1. Teams must submit a roster/waiver prior to their first game on the official roster form only with a parent signature. If you need to add players, fill out another roster sheet for that player(s). Rosters are unlimited until the playoffs when no one can be added. Please have enough players on your roster to avoid any forfeits. A player may only play on one team in the same league on the same day.

2. If a team played 12u this past summer, they should play 12U this fall. If a player is in the same grade as the majority of the players (entering 7th grade), he will most likely be eligible.

3. Birth certificates do not need to be turned in but should be available if there is a protest.

4. Late arrivals should be placed at the bottom of the batting order.

5. Warm ups should be done outside the field of play. Teams should be ready to play at game time. There might not be time to warm up on the field.

6. One IHSAA patched umpire will be provided for all games.

7. 8 player minimum to avoid a forfeit.

8. Games will be played using IHSAA rules unless specified herein.

9. Games will be 7 innings in length. A regular season game is considered official when the losing team has batted 4 times. A playoff game will be considered official when the losing team has batted 5 times. If a rained out game cannot be completed, it will revert back to the last completed inning.

10. Rained out games will be made up if time allows. Refund Policy - For the Fall League, no refunds will be given once the schedule has been created.

11. Bases are 70 feet apart and the pitching distance is 50 feet.

12. Home team for the regular season is the bottom team on the schedule and gets 3rd base dugout. For the playoffs, the higher seed is the home team.

13. Full baseball rules apply including lead-offs, infield fly rules, balks, and dropped third strikes.

14. Teams must bat the entire roster continuously and free defensive substitutions are allowed to encourage maximum participation.

15. If a player is injured and cannot bat or he has to leave Melas Park, his spot will be skipped without penalty. If a player is ejected for bad sportsmanship, his vacant spot in the batting order will be an automatic out.

16. Courtesy runners will be allowed for catchers, pitchers, and injured players. The last out, not the last batted out, will be the courtesy runner. Courtesy runners are mandatory with two outs and optional with less than two outs for the pitcher or catcher FOR THE NEXT INNING (so they can get ready). If it is known that this will be the last inning, the above applies to the pitcher and catcher for that inning.

17. THERE IS NO MUST SLIDE RULE! If the defensive player has the ball in his possession, the runner can either slide, go back, get in a rundown, or give themselves up. If the runner makes significant contact, he will be called out automatically and could be ejected at the umpire’s discretion.

18. The home team will keep the official scorebook. The visiting team should check the score after each half inning for accuracy.

19. Mercy Rule is 12 runs after 4 innings. 10 runs after 5 innings, and 8 runs after 6 innings.
20. Batters who show bunt MUST bunt or take the pitch. If the batter fakes a bunt and swings at the pitch, they will be called out immediately, ejected from the game, and his spot in the batting order will be an automatic out.

21. Defensive players cannot fake tag. One warning per team will be given. After that, any further fake tags will be automatic ejections and the vacant spot in the batting order is an automatic out.

22. No new inning will begin after 1:40 minutes (100 minutes). Speed up rules are encouraged (3 warm up pitches, limited use of the infield ball, throwing the ball back to the pitcher after an out).

23. Pitchers may pitch no more than 4 innings per game. Pitching in any part of an inning constitutes an inning. There is NO inning limit per day.

24. Pitchers removed from a game cannot re-enter the pitching spot later in the game.

25. Relief pitchers will receive no more than 5 warm up pitches.

26. Any type of pitch is legal.

27. Pitchers may not wear a white wristband, a white batting or fielder’s glove, or a white long-sleeved undergarment. Pitchers may only wear prescription sunglasses.

28. A pitcher hitting three batters with pitched balls in a game will be removed from the pitcher’s spot the rest of that game.

29. A pitcher INTENTIONALLY throwing at an opposing batter, as determined by the umpire, will immediately ejected and the vacant spot in the batting order will be an automatic out.

30. **One free trip to the mound per inning by a coach is allowed and only a total of two free trips per game are allowed. On the second trip per inning or third trip in a game, the pitcher must be removed. Balk explanation trips are excluded.** If a coach takes a significant amount of time talking to the pitcher or catcher but never crosses the white lines, it will be considered a trip.

31. There is one balk warning per pitcher per game.

32. Metal spikes may NOT be worn.

33. Batters, on-deck batters, and base runners must wear helmets. Warm up catchers must wear a mask. If a player coaches a base, he must wear a helmet. On-deck batters must stand behind the current batter to avoid a potential foul ball injury.

34. Jewelry may not be worn.

35. All players must wear a protective cup. Catchers must wear protective catcher’s equipment. This must be provided by each team, not the league.

36. There are no restrictions on bats.

37. Only the head coach, or an assistant coach is the head coach is absent, may question an umpire’s rule interpretation. Please do so in a respectful manner. We are role models for the boys.

38. Only questions about RULES may be questioned. All judgment calls are final and non-negotiable.

39. If there is an ejection, it will be reviewed by the tournament director for disciplinary action, if any. For a second ejection, an automatic minimum one game suspension will be served.

40. Managers are responsible for the conduct of all players, coaches, parents, and fans.

41. Turf rules must be followed (no gum, no seeds or shells, no tobacco products) and teams will be asked to clean up their dugout and bleacher areas after the game.
42. Players throwing their bat after swinging will be penalized at the umpire’s discretion with the minimum being a warning but could also be an automatic out or ejection.
43. Players who throw tantrums and toss any equipment in a dangerous manner will be ejected. Swearing will not be tolerated either.
44. Positive vocal support for your team is encouraged. Please do not vocalize anything negative or anything directed at your opponent.
45. Tie Breakers: #1)Winning percentage. #2)Head to Head. #3)Head to head run differential. #4 Average runs against #5)Coin flip.
46. Individual awards for the first and second place teams in the tournament from each age group.
47. For all extra inning games, the “International Rule” (aka “California Rule”) will be used. The last BATTER from the last inning will be placed on second base, there be will nobody out, and every batter will have a 1-1 count.
48. For the championship game only, there will be no time limit, but the slaughter rule is still in effect.