

La Crosse Area Independent Youth Baseball League
12 & UNDER RULES

All rules will follow the National High School Rules with the following additions:

- Age:** Player's age on April 30th determines their age for the season
- Dimensions:** Bases will be 65 feet apart
Pitchers rubber will be 50 feet
- Game Rules:** Games consist of 6 innings
Ten run rule is in effect after 4 innings
Must have 10 minutes left in game time to start a new inning
Games not finished 5 minutes after the deadline will be suspended
All games have an 85 minute time limit
Home team's scorebook is the official book
- Substitution:** Standard re-entry rules apply except for level C where free substitution is allowed
- Bat Size:** Maximum bat diameter is 2 _ inches (no weight differential)
- Batting:** **A/B Only:** All players MAY be in the batting order
C Only: All players must be in the batting order
No designated hitter is allowed at any age level
A batter may not run on a dropped third strike
- Pitchers:** Pitchers are allowed 5 warm-up pitches each inning or until batter is ready
Pitchers may not exceed 4 innings per game and may not exceed 6 innings per week.
One pitch in any inning constitutes an inning of pitching
- Courtesy Runner:** Courtesy runners with two outs are (a) a must for the catcher (b) recommended for the pitcher
- Stealing** **A/B Only:** Can't steal until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand
C Only: Can't steal until the ball crosses the plate
Base runners may score on a passed ball, wild pitch or throw back to the pitcher
- Base Paths:** **Slide to avoid contact with the defensive player.**
Any questionable calls will result in ejection from the game.
Team players coaching bases must wear a helmet for protection
- Safety:** NO METAL SPIKES
Jewelry is prohibited
Catchers must use a face mask w/ throat protector
Blood/Bleeding: Umpires will determine if a player needs to leave. A player not playing will replace them until the condition is resolved and their uniform is clean.
- Miscellaneous:** Each team is allowed 3 defensive conferences per game (after the 3rd, a change must be made each time) and one offensive conference per inning