

Colorado Springs Baseball (CSB) 2025 Summer Baseball League Minors (ages 9-10) and Majors (ages 11-12) Division Playing Rules

CSB will follow official baseball rules except where modified.

Official Player

*Only officially registered players who completed the potential waiver/s and paid can participate in CSB. Using an illegal player/s will result in a team's forfeit/s of those games.

*For comments, questions, or suggestions, don't hesitate to get in touch with CSB at coloradospringssummerbaseball@comcast.net or call 719-648-5171/719-244-1518.

*The age limit will be determined on August 31st of that calendar year.

*Younger age players can play down or up with league approval; contact Jorge Lacayo @ 719-648-5171 or email the league at coloradospringssummerbaseball@comcast.net, Subject: Approval Needed to Play Down or Up. Please submit information as to why your player should play down or up.

*Players playing down (league approval needed) that exceed the age cut of August 31st, 2025, will not be able to pitch.

Players per Team/Number of Games/When are Games Played

- Each team roster must consist of 12-13 registered players. Expansion of the roster can only occur upon a coach's request.

- The Minors and Majors Division will participate in a regular season of 12 games, weather permitting. This will be followed by a single-elimination end-of-season tournament, all weather permitting.

- Teams will have one game during the week and one or two games (doubleheader) on Saturday or Sunday, weather permitting. There may be weeks where teams play more than two games.

Regular Season/Game Length/Locations/Dates/Times

* Regular season games for the Minors and Majors Divisions will start the week of June 9th and end on August 1st the End of the Season Tournament August 9th.

* As per the rules, games will consist of 6 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes time limit, and no new inning will begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes of play. Teams will complete the inning in progress unless the home team is at bat and already leading. It is important to note that there is no 1 hour and 45 minutes drop-dead during the week but there is a drop-dead time limit during the weekend.

*Games that complete 2 ½ or 3 full innings or exceed 55 minutes in playing time will be considered "**official**" and will not be rescheduled.

*It will be up to the coaches and umpire to get the games started on time.

*Weekday games will be played at El Pomar Youth Sports Park, 2212 Executive Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906. Some weekend games may be scheduled at Goose Gossage Youth Sports Complex 3950 Mark Dabbling Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 or Leon Young Sports Complex, 1335 South Chelton Road, Colorado Springs, CO. All Colorado Springs Sporting Facilities are SMOKE AND TOBACCO FREE.

*Weekday games will start at 5:30PM. Weekend games for Minors/Majors can start as early as 8:00AM and late as 2:00PM, depending on the number of teams in the league.

*Teams are unable to finish last inning; the score from the previous inning will stand as the final score.

*Tied games will not be extended to determine a winner unless both coaches and the **umpire** agree during weekday games only. Weekend games will not be extended.

End-of-Season Tournament

*The End of the Season Tournament (Single Elimination) is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of August 9th. There is a possibility of playing up to two to three games on the same day (Saturday or Sunday). Tournament games will take place at either El Pomar Youth Sports Park, 2212 Executive Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906, and/or Leon Young Sports Complex, 1335 South Chelton Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80910. All Colorado Springs Sporting Facilities are SMOKE AND TOBACCO FREE

*In case of unfavorable weather conditions during the tournament: If playing is not possible, the top 2 seeds in the tournament will receive awards. If the tournament is canceled on the first or second day of play, the awards will be given to the 2 highest remaining seeds in the tournament.

*The pitching sheet is required to be carried and completed by the coach after each game in the tournament if the team remains alive. <http://coloradospringssummer.com/docs/PitchingSheet.pdf>

Regular Season Game Schedule

*Regular season schedule will be posted on the home page of the website www.coloradospringssummerbaseball.com if there is a discrepancy in the schedule please notify your coach or team representative ASAP, they will notify the league.

*Scheduled games will not be rescheduled unless it is ONLY a weather-related cancellation. If games are canceled for other than weather, teams can make the game/s but it will be up to both coaches to schedule and pay for rescheduling the game (including field and umpires).

Short on Players

* The league will try to avoid forfeits when possible. If a team has six (6) players or less it will result in forfeit. The game will not be rescheduled. **A TEAM IS SHORT OF PLAYERS (-2) THEY CAN BORROW PLAYERS FROM THE OTHER TEAM WITHOUT TAKING AN OUT.**

*If a team is going to be short of players, it will be the responsibility of the coach to notify the league. Please email the league **48-72 hours** before the game, coloradospringssummerbaseball@comcast.net with the following information: Team name, division, game date and time, and coach's best contact information.

