

## 2019 East Allen County Koufax Rules

1. IHSAA rules will apply except in cases of the following league rules.
2. Balks will be called beginning at opening of the season.
3. Drop 3 through 8 bats are accepted, nothing over Drop 8 will be allowed.  
Barrel size is not a factor. USA stamped bats are allowed.
4. There is no must slide rule, however, intentionally lowering the shoulder on any fielder in a manner that may cause injury, is subject to umpire interpretation and may lead to ejection from the game. Head first slides are allowed.
5. Metal spikes are allowed.
6. Game times shall be 6:00 pm (barring special circumstances). Second game at same field site, same night will start at 8:00 pm.
7. Infield practice will begin 25 minutes prior to game time – visiting team first. Infield practice will last no longer than 10 minutes. If first game of doubleheader runs past 8:15 pm, no infield practice for teams of second game.
8. If only one game at site, NO time limit will be enforced. If two games at site NO inning may start after two hours from first pitch of game. (rain delay or sun delay shall not affect playing time).
9. Games shall consist of 7 innings, however 5 innings shall constitute a legal game (4 1/2 if home team ahead).
10. The 10 run lead rule will apply after 5 innings (4 1/2 if home team is ahead).
11. The home team is responsible for field set-up.
12. NO must play rule. Coaches should consider fair playing time for each player on roster.
13. Extra Hitter rule is in place and can be used in each game, however, not required. Use of the extra hitter shall be established upon submission of team's line-up to the opposing team any time prior to the start of the game. Once established, use or nonuse of extra hitter shall be in place for the entire game. Under this rule, the batting line-up will consist of 10 batters, however only 9 will play the field. With the exception of the pitcher, any 8 or 9 players may play defensively at any position; however, batting line-up cannot change. (Unrestricted defensive substitutions are allowed within the 8 positions and 9 players). Regular IHSAA substitution and re-entry rules apply to all batters including extra hitters. Injury is the exception – once the injured player leaves the game, he may not return to the game – if the team cannot bat 10 players if using the extra hitter or 9 batters if not using the extra hitter, an out will be assigned to the position in the line-up.
14. Players may re-enter the game once into the same batting order in which they left.

15. Pitchers may pitch no more than 10 innings per week (12 innings for a 4 game week and 13 for the end of season tournament. A week is constituted as Monday through Sunday. One legal pitch in an inning constitutes a full inning pitched. A pitcher removed from the mound (and a replacement pitcher delivers a legal pitch) may not return for the remainder of the game. Pitching distance shall be 54' from pitching rubber to home plate. Coaches should consider rest of pitchers during the week. For the end of season tournament if a pitcher pitches 5 innings in a game there is a 1 day rest period, if a pitcher pitches more than 5 innings in a game there is a 2 two rest period. There is no rest period for less than 5 innings.
16. A team must field a minimum of 8 players to start a game. Teams not fielding a sufficient number of players shall be given a 10 minute grace period before game is forfeited. If a game is started with 8 players and an injury occurs after 5 full innings (or 4 1/2 if home team ahead), the game will be complete. If a game is started with 8 players and an injury occurs before 5 full innings (or 4 1/2 if home team ahead), the game will be rescheduled and started where the game was suspended with same number of starting players. Contact the league commissioner with details.
17. Filling the roster may be accomplished only through call ups from that league's 11-12 year old divisions and they are to wear their team uniform. 11 -12 year old are allowed to play any infield position based on their skill level – but NO 11-12 year old will be allowed to pitch. No filling of roster from travel teams or lateral movement of players from one house Koufax to another, regardless of position played.
18. If a manager goes to the mound to visit a pitcher more than once in an inning or more than three times to visit the same pitcher, he must be pulled.
19. No courtesy runners.
20. Only one manager, two coaches, a scorekeeper and participating players are to be allowed in the dugout or field of play.
21. In a rain-out situation the home team is responsible to consult with the opposing team to reschedule the game. The home team must call the league commissioner to notify of the rain-out. and when the game has been rescheduled. The home team must play the team they are scheduled to play in accordance to the original Koufax schedule. The home team will offer the opposing team dates for reschedule. If the home fails to offer any dates within a reasonable period of time, one week, the home team will forfeit and count as a loss in the standings. If the opposing team fails to agree to a date for the reschedule, the opposing team forfeits the game. (School functions and known No Play dates may be an exception).
22. The home team keeps the official scorebook and is to report the score of their game to:  
Bob Reynolds at [bobreynolds14@eawifi.com](mailto:bobreynolds14@eawifi.com)
23. Managers and coaches will be responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players, and applicable parents and fans. No taunting of opposing players by coaches or players or parents. This league exists for the kids who play, not for adult amusement.
24. If a player or manager is ejected from the game for any reason, they shall sit out the next league or tournament game. Umpires are to notify the league commissioner.

25. Any protest must be made in writing within 24 hours of the incident to the league commissioner. The protest committee shall consist of the league commissioner, Board Presidents or Vice-Presidents (no coaches) from Harlan, Hoagland, Monroeville and Woodburn. The Protest must also be made verbally with the home plate umpire at time of incident before play resumes.
26. Each team will furnish one new game ball and one good used game ball per game. Home Team will supply additional game balls as needed. (Game balls are Senior League Regular and Tournament Grade Balls).
27. Tie breakers shall be: 1- head to head competition, 2- defensive runs allowed in head to head competition, 3- fewest runs allowed in all games of season. If still tied after 3rd tie break, a flip of coin shall determine placement.
28. If need be the commissioner may be called to look at a field to help determine playability in a rain-out situation. The umpires may also be consulted. If another Koufax field is available and playable, the game may be moved.
29. All fields shall try to provide pitchers mounds set to 10 inches above home plate.
30. If a pitcher pitches 4 or more innings in a game, he must have one calendar day rest before pitching again. Tournament rules will vary from season rules – if a pitcher pitches 5 innings – one calendar day rest, pitches more than 5 innings - two calendar days rest.
31. The season ending tournament will consist of the top team getting a first round bye. The two higher seeds will host first round games. After the first round the higher seed will continue to host games. It will be the responsibility of the home team to pay the umpires for that game. If a scheduled tournament game is moved to another field, it will still be that home team's responsibility for the umpires. The season ending tournament will award 1st and 2nd place trophies, with the cost shared on a per team allocation amongst each league.
32. Player age for Koufax is 13 - 14, the age cut-off is April 30, 2019.
33. Teams are to send complete team rosters to the commissioner prior to the start of the season and must notify the league commissioner of any changes to the roster.