



## 16u SEASON INFORMATION AND PLAYING RULES

### Season Information

- The season starts on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
- The final date of the regular season will be Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>
- There are no games currently scheduled for July 21-25 – this is to make up rained out games, though teams are encouraged to reschedule games within 2-3 weeks of the original date when possible
- Playoff games will be completed by July 31<sup>st</sup> (weather depending).
- If there are many rainouts and games cannot be rescheduled, the team with the best record in the regular season will be named league champion.

### Reporting Scores

After each game, the home coach/manager will email the final score to **Surgescores2025@gmail.com**.

### Rainouts

The decision to cancel games will be made locally by coaches/managers. **The decision should be made 2 hours ahead of the scheduled time.** If there is an Environment Canada weather warning at a game site, the game should be canceled. If no message is received, players, coaches and umpires should plan to attend the game.

Once the decision is made to cancel the game, the home coach/manager needs to call/text/email the following:

**SURGE EXECUTIVE:** info@seawaysurge.com

**LEAGUE CONVENOR:** Surgescores2025@gmail.com

**UMPIRE SCHEDULER:** surgeumpirescheduler@gmail.com

Once a game begins, the decision to continue or postpone play will be made by the umpire, in consultation with coaches.

### Rescheduling of Games

It is the responsibility of the Home Field Head Coach/Manager and Away Team Head Coach/Manager to re-schedule games. **Once a game has been rescheduled, please email the details to Surgescores2025@gmail.com and [surgeumpirescheduler@gmail.com](mailto:surgeumpirescheduler@gmail.com).**

**Note:** It is possible that a game's location will be changed to ensure you have umpires.

Note: **Please do not add a rescheduled game in your team's TeamSnap calendar**, as it will create a duplication in the system. There are currently no games scheduled for the final week of the season – you can reschedule rained out games for that week. However, if possible, please try to reschedule each rainout within 2-4 weeks from the original date. The final date of the regular

season is Friday, July 25th. All games must be rescheduled before that date. It is possible that not all games will be rescheduled. The playoffs will start on Monday, July 28th.

## **Umpires**

The Surge organization has worked very hard over the last 5 years to create a robust umpiring community. Please treat them with the respect. Should you have any concerns in regards to umpiring, contact [surgeumpirescheduler@gmail.com](mailto:surgeumpirescheduler@gmail.com) and the concern will be directed to our Umpire-In-Chief.

**Note:** 9u games can be played without an umpire. Coaches on the field can assume the role. 11u, 13u, and 16u games can be played with one umpire.

## **Severe Weather Policy**

The Severe Weather policy can be found here: <https://www.seawaysurge.com/severe-weather/>

## **16u PLAYING RULES**

All games will be played under [OBA Baseball Rules and the Official Rules of Baseball](#).

Surge House League specific rules follow:

### **Diamond Dimensions**

- Bases at 90'
- Pitching plate at 60' 6"

### **Games and Schedules**

- Each team will play 10 regular season games
  - NOTE: it is possible that some rained-out games will not be played
- Each game will be six innings or;
- Time limit of 90 minutes (No new inning starts after 90 minutes, based on time of last out)
- Maximum 5 runs per inning (including the final inning)
- Mercy Rule:
  - Fifteen (15) runs after four (4) innings (3½ if the home team is ahead)
  - Ten (10) runs after five innings (4½ if the home team is leading)

### **Players / Lineup**

- All players in the lineup must bat
- 9 players field on defense, unlimited changes
- Leadoffs are allowed; Base stealing allowed

### **Pitching**

- Players cannot pitch and catch on the same day

- Pitchers will be permitted to complete the at bat when their Daily Maximum pitch limit has been reached
  - Pitcher 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.
- Coaches are to keep pitch counts to ensure no pitcher goes over the limit or pitch before their required rest is served.
- 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.
- Balks will be called; each pitcher will get a balk warning before a balk is called
- Pitch Count Limits and Rest Requirements
  - The maximum number of pitches allowed in a day is 95
- Rest Requirements
 

○ 1-35 pitches	No rest required
○ 36-50 pitches	1 Day
○ 51-65 pitches	2 Days
○ 66-80 pitches	3 Days
○ 81-95 pitches	4 Days

### **Player Affiliation**

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 Foresters.} 9U teams can call up 7-year-olds from Rally Cap.

### **Playoffs**

- The top 4 teams will play in the A Playoffs
  - Semi-Final #1: #4 @ #1
  - Semi-Final #2: #3 @ #2
  - Final will be played at the highest seeded team
  - Note: Playoff format and game locations may be altered due to diamond availability/weather
- The remaining teams will play in the Consolation Round
  - Format To Be Determined
- If there is a tie in the standings, it will be broken in the following order:
  - Head-to-head record of tied teams
  - Lowest number of runs allowed in head-to-head meetings
  - Most runs scored in head-to-head meetings
  - Lowest number of runs allowed in all regular season games divided by number of games
  - Coin toss
- Note: Playoff format and game locations may be altered due to diamond availability/weather