

8u GOLD League Rules Matrix

GENERAL	BATTING	BASERUNNING	PITCHING	EQUIPMENT	UMPIRES/COACHES
<u>INNINGS / START</u> - 6 inning game - 6:00 pm start (unless scheduled otherwise)	<u>BATTING ORDER</u> - Must bat all players in uniform (roster bat) - Order must stay same	<u>STEALING</u> - 2nd and 3rd ONLY - NO stealing of home	<u>PITCH LIMIT/GAME</u> NPGL Pitching Rules apply (DAILY MAX)	<u>BAT LENGTH</u> ANY BAT WITH USA BAT STAMP	<u>UMPIRES</u> Minimum 1 Umpire behind home plate
<u>TIME LIMIT</u> Local Rules (Home team must notify visitor prior to start of game)	<u>BATTING OUT OF ORDER</u> Batter is OUT	<u>LEADING</u> ONLY after ball crosses the plate	<u>PITCH LIMIT/WEEK</u> NPGL Pitching Rules apply (PITCH SMART)	<u>BAT WIDTH</u> ANY BAT WITH USA BAT STAMP	<u>COACHES ON FIELD</u> First and Third Only
<u>OFFICIAL GAME</u> 3 COMPLETED Innings (top and bottom complete)	<u>BUNTING</u> PROHIBITED	<u>PITCHER PICKOFF</u> PROHIBITED	<u>HIT BATTERS</u> Pitcher removed if 3 batters hit in game	<u>WOOD BATS</u> APPROVED 2 ¼ inch ONLY	<u>SHORT FIELDER</u> PROHIBITED
<u>MINIMUM PLAYERS</u> 8	<u>SLASH HITTING</u> Fake-Bunt/Slash-Hitting PROHIBITED	<u>CATCHER PICKOFF</u> ALLOWED No advance on overthrow	<u>PITCHER GETS BALL</u> Play is dead (Umpire judgement)	<u>INSPECTION</u> Umpire	<u>MOUND VISITS</u> 2 visits per pitcher, pitcher replaced on 2nd visit
<u>MAXIMUM PLAYERS</u> 9	<u>INFIELD FLY RULE</u> NOT IN EFFECT	<u>FIELDER OVERTHROW</u> May advance ONE base to 2nd or 3rd only; fair or foul territory	<u>WALKS</u> NO Walk Limit	<u>PROTECTIVE CUP</u> MANDATORY	<u>RE-ENTRY RULE</u> Both Starters and Subs: Unlimited right of re-entry
<u>GAME FORFEIT</u> Team MUST field 8 players by 15 min after game time	<u>DROPPED 3rd STRIKE</u> - Batter is OUT - Batter CANNOT Run	<u>SLIDING</u> Feet-first ONLY (except sliding back to base prev. occupied)	<u>BALKS</u> NO Balks Called	<u>HEART GUARD</u> MANDATORY	<u>COURTESY RUNNERS</u> - Catcher/Pitcher-any time -Injured Player-any time (Use Last Out)
<u>MAX RUNS PER INNING</u> 5 (Unlimited last inning)	<u>HIT BY PITCH</u> Awarded First Base	<u>SLIDING CONTACT</u> PROHIBITED	<u>COUNT STARTS</u> With First Pitch 0-0	<u>METAL SPIKES</u> PROHIBITED	<u>DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTION</u> UNLIMITED (except Pitcher may not return as Pitcher)
<u>MERCY RULE</u> 12-run mercy after losing team bats in 4th inning	<u>BASE DISTANCE</u> 60 feet	<u>STEALING ATTEMPTS</u> UNLIMITED	<u>MOUND DISTANCE</u> 46 feet		**Coaches' meeting with Umpire is mandatory before each game**