Pickup/Pool Players

*A team must have seven (7) of its own players before being allowed to pick up players. Six (6) players or less will be a forfeit.

*There is a maximum of three (3) players (Minors 9-10) and two (2) players (Majors 11-12) allowed to be picked up to complete a batting lineup. Pickup/pool players may not pitch and are required to play outfield only, and must bat in the last three (3) spots of the batting lineup.

*Pickup players can't be older than the division they are picked up to play. The substitute player will be moved from the game if a team member/s arrive after the start of the game.

IF A TEAM IS SHORT OF PLAYERS, THEY CAN BORROW PLAYERS UP TO TWO OR THREE (depending on the division) FROM THE OTHER TEAM WITHOUT TAKING AN OUT. Teams must have at least seven (7) players to start a game.

Pre-Game

*Players may warm up in the outfield part of field. Stretching and Long Toss.

*No soft toss or live batting practice with hard baseballs will be allowed against the fences, infield or outfield prior to or after games.

*Wiffle or lite-flite baseballs are allowed for batting practice in the outfield.

*No pre-game warm-ups can be done in the open areas around the baseball fields. Pre-game warm-ups can only be done on the field.

*Assure base path and pitching distance is correct for the age division.

Coaches and Umpires Pre-Game Conference

*Review all necessary rules with the umpire/s. Only managers will attend the plate conference.

*Each manager will provide the play umpire with one new and one game-quality baseball.

*At the plate conference, umpires and managers will exchange lineups and discuss, as a minimum, the use of legal/proper equipment, field/weather conditions, pitching restrictions, substitute players, courtesy runners, balks, time/inning/run limits.

*Managers will have the option to play with a 4-run rule/no mercy rule or play straight baseball with the mercy rule in effect. Mercy rule is 15 runs at 3 innings, 10 at 4 innings, or 8 runs at 5 innings. Games determined by the mercy rule are regulated.

*Both managers and umpire/s will review the protocol on Lightning. If lightning/thunder occurs within 5 miles during games, the umpire/s will suspend play. Before leaving the field, both managers and umpire/s will be established so that play can begin. It's a good idea to have both coaches' and the umpire/s cell number before leaving the field. Once fields are cleared due to lightning, they will remain closed for at least 20 minutes after the last lightning/thunder event within 5 miles, and play may not resume until both coaches and umpire/s have evaluated conditions. Everyone should take shelter in vehicles; do not stay in the dugout, by trees or in standing water. If lightning occurs during practice times, everyone should immediately clear the field and take shelter. Please monitor weather websites that provide appropriate information, such as <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/>

Home Team

* Home team will keep the official scorebook. The home team will notify the league of the game results: who won, and the score. Email result csbscores@gmail.com Sub: Division, team name and score (Majors: Reds 13 vs A's 3).

*The home plate umpire will receive one new baseball from each team at the beginning of the game.

Dugout

*Only uniformed players, the manager, one coach, and one scorekeeper are allowed on the bench. The manager should ask all others to leave the dugout. Players are expected to stay in the playing area or on the bench unless the manager allows them to leave. The only individuals allowed outside of the dugout during a game are the defense team, the batter, the base runners, the manager, and the base coaches. It is also the responsibility of each team to clean up their dugout and area after a game or practice.

*Baseball Buckets outside of dugouts for coaches. Two buckets per offensive team. No buckets are allowed on the field or by the dugout entrance for the defensive team.

Batting Line-Up Rules

*The batting order will consist of all players (officially registered) present for the game. This order will not change throughout the contest. If a player leaves the game for any reason (ie; is injured or leaves early), the order will move up and team will not be charged with an out when that spot comes to bat.

*Players arriving late may only be added to the bottom of the batting order.

*Batting helmets must be worn at all times by the batter/base runners until they are back in the dugout.

*On-deck batter allowed.

BATS

BIG BARREL BATS are allowed: USA, USSSA, wood composite, wood: 2 ¼ to 2 ¾ inches in diameter.

