

**2019 General Rules**  
**Harlan/Hoagland/Monroeville/New Haven/Woodburn Youth Leagues**

1. All rules fall under ISHAA regulation unless negated by specific rules.
2. No alcohol or smoking in the proximity of the playing areas, concessions or areas where families and players gather. (New 2019)  

\*\*\*Coaches, Managers, Scorekeepers caught will be immediately ejected and will miss the following game. Spectators will be up to the board.
3. Weather and mandatory school functions are the ONLY acceptable reasons to cancel a game. Rainouts are to be called to the visiting team and umpires 1 hour prior to game time.(2019 Revised)
4. Home or Visiting team may contact to give option dates for make-up games within 7 days. If not resolved within those 7 days, teams will escalate to league presidents.(2019 Revised)
5. Baseball – Prep 6-8, Minor 8-10, Major 11-12, Koufax 13-14 as of April 30th.  
Softball – Prep 6-8, Minor 8-11, Major 12-14 as of January 1st. (2019 Revised)  

\*\*\*VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED AND MUST BE APPROVED BY HOME TOWN BOARD.  
THOSE THAT PLAY DOWN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PITCH IN ANY DIVISION.
6. Unless otherwise noted in specific rules, games are 6 innings. If weather ends a game it will be considered complete if 4 innings are played or 3 1/2 innings with the home team leading.  

\*\*\*Umpire and board officials make this determination on calling the game with board having the ultimate decision. If delay for weather, clock is stopped and game continues exactly where it left off. Clock restarts at this time.

\*\*\*Tournament games will be completed in their entirety. If inclement weather or other non man made situations does not allow for a complete game, the game will be completed on the next possible date from the point at which it was stopped. No new inning will be started after 10:45 pm. Drop dead stop time will be 11 pm. (2019 Revised)
7. T-ball uses an indoor flex ball. Prep girls use a 10" flex ball during the entire season. (2019 Revised)  
Minor girls use 11" ball. Major girls use a 12" ball. Prep/Minor boys DLL-1 ball (or equivalent).  
Major/Koufax boys DSLL-1 ball (or equivalent).
8. No jewelry except medical or religious and those must be taped down.
9. If team is going to be short on players, they may call up. This means player of your league one division down. Majors bring up minors for example. You cannot "borrow" players from another team in the same division. Players called up may NOT pitch.
10. Baseball batters must make an attempt to move away from pitch.  
Softball batters have the box and do not have to move.
11. When advancing to 1st, runner must use orange bag (when provided) if there is going to be a play.
12. Head first slides into any base are not allowed and will be an out EXCEPT when player is coming back to base after a leadoff.

13. Metal cleats are not permitted.

14. If a ball goes under a fence or out of Field of Play or Out of Reach, player is to put their hands up, the hit will be a ground rule double. If the ball is thrown out of play the runners are awarded up to one additional base, beyond what the runner would've accomplished. Umpire discretion.  
If the umpire sees the ball go under the fence, no need to raise hands.