

8u GOLD only Rules Matrix

GENERAL							
Innings/ Game Time	Time Limit	Official Game	Minimum Players	Max Players on Field	Short Outfielder	Game Forfeit	Max runs/inning
6 innings 6:00 PM unless otherwise scheduled	Local Rules- home team coach must notify visiting team coach	3 complete innings	8	9	No	If team unable to field 8 players at game time a 30 minute grace period allowed, then forfeit called	5 (except last)

HITTING							
* If injured player removed from game, there will be a skip in lineup but does not count as an out.							
Batting Order *	Batting out of order	Bunting	Slash Hitting	Infield Fly Rule	Dropped 3rd Strike	Dropped 3rd Strike	Hit By Pitch
Must bat all players in uniform, order cannot be changed	Batter is out	Ripken Rules	Fake bunt with a pull back & full swing is prohibited	Ripken Rules	Ripken Rules	Ripken Rules	1st Base

BASE RUNNING							
Stealing	Stealing Attempts	Sliding	Sliding Contact	Pitcher Pickoff	Catcher Pickoff	Catcher Pickoff	Overthrow Per Play
1st to 2nd, 2nd to 3rd No stealing home	Ripken Rules	Feet first only except for runner sliding back to base they previously occupied	Prohibited	Not allowed	Ripken Rules	Ripken Rules	Ripken Rules

PITCHING							
Innings/Pitch Count limit per Game	Innings limit per Week	Inning Count	Hit By Pitch	Count Begins	Pitcher Gets Ball	Walks	Balks
NPGL Pitch Rules	NPGL Pitch Rules	NPGL Pitch Rules	Ripken Rules	0-0 Normal	Ripken Rules	Ripken Rules	Ripken Rules

UMPIRE/COACHES							
Metal Spikes	Coaches on Field	Player Coaches	Mercy Rule	Visits to Mound	Re-entry rule	Courtesy Runners	Defensive Substitution
Prohibited	1st and 3rd base only	Not allowed	12 run mercy rule after losing team has batted in 4th inning	2 visits after which pitcher must be replaced	Ripken Rules	Ripken Rules	Ripken Rules

BAT GUIDELINE							
Length	Barrel	Non- Wood	Wood				
NPGL Bat Rules	NPGL Bat Rules	NPGL Bat Rules					