*Wood and wood composite bats are allowed in the Minors and Majors Division

Base Path

*Minors 65 feet (since 2003)

*Majors 70 feet (Since 2003)

***No metal cleats are allowed in the Minors and Majors Division.**

Base Runner/Running Rules

*Coaches are reminded this sport is not a track meet, and to be sportsmen when leading comfortably. With the wide variation in skill level, coaches will determine at the pregame conference if there will be leading off.

*Courtesy base runners needed due to injury, will be the last player that record an out.

*It is the responsibility of the base runner to avoid a collision. The runner must slide, give up, or attempt to return if the infielder is in position and has possession of the ball or is simultaneously receiving the ball. Runners may not attempt to dislodge the ball. The penalty is an out and ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct at the discretion of the umpire. Malicious contact will supersede any fielder's obstruction.

*Courtesy Runner. Coaches may use courtesy runners for the pitcher (last defensive inning), but it is not mandatory. Coaches may use a courtesy runner for the catcher (last defensive inning) at any time, **but it is mandatory when there are two outs**. The Courtesy runner is the last player who recorded an out. If the previous out is the scheduled pitcher or catcher, the courtesy runner may be the previous recorded out. A player cannot run for both the catcher and pitcher in the same inning. There is no courtesy runner for a pitcher or catcher who did not play at the end of the last defensive inning.

Offense: Four Run Rule per Inning/Mercy Rule

*FOUR rule per-inning rule: **four runs** scored per inning. There is no unlimited run inning.

*Managers will have the option to play with a 4-run rule/no mercy rule or play straight baseball with the mercy rule in effect. Mercy rule is 15 runs at 3 innings, 10 at 4 innings, or 8 runs at 5 innings. Games determined by the mercy rule are regulated.

*Four runs per inning game: Only one attempt will be allowed to score on a steal of home, pass ball, wild pitch or a ball thrown back to the pitcher from the catcher per inning. Exception to the rule: If the pitcher or catcher attempts to pick off a base runner, the ball is thrown away, and one base will be awarded

Defense

****FREE SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS ON DEFENSE:** Any player can substitute for another player on defense at any time as long as they are in the batting order.

*Player participation will be at a minimum, four/five of the first 12 defensive outs. The coach will determine the defense.

*Missed practices will have an impact on players' playing time. The Head Coach will make the final decision.

*Players and Positions: Safety is first. Coaches will not be putting players in defensive positions that will increase the chances of injury. The player's abilities and the head coach, not the parents, will determine defensive positions.

*Every player present for the game must play two of the first four innings. Some players will not receive their minimum playing time (due to injury, illness, discipline or missed practices). Free substitution for all defensive players is allowed.

*Minors Lower Division defense can have FOUR outfielders. If there is no upper or lower division, it will up to both coaches and umpire/s to determine if Four Outfielders will be used during the game.

*Infield Fly Rule: Minors Division and Majors Lower Division will not have an infield fly rule. Majors Upper Division will have the rule. If there is no upper division for Majors, it will up to both coaches and umpire/s to determine if Infield Fly Rule will be used during the game

Pitching

*Players are allowed six innings per week. To utilize the innings, players can only pitch max of three innings per game. If a team has a doubleheader (DH), players can only pitch a max of five innings in the DH. Example: Team A has one scheduled game on Monday and Saturday; a player can pitch max of three innings per game for a total of six innings. Team B has a DH on Saturday; a player can pitch a maximum of five innings in the DH (three innings the first game and two innings the second game). **A calendar week is Sunday through Saturday.** One pitch constitutes an inning pitched.

*A pitcher must be removed when the coach visits the mound for a second time in an inning or third time in a game. **Starting Pitcher may NOT re-enter the game as a pitcher after being removed from the game.**

*A pitcher who intentionally throws at a batter will be immediately ejected for un-sportsman-like conduct. This is a judgment call by the umpire.

*Intentional Walks: One per game.

*No Pitch Count. * No Balks. Umpires are instructed to explain and teach the pitchers on balks.

*Pitching distance: Minors 46 feet and Majors are 50 feet (since 2003), depending on the baseball complex.

*Gossage Sports Complex and Cheyenne Mountain Softball field do not have pitching mounds. Pitchers (Minors) will be pitching from flat ground at 40 feet - 46 feet. Leon Young Sports Complex and El Pomar Youths Sports Park will have pitching mounds.

