2026-27 League Overview

ELIGIBILITY

1. Player Participation
   - Organizations may not hold tryouts in which players can be cut.
   - All girls who wish to play must be placed on a roster to participate in either the Spring Season or Fall Season.
2. Travel Ball and High School Players
   - Full-time travel players and high school players are not eligible to participate.
   - This restriction does not apply to:
     - Recreational League tournament teams.
     - Part-time travel teams participating in C-level tournaments.
   - All tournament and part-time travel team players must participate in the spring recreational season. Participation in the fall season is optional.
3. Tournament and Part-Time Travel Player Distribution
   - Tournament and part-time travel players should be distributed as evenly as possible amongst the teams within the same age division.
   - Coaches and league administrators must coordinate player distribution prior to team formation or drafts.
   - Each town may have only one tournament/part-time travel team per age division.
   - No team should gain a competitive advantage due to an uneven distribution of tournament or part-time travel players.
4. Rule Violations: Violations of eligibility rules may result in:
   - Forfeiture of games.
   - Player reassignment.
   - Ineligibility for playoff participation.
5. Age Divisions
   - Age divisions are determined by the player's age as of September 1, 2026.
6. Team Rosters
   - All teams in 8U-14U must submit a roster before playing any games.

Umpires

1. Teams that fail to comply for the majority of the season will not be eligible for playoff participation.

Division	Requirement
6U	No umpires required
8U	Umpires are required. No patching required but should have knowledge of game and league rules. By mutual head coach agreement, coaches or parents may serve as umpires.
10U	Umpires are required. No patching required but should have significant knowledge of game and league rules.
12U & 14U	Patched umpires are required.

Game Cancellations

1. Coaches should make every attempt to reschedule cancelled games.
2. Teams cancelling less than 6 hours before game time for reasons other than weather or field conditions will be charged with a forfeit.

Schedules & Scores

1. 6U Division
    - Scores are not reported.
    - Teams do not participate in playoffs.
2. 8U–14U Divisions
    - GameChanger is required for:
        - Rosters
        - Live game scoring
    - Games must be scored live in GameChanger.
    - Paper scorebooks may be maintained for personal records but will not be considered in score discrepancies.
    - Coaches should confirm final scores with the opposing team before leaving the field.
    - Regular season games may end in a tie.

Standings

1. Standings will be based on winning percentage.
2. Teams that play fewer than 10 games will be seeded last (spring season only).
3. Tiebreakers. Tiebreakers will be applied in the following order:
    - Head-to-Head Record
    - Average Runs Allowed
    - Coin Toss

Playoffs (8U-14U Only)

1. Weekday Playoff Games:
    - Weekday playoff games follow all regular season rules and time limits.
    - Unless otherwise noted, all regular season rules remain in effect.
2. Seeding:
    - Playoff seeding will be based on regular season standings. Single Elimination.
3. Hosting Responsibilities:
    - Higher-seeded teams host playoff games and are responsible for providing:
        - Umpires
        - Game balls
    - This applies through the semifinal round.

5. Tie Games
    - Playoff games may not end in a tie. If a game remains tied at the completion of the final inning or time limit during weekday playoff games, play will continue under International Tie-Breaker rules until a winner is determined.
    - ITB Procedure: Each half-inning begins with the last batted out from the previous inning placed on second base.
    - Pitching Restrictions

- All pitching limitations and rules remain in effect during extra innings.

Spring Championship Games (8U-14U Only)

1. Championship and 3rd/4th-place games will be played at Bates Park in Woodstock.
   - Umpires and game balls will be provided by WGSL.
2. Championship Game Format. Tie games will follow Playoffs Rule #5

Division	Innings	Time Limit
8U	6 innings	No time limit
10U	6 innings	No time limit
12U & 14U	7 innings	No time limit

Fall Championship Games (8u-14U Only)

1. Qualification: Teams must play at least 6 games to qualify.
2. Championship Game: The teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the standings will compete in an End-of-Season Championship Game on: Saturday, October 24, 2026.
3. Championship game will follow Spring Championship Rules above.