



## SCRL (South Central Recreation League) General Rules Summer League Baseball/Softball

1. Registrations are due by March 15 of each year
2. Birthday cut-off is September 1
3. Practices may begin on April 1 of each year
4. One of the league commissioners will work to schedule games
  - a. We will try not to schedule more than 3 games in any given week
5. Make up policy
  - a. Games that are canceled due to weather or a school event are to be handled as follows:
    - i. The home team must decide no later than 4:00 if a game can be played or not
    - ii. The home team has one week to contact the opposing coach with alternative Dates.
    - ii. The opposing coach is required to respond within the same week.
    - iii. If the home team does not have any open home dates then they should ask the opposing team if they have any open dates on their field.
  - b. If you are having trouble with a coach not communicating regarding a re-schedule, please check in with your town representative
6. The format of the league tournament will be determined at a later date and is dependent upon the total number of teams in each age group playing in the tournament. In addition, there will be tournament-specific rules.
7. Rosters
  - a. Teams will not have a max number of players on their roster. Teams should have a minimum of 9 players making up a roster.
  - b. Players can only play for 1 team in the SCRL League and only 1 team in any age group, regardless of division.
    - i. A player who is on a 9-10 yr old team may not play on another 9-10 yr old team. If you want to add a player for a game you must add a player from a younger SCRL team within your organization.
    - ii. We encourage all teams to have a pool of younger players they can pull from if they will be short players. Please ONLY pull players if you do NOT have enough.
    - iii. Games will not result in forfeit due to lack of players
    - iv. 12u and 14u teams cannot be combined and called a 12u team. It must be classified as a 14u team
    - V. A player cannot play for another town if his/her town has a team they can play on

- c. When submitting a lineup card to the opposing team, coaches must use the players last name.
8. It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure that all applicable rules affiliated with their "home field" of play get reviewed with the visiting coach and umpires prior to the start of the game. Upon completion of the "home field" rules review it is the responsibility of both teams to ensure that no violations occur. The "home field" rules are considered the ground rules, not different interpretations of the rules of the league. League rules should be followed at all times.
9. Players that depart the game for any other reason besides injury will have their spot in the lineup considered as an out each time that the missing players spot in the batting order comes Up.
  - a. If a player leaves the game due to injury he will not be allowed to re-enter the same game. When his turn in the lineup comes up, they will simply be skipped over.
10. The hosting team will be required to supply 2 newer baseballs / softballs and have 2 other used balls on hand for each game.
11. For each league game one umpire is required, we would encourage 2 for each game. If there is only 1 umpire, it may be easiest if they stand behind the pitcher's mound to call the game.
12. It is the responsibility of the head coach (or acting head coach) to ensure that players and fans exhibit proper sportsmanship at all times. Ejected players, fans and coaches will be required to depart the field of play immediately. Failure to oblige will result in forfeiture of the game. Anyone ejected will serve a 1 game suspension
13. Once a game passes the 90 minute mark, the next inning started will be the last inning. Unlimited runs can be scored during the 6th or last inning.
  - a. The clock will start on the 1st pitch
  - b. Extra innings are allowed if time is left on the clock
  - c. Games can end in a tie
14. Mercy rules
  - a. A game is considered complete once 5 innings have been played
  - b. If a game is stopped before 5 innings, it will be resumed from where it halted at a later date
  - c. 15 run rule after 4, 10 runs after 5 at all levels except for tee ball and pitching machine - motioned carried 9-0
15. International tie-breakers will be used if time allows in regular season games and during tournament games.
  - a. The last out will start at 2nd base and the count will be 1-1
15. No metal cleats are allowed
16. Tournaments are predetermined before the season starts. Hosts cities will be determined by commissioners of each league
17. Tournament hosts must provide awards for 1st and 2nd place
18. All jerseys must have numbers on the back