*Pitching – On Field Warm Ups. On field warm up pitches prior to each half inning are limited to a maximum of four.

*Players warming up a pitcher must wear Athletic cup and catcher's mask.

Catchers

*Must wear proper equipment: Catchers Helmet, Chest Protector, Shinn Guards and Athletic Cup.

*Coaches please have your catcher ready to catch prior to the offensive inning ending. This will help the flow of the game.

Keeping the Flow of the Game

*Arrive 45 minutes before your game. *Meeting with the umpires 10 minutes prior to game time.

*Have your pitcher and catcher ready. *Have your equipment, game balls and lineup ready.

*Know ahead of time who is your next pitcher and catcher. *Have your next defense set and ready before your last offensive out, specially your catcher and pitcher.

Harassment of and Disputes with Umpires

*The league will not tolerate any harassment of the umpires by managers, coaches, players or fan or any harassment/organized cheering against any opposing player or team

*The umpires will not tolerate any abusive language, equipment throwing or other violent behavior by managers, coaches, players or fans.

*The umpires will warn any person guilty of participating in these actions once. Second violation will result in ejection from the game and removal from the field and facility. The umpire will report such ejections to the Umpire Coordinator. The league will determine unsportsmanlike behavior, which results in a game ejection may carry an additional game suspension from the initial ejection. For a second-game ejection there will be an automatic season ending suspension.

*To question an umpire's ruling only the manager is to represent the team. He/she must call time out and calmly consult with the umpire. A manager must not run out of the dugout or yell objections. The manager should provide the players and fans with an exemplary model of sportsmanship.

*Any player/coach ejected from a game shall **either immediately remove them self from the vicinity of the playing field** for the remainder of the game. Additional game suspensions from the initial ejection will be determined by the league.

*During all consultations with umpires about their rulings, the manager must remain in foul territory

*Umpires: The league will provide one umpire per game. If there is no umpire a volunteer from the home team will be used. Please notify league officials at coloradospringssummerbaseball@comcast.net if there is no umpire at your game. *All umpire rulings are final. League cannot overturn umpires calls. * No Protest.

*There are no forfeits or makeup due to no umpire. The game must be played as scheduled.

Physical Altercation Players or Coaches

*Any physical altercations, players or coaches will result in a season-ending suspension to a lifetime ban from the league, depending on the severity of the incident.

Rain Delays

*Weekday games are allowed a 30–60-minute window for rain delays. Weekend games: League officials will decide on a game-by-game basis. An early game could be canceled, but not the later game, and vice versa.

Rain Outs/Makeup Games due to Rainout

*The league will make every attempt to reschedule rainouts. The makeup game will be rescheduled 6-7 days after the rainout unless both coaches agree on an earlier date. If coaches disagree on a makeup date given by the league, it will be a forfeit. Rainouts will be made up on Saturday or Sunday after the last scheduled game, or a weekday game (3:15 pm) before the regular scheduled 5:30 pm game, or Sunday of the following week.

*No rainouts will be rescheduled after July 19th. Once Grounds Crew cancels the game due to rain or poor field conditions, no players or coaches will be allowed on the field. By staying off the field this will preserve the integrity of the field for future use

Practice Location

Coaches will be responsible for finding practice/fields and scheduling their practices.

Field Rentals/Lost and Found

*El Pomar Youth Sports Park fields are available for rent. There is a minimum field rental time of 1½ hours for all divisions. Lost and Found, please contact El Pomar Youth Sports Park at 719-630-0168.

Weather Cancellations

* Coaches are advised to promptly inform their players in case any games are canceled. The best way to receive notifications from the league is via Facebook. The website will also have regular updates. It is important to never assume that games are canceled without checking the league postings. The weather in Colorado Springs is prone to sudden changes, so checking the updates is vital.

Safety

*In the past, there have been incidents of vehicle break-ins reported at both El Pomar Youth Sports Park and Leon Young Youth Sports Complex. To ensure that you do not fall prey to such crimes, it is recommended that you take a few simple precautions. Firstly, avoid leaving any valuable items in plain sight inside your car. Secondly, always lock your car, and try to park near other cars. In case you witness a break-in, immediately inform the police.

Colorado Springs Baseball will continue to update playing rules as needed. Dates are subject to change. 6.3.25