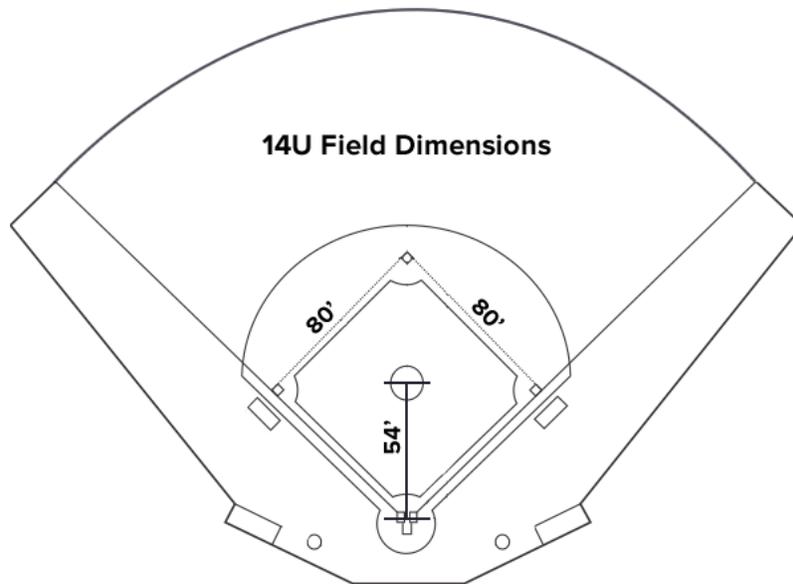


DFW Interlock - 14U Rules

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Ages	14U Division Players who turn 15 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 8th grade. Also, any player turning 16 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 14u eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.
Base Path	80 feet
Pitching	54 feet from rubber to back of home plate
Length of Game	1 hour 45 min or 7 innings, whichever comes first. No inning will be started after the time limit of 1 hour 45 minutes is reached. At the time limit, if the visiting team cannot at least tie the game or once the home team take the lead, the game is completed.
Ball Type	Rawlings R200USSSA baseball or other manufacturer's equivalent
Bats Allowed	All bats must be labeled with either the USSSA 1.15 BPF stamp or the new USA Baseball stamp. Per USSSA rules, either is acceptable for game use. The maximum length / weight differential for all 14U players is -5 (for the 1.15 BPF standard; USA bats do not list length / weight differential).



Overview

Infield Fly Rule	Yes																
Max Runs	5 runs per inning																
Mercy Rule	15 runs after 3 innings 11 runs after 4 innings 8 runs after 5 innings If the home team is leading by the mercy run amount going into the bottom half of the inning, the game is over.																
Ties Allowed	Yes																
Base Running	Loose bases.																
Dropped 3rd Strike	Live baseball																
Slashing / Slash Bunting	No																
Balks	No warning																
Score Kept	Home team																
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Pitching Details	<p>Pitcher may finish current batter when limit reached.</p> <p>Any batted ball: fair, foul, or tip count towards limit.</p> <p>Neither Warmups nor Pickoff attempts is counted towards limit.</p>																
Team Formation	<p>Coach Look & draft (if more than 1 team) from organization's Rec or Advanced Rec (Premier) divisions.</p> <p>Players who played in organization's Premier division during season are allowed to sub for their organization's AA team for one weekend OR if organization's Premier team played in no more than 1 sanctioned tournament (USSSA, Travel Sports, Triple Crown) during that season they are still eligible to play in DFW Interlock and End of Season Tournament.</p> <p>(All-Star participation will be determined at-will by host city tournament director)</p>																

Details

Roster	<p>All games must start with at least 8 fielders, taking an out in the 9th spot of the batting order.</p> <p>All players who attend the game will bat in a continuous batting order (all players will bat) and play under the free substitution rule. If a player leaves due to injury or illness or any other reason, no out shall be recorded (skip their turn in the batting order) unless there are less than 9 active players.</p> <p>If a player is ejected, his turn in the batting order will be declared out. If a player is ejected and a team has less than 8 active players, a forfeit will be declared.</p> <p>Should a player arrive after the game has started, that player shall bat in his submitted lineup spot, or at the end of the lineup, should his turn already passed.</p>
Guest Players	<p>Guest players must be from rec or premier teams only. No Select players.</p> <p>Max of 2 guest players per game. They must bat last or 2nd to last and play OF or C only.</p> <p>Guest players must be declared at the plate meeting and wear a different jersey than the rest of the team.</p> <p>Roster protests should be made before the end of the game and the association's interlock representative should immediately be notified. Should a roster violation be confirmed, the offending team will forfeit the game in which the ineligible player participated.</p>
Equal Play Rules	<p>Yes, during regular season games.</p> <p>During EOS Tournament, only equal play rules required are: teams must bat entire roster and no player will sit twice before all other players have sat at least once.</p>
Equal Play Details	<p>No player shall sit out defensively twice before all players sit out defensively once.</p>

Coaches	<p>Coaches must position themselves around the dugout area by the entrances while the ball is in play. Only the team’s head coach may approach the umpires to discuss a call or rules interpretation. Assistant coaches may not leave the dugout or coaches’ box to discuss a call on the field. Note: for the game, the head coach will be designated as the coach who attends the plate meeting with the umpires.</p> <p>Coaches are allowed one challenge of a violation of the Equal Play rules, and must present evidence to the umpire. At the umpire’s discretion, he will call for the opposing team to correct it. Coaches will retain the right to challenge if it is upheld. If the challenge is overruled, (an erroneous challenge) then that coach would lose the right to challenge for the remainder of the game. Upon a 2nd violation of Equal play rules within the game, the coach shall be ejected.</p> <p>If a challenge is upheld, the challenging coach shall file the violation with his home association Interlock contact, who will notify the other associations. For the next Interlock game, this team must now provide a lineup card featuring defensive alignments for all 6 innings, and will not be allowed to deviate except for injury or illness reasons.</p>
Additional Resources	<p>Unless specified here, all other rules shall follow USSSA rules: http://web.ussa.com/ussa/ussa-general/2018BBRulebook.pdf</p> <p>DFW Interlock website: https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=interlockbaseball</p>