

South Dakota Class A Baseball
13/14U, 13U, 14U, and 16U Rule Set
Updated: January, 2021

When not specifically addressed, NFHS rules will be utilized

Eligibility

Team - Any team that meets the below list of requirements is eligible to register within the South Dakota Class A Baseball Program:

- Teams must be sponsored by the recognized local community baseball association within South Dakota. All associations will be named in the SD Class A Baseball bylaws
- Teams must be recognized as the base school affiliate to a AA school by the SDHSAA

Players - Competition is open to boys and girls who meet the age and resident eligibility below:

- Eligibility for the Class A Baseball program will follow player eligibility guidelines of American Legion Baseball
- January 1 will be used as the date of birth cutoff

Game Duration, Run Rules, and Extra Innings

Game Length

- 16U and 14U - 7 innings
- 13U and 13/14U - 6 innings

Run Rules

- 16U and 14U - 10 runs after 5 innings, 15 runs after 3 innings
- 13U and 13/14U - 10 runs after 4 innings, 15 runs after 3 innings

Time Limits (All Ages)

- State Tournament
 - Pool Play - 2 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Championship Bracket - No Time Limit
 - Consolation Games - 2 Hours
- Regular Season - 2 Hours

Extra Innings

- The last batter to complete their at-bat will start at second base
- The offensive team will begin with one out

Bat Requirements

- 16U - BBCOR bats or wood bats
- 13U, 14U, and 13/14U - USA bats, BBCOR bats, or wood bats

Lineup Options

Teams may choose to utilize one of the following lineup options:

- Straight Nine - Starters may re-enter the game one time each, in the same spot in the batting order
- NFHS DH - A DH is allowed for any player. The DH and player being DH'd for are "married together". Starters may re-enter the game one time each, in the same spot in the batting order
 - Pitcher/DH may not be utilized

Courtesy runners may be utilized for the pitcher and catcher, regardless the number of outs

- The courtesy runner(s) must be players who have not entered the game
- The courtesy runner(s) must be different for each position

Pitching Rules

The following pitching rules will be utilize:

- Pitchers will be allowed to throw one game worth of outs per tournament
 - 16U and 14U - 21 Outs
 - 13U and 13/14U - 18 Outs
- Pitchers will be allowed no more than two appearances per tournament
- Pitchers will be allowed no more than one appearance per game
 - If a team violates the pitching rules, they will be issued a forfeit for the game in which the rule violation occurred

Note: While pitch count is not utilized for SD Class A Baseball Tournaments, it is highly recommended that all teams follow the USA Pitch Smart guidelines

Additional Information

- State Tournament hosts will be determined at the annual fall meeting
 - There will be no regional tournaments
- Ejections will carry a "plus one" penalty
 - This is for players, coaches, and fans
- Official book must be verified each inning by opposing teams
- Tournament staff, in cooperation with the game umpires, will settle all disputes
 - Games may not be played under protest
- NFHS rules dictate that all catchers must utilize a hockey style catcher's helmet
 - NOCSAE certifications will not be required at this time

State Tournament Information

- 2021 State Tournament Sites and Contacts
 - 16U - Rapid City 320 - Brian Humphries - bwhumph@gmail.com
 - 14U - Yankton - Drew Lawrence - dlawrence@ysd.k12.sd.us
 - 13U - Brookings - Ryan Bauer - Ryan.Bauer@cropriskservices.com
 - 13/14U - Renner - Lance Garbers - garbers29@hotmail.com
- Three game guarantee
- Cost: \$275
 - Refunds will not be issued once the schedule has been released