



SHLB 2024



PLAYING RULES

16U Division

Updated: 05/13/2024



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Diamond Dimensions

- i. Pitching at 60'
- ii. Bases at 90'

Game Lengths

- i. 6 Innings or;
- ii. 90 minutes (No new inning starts after 90 minutes, based on time of last out).

Players

- i. 9 players field on defense, unlimited changes.
- ii. Includes 1 catcher wearing all catcher gear.
- iii. If a team is short players for a game, it can call up any player who plays within the municipality at a younger level. (Example: 13U NG Thunder could call up a player from the 11U NG Thunder, 11U NG Comets, or 11U NG Forresters.)

Play

- i. All players in the lineup bat.
- ii. Maximum 5 runs per inning (including the final inning).
- iii. A fifteen (15) run mercy rule will apply after four (4) innings (3½ if the home team is ahead) and ten (10) runs after five innings (4½ if the home team is leading) will be in effect for all games.
- iv. Lead off allowed.
- v. Base stealing allowed.

Pitching

- i. All pitchers will follow Baseball Ontario Arm Care Guidelines (see below).
- ii. Pitchers will be permitted to complete the at-bat of the batter they are facing when their Daily Maximum pitch limit has been reached but must be removed immediately after (i) the batter is retired, or (ii) the batter becomes a runner, or (iii) the third out of the inning is made.
- iii. Once a player assumes the pitching position, they are no longer eligible to catch for the remainder of the day. Once a player assumes the catcher position, they are no longer eligible to pitch for the remainder of the day.
- iv. Coaches are to keep pitch counts to ensure no pitcher goes over the limit or pitch before their required rest is served.
- v. There is a maximum of 95 pitches allowed in a day.
- vi. Any player who is playing in a game in a division higher than their age-appropriate division shall be restricted to the pitch count limitations applicable to the age of the player.
- vii. Pitchers can pitch off of a mound or flat ground (depending on diamond).
- viii. Balks will be called.
 1. Each pitcher will get one balk warning.

OBA Arm Care Pitching Limits 2024

9U*	11U	13U	15U	18U	22U	REST REQUIRED
1-20	1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40	1-45	None
20-35	26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	46-60	1 Day
36-50	41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	61-75	2 Days
N/A	56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	76-90	3 Days
N/A	66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105	91-115	4 Days
50	75	85	95	105	115	Daily Max



LEAGUE RULES

Nine (9) teams in the League in one division.

- i. Each team will play 10 regular season games in total.

After each game, the coach/manager of the home team will email the final score to scores@seawaysurge.com. Please make sure to include the Age Level and the full names of both teams in the email.

The top 4 teams will play in the A Playoff:

- i. A SF #1: #3 @ #2
A SF #2: #4 @ #1
- ii. Home team of final will be the highest seed.

The final 5 teams will play in the B Playoff.

If there is a tie in the standings, it will be broken in the following way:

- i. Head-to-head record
 - ii. Lowest amount of runs allowed in head to head meetings.
 - iii. Most runs scored in head to head meetings.
 - iv. Coin toss
- Note: Playoff format may be altered due to diamond availability.

The final date of the regular season will be Friday, July 26, 2024.

- i. If there are a large number of rained out games, the regular season may be extended by one week.
- ii. If there are a large amount of rainouts and games cannot be rescheduled, the team with the best record in the regular season will be named league champion.

If there is a Severe Weather Warning that covers the diamond locations, games and practices will be canceled.

- i. Refer to our Severe Weather policy here: <https://www.seawaysurge.com/severe-weather/>
- ii. All attempts to provide notification of cancellations will be made 90 minutes before the scheduled game time.
- iii. There will be an attempt to reschedule all rained out games, depending on diamond availability. *It is the responsibility of the Home Field Head Coach and Away Team Head Coach to re-schedule games and to notify the Club of the re-scheduled date, time and location.*
- iv. Prior to the start of a game, it will be the responsibility of the Home Field Head Coach, in consultation with the Away Team Head Coach, to determine whether a game is to be played. In the event of a cancellation, it will be the responsibility of the Home Field Head Coach to notify the Club of the cancellation. During the game, coaches and umpires will collectively decide on the safety of the field and weather conditions, and may choose to stop the game at any time. If present, umpire(s) will make the final decision. The Executive Committee of the Seaway Surge Baseball Club shall retain the right to reverse any decision made by coaches and/or umpires.

The Seaway Surge is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Each individual has the right to participate in an environment which promotes equal opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices. The Surge will not tolerate harassment among its players, coaches, on-field/off-field officials and spectators. For more information:

https://www.seawaysurge.com/wpcontent/uploads/sites/3118/2022/03/Player_Parent_Contract_Final.pdf

