the right to change the tournament format in case of inclement weather.**

9. Standings, Games and Rain

- a. All teams must be available to start a game any time between 8:00AM and 8:00PM on Saturday and Sunday.
- b. All teams must be able to start games any time between 4:00PM and 8:00PM on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- c. 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 back to where it was at the start of the last complete inning.
- d. In the event of a rain delay, no game may be delayed more than one hour until the game is called and either rescheduled or terminated.
- e. In the event of a mid-game rain delay of more than one hour, game will be continued immediately after it is determined that field conditions are playable and played until the game has reached complete game status (four complete innings). If the game is deemed unplayable that day, the tournament directors will determine the course of action based on field availability and scheduling.
- f. 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.**
- g. **After completion of pool play (3 games), teams will re-seed on Sunday. Higher seeds will be the home team.**

10. Tie Breakers

- a. Record
- b. Runs allowed
- c. Runs scored
- d. Runs differential (runs scored minus runs allowed)
- e. Coin Flip