



9u SEASON INFORMATION AND PLAYING RULES

Season Information

- The season starts on Tuesday, May 20th
- The final date of the regular season will be Friday, July 25th
- 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 31st (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.**

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 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/>

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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 65'
- Pitching Machine at 44' - with 8' circumference safety circle

Games and Schedules

- Each game will be six innings or;
- Time limit of 80 minutes (No new inning starts after 80 minutes, based on time of last out)
- Each team will play 10 regular season games
 - (NOTE: it is possible that some rained-out games will not be played)

Players

- Ten players field on defense
- Four outfielders 15' behind basepaths
- 1 pitcher behind machine (Pitcher cannot enter safety circle.)
 - Pitching must wear protective helmet
- 1 Catcher (must wear all catcher gear)

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

Playing Rules

- All players in the lineup bat.
- Maximum 5 runs per inning or 3 outs.
- Each batter will receive a maximum of 5 hittable pitches. If the batter does not hit a fair ball within 5 pitches, the batter will be declared out (unless a foul ball is hit and not caught).
- If a batter is hit by a pitch, the ball is declared dead and the batter is awarded an additional pitch.
- No bunting (batter out)
- No base stealing.
- Dead ball will be declared if the hit ball hits the machine or pitching coach - the batter will be awarded first base.
- Runners may not lead off until the ball is hit. A runner who leads off will be declared out.
- Base runners may only advance on a ball which is hit in fair territory or a foul ball caught in play. Usual rules apply about tagging up before advancing and at their own risk would apply to caught foul balls.
- Base runners may not advance on a passed ball (a pitch from the pitching machine that passes the catcher) or a pitched ball returned to the pitcher by the catcher.
- A batter/runner may advance at their own peril in the event of an overthrow at any base.
- There is no infield fly rule.
- There is no mercy rule.

Playoffs

- The top 3 teams in the East and West Divisions will play in the A Playoffs
 - The top 2 teams in each division will get a bye.
 - Quarter-Final #1: #3 East @ #2 West; winner plays @ #1 East
 - Quarter-Final #2: #3 West @ #2 East; winner plays @ #1 West
 - Final will be played at the highest seeded team
- 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 amount of runs allowed in head-to-head meetings
 - Most runs scored in head-to-head meetings
 - Lowest amount 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