

SEB Rulebook

AGE DIVISIONS & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Players may play up two age groups but not down.
- Age is based on May 1 of the current season.
- Grade exception players must meet August 1 cutoffs.
- Max 3 grade exceptions per team.

Age Group	Max Age by May 1	Grade	Grade Exception Max Age (Aug 1)
5U	5	Pre-K	6
6U	6	K	7
7U	7	1st	8
8U	8	2nd	9
9U	9	3rd	10
10U	10	4th	11
11U	11	5th	12
12U	12	6th	13
13U	13	7th	14
14U	14	8th	15
15U	15	9th	16
16U	16	10th	17
17U	17	11th	18
18U	18	12th	19

FORFEITS

- Teams forfeiting in pool play are removed from the event.

PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

- **Age-based:** Copy of birth certificate must be with manager at all times.
 - **Grade-based:** Report card, school ID, or government document showing grade.
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ROSTERS & PLAYER RULES

- Rosters freeze before each event.
- All players must be listed or they're ineligible.
- Coaches must be on the team roster to coach.

NAME & BIRTHDATE FORMAT

- Use legal name (no nicknames/initials).
- DOB must match birth certificate exactly (MM/DD/YYYY).

MULTIPLE ROSTERS

- Players cannot be on more than one team in the same weekend.
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CLASSIFICATIONS

- **All-Madden** = Elite teams (Major)
- **Pro** = Strong regional teams (AAA)
- **Rookie** = Local travel teams (AA)

PLAYING UP EXAMPLES

- All-Madden 12U → Pro 13U or Rookie 14U

GUEST PLAYERS

- Max 2 guest players from higher classification.
- Can guest play 4 times max in higher classification.
- Must use official Guest Player system to avoid reclassification.

DIVISION RULES

- **All-Madden:** No limits
- **Pro:** Max 2 higher classification players
- **Rookie:** Max 2 higher classification players, only 1 from All-Madden (no pitching)

CLASS MOVEMENT

- Teams with a .500+ record and 6+ returners must stay in the same class next season.

WAIVERS

- Parent/guardian must sign player waiver.

ILLEGAL PLAYERS

- Teams using ineligible players are disqualified and lose all awards and points.

RECLASSIFICATION

- SEB Directors can reclassify teams anytime.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Teams must be SEB registered.
 - Must have liability insurance listing SEB.
 - Manager is responsible for verifying all player eligibility.
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RANKINGS & SEEDING

POINTS BY DIVISION

- Rookie: 50 (win) / 100 (semi) / 150 (champ)
- Pro: 75 (win) / 150 (semi) / 225 (champ)
- All-Madden: 100 (win) / 200 (semi) / 300 (champ)

EVENT POINT MULTIPLIERS

- League or Qualifier: x1
- Double Point: x2
- State/Zone: x3
- Super Qualifier/Region WS: x4
- SEB World Series: x5

SEEDING TIEBREAKERS

1. Record
 2. Head-to-head (if 2 tied)
 3. Runs allowed
 4. Run differential (max 10 per game)
 5. Runs scored
 6. SEB points ranking
 7. Coin flip
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GAME RULES

- Games can be 6 or 7 innings depending on division.
- Time limits override innings. Once time expires, finish the inning.
- No new inning can start after time expires.
- Pool play can end in tie. Bracket games play until winner is decided.

Official Game Minimums:

- 6-inning game = 3.5 innings if home leads, 4 if visitor leads.
- 7-inning game = 4.5 innings if home leads, 5 if visitor leads.

Extra Innings Format (Bracket Play):

- Last 3 batters from previous inning load bases.
- Start with 1 out.

Home Team Determination:

- Pool: Coin flip.
 - Bracket: Higher seed is home.
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EQUIPMENT RULES**Bats:**

- 8U–13U: Must be stamped 1.15 BPF, USA, or BBCOR.
- 14U: Must be BBCOR or wood only.

Cleats:

- Metal cleats allowed only in 13U and up.

Helmets:

- Must have working chin strap and full ear coverage.

Balls:

- Each team must provide 2 game balls per game.
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UNIFORMS & DUGOUTS

- Jerseys must have unique numbers.
 - Coaches must wear matching or team-related gear.
 - Only players/coaches on roster allowed in dugout.
 - No bat boys/girls unless approved by SEB staff.
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PITCHING RULES

- Pitch count limits apply only if pitch tracking is used.

- If a pitcher throws more than 25 pitches in one day, they can't pitch the next day (applies only in multi-day events).
- Balk warnings by age:
- 9U–10U: 1 warning per pitcher
- 11U–12U: No warnings

Visits to Mound:

- 2 visits per inning = must remove pitcher
- 3 total visits in game = must remove pitcher

**** – Balk Rule Clarification****

- Umpires will educate younger pitchers when possible but rules are enforced.
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PROTESTS

- \ \$100 cash protest fee required.
 - Must be made before next pitch.
 - Fee returned only if protest is upheld.
 - Judgment calls (safe/out, strike/ball) cannot be protested.
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SPORTSMANSHIP & EJECTIONS

- Ejected coaches/players must leave field and dugout.
 - 2nd ejection in same tournament = removal from entire event.
 - Fans who interfere can be removed at staff discretion.
 - Physical/verbal abuse = automatic ejection.
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WEATHER & REFUND POLICY

- Full refund if 0 games played.
 - 50% refund if 1 game played.
 - No refund after 2 games started.
 - Games canceled due to weather will be rescheduled if possible.
 - SEB is not responsible for travel or lodging refunds.
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– SEB is governed by its Board of Directors