



# Northumberland Jacks House League

## 15U

### Rules and Regulations

<b>GAME FUNDAMENTALS</b>	
Scores / Standings Kept	Yes
Base Distance (feet)	90'
Pitcher's Mound Distance (feet)	60'6"
Complete Game (innings)	7
Official Game (innings)	3 (2.5 if home ahead, or visitors leading by 7+)
No new Inning starts after	1 hour, 45 mins
Umpires	Yes - Plate and 1 base umpire
Mercy Runs (per inning)	6 - When "Last Inning" is called by the umpire. Each team is able to score 8 runs in the "Last Inning".
Ties?	Yes
Call-ups permitted	Yes, please notify opposing coach in advance
Over age players permitted	please see Over-Age Player Participation Policy
<b>BASE RUNNING</b>	
Leadoffs allowed	Yes
Stealing Allowed	Yes
Runner can advance on overthrows	Yes
Runner can advance to Home on Passed Ball / Wild Pitch	Yes
Run to First on dropped third strike	Yes



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<b>HITTING</b>	
Permitted Bat Types	-3 BBCOR, -5 USA or USSSA Stamped
# of Batters	All players are in batting lineup
Bunts Allowed	Yes
Walks Allowed	Yes
<b>DEFENCE</b>	
Infield Positions	P, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS
Outfield Positions	LF, CF, RF
# of Outs	3
Outs Made	regular Baseball rules
Infield Fly Rule	Yes. With fewer than 2 outs, and runners on 1st and 2nd, or bases loaded, a fair pop-up (not bunt or line drive) an infielder can catch with ordinary effort. Batter automatically out, runners can advance at own risk.
Player Substitutions	Free substitution, but not to unduly delay game. Inning catcher substitution only due to injury.
Position Rotation	Full rotation of all players to ensure the whole team plays.
<b>PITCHING</b>	
Pitching Machine Speed (mph)	N/A
# of Pitches or Strikes and Balls	3 Strikes, 4 Balls
# of Warm up Pitches	Umpire's discretion
Pitcher Limit (Consecutive Outs per Appearance)	6 (2 innings pitched)
Pitcher Count Limit	No
Balks	Yes - no warnings



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## Over-Age Player Participation Policy - 15U House League

### Purpose

This policy establishes guidelines for allowing limited participation of over-age players in the 15U House League while maintaining competitive balance, player safety, and the developmental focus of the league.

### Eligibility

- Only players who are **no more than one (1) year above the 15U age division** are eligible for consideration.
- This means **16-year-old players only** may be approved as over-age participants.
- Players who are **17 years old or older are not eligible** to participate in the 15U House League under any circumstances.
- Approval of over-age participation is subject to league review and roster availability.
- This policy applies only to the House League and does not extend to any travel, select, or tournament teams.

### Participation Restrictions

To ensure fairness and safety, the following restrictions apply to all approved over-age players:

#### 1. Pitching Prohibition

- Over-age players **are not permitted to pitch** under any circumstances.
- They may not be listed as pitchers, or used in emergency pitching situations

#### 2. Defensive and Offensive Play

- Over-age players **may play all other defensive positions** except pitcher.
- They are permitted to bat and participate fully in offensive play in accordance with house league rules.

#### 3. Select Team Ineligibility

- Over-age players **are not eligible to participate on the 15U Select Team.**
- They may not be called up, rostered, or practice with the select team at any time during the season.

### Roster Limits and Competitive Balance

- Each 15U House League roster may include **a maximum of two (2) over-age players.**
- The league reserves the right to distribute over-age players in a manner that maintains competitive balance.
- Team placement may be adjusted by the league if necessary to prevent competitive advantage.



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#### **Enforcement**

- Coaches are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy.
- Any violation of this policy, including the use of an over-age player as a pitcher or exceeding the maximum number of over-age players per roster, may result in disciplinary action such as player suspension, coach sanctions, or game forfeiture.

#### **Review and Amendments**

This policy may be reviewed annually by the league board and amended as necessary to align with league goals and participation needs.