

2016 BASEBALL DAIRY DAYS TOURNAMENT RULES (9u-12u 70' divisions)

1. **Teams:** A total of 14 players (maximum) on the roster. A roster complete with birth dates is to be provided with the registration form prior to the tournament. Birth certificates must be furnished upon request to the Tournament Director to confirm eligibility of a player. Player's ages are based on their ages as of April 30, 2015. Teams forfeit if they fail to field 9 players from their roster during the entire game.
 2. **2015 Cal Ripken Official Regulations and Play Rules** will govern the conduct and operation of the tournament with the exceptions listed below.
 3. **Home team determination:** Coin toss before start time will determine the home team in pool play. Team that traveled farthest to the game site will call the toss. **Home team will be responsible to keep the official book, official book will be provided at each field location.** The higher seeded team is the home team in bracket play.
 4. **Visit to the mound:** A second visit to the mound per pitcher, *at any time* during the game, constitutes removing the pitcher from the game as a pitcher only.
 5. **Time Limits:**
 - Six (6) inning games or 2 hour time limit. No inning will be started after 1 hour and 30 minutes of play. If the inning is not completed after the 2 hour time limit the score will revert back to the last fully completed inning. These limits apply to all pool and bracket play games, except the Championship game, which has no time limit.
 - 15 run rule is in effect after 3 innings and 10 run rule after 4 innings of play in all games.
 - Extra inning games will not be played to decide a winner, except in bracket play.
 - No time limit in Championship games.
 6. **Pitcher:** Pitcher may pitch three (3) innings in any game during the tournament. Delivery of a single pitch to a batter constitutes having pitched an inning. Penalty for not abiding by this rule is removal of manager from the remainder of the game and removal of player as a pitcher.
 7. **Delay of Game:** Each team will have a 10-minute grace period prior to forfeiture, unless preceding games necessitate delay. Game Time shall start when players of the home team take their positions, the first batter of the visiting team shall take his position in the batters box, the umpire shall call "play ball" and the game shall start. If a timer is not available it is the responsibility of the home book to note the official time.
 8. **Pre-game Warm-ups:** No infield will be taken prior to ANY game.
 9. **Base Runners:** Runners cannot leave the base until the pitched ball reaches the plate. Upon violation, the runner will be required to return to the original base. (NOTE: Does not apply to the 70 foot division) There is no mandatory slide rule. HOWEVER, a runner MUST avoid initiating malicious contact with any defensive player.
- Cal Ripken rules for 60s (Does not apply to 70s) include a provision that once a catcher has secured the ball, and the runner has stopped their forward progress, they can no longer advance to the next base unless a play is made on any runner. We will follow this rule with **one exception** – if the pitcher is unable to secure the baseball on the throw back from the catcher (i.e. dropped or overthrown), the runner may once again begin their forward progress. Once that progress is stopped and the pitcher secures the ball, that runner again can no longer advance to the next base.
10. **Player/Coaches on the field:** For the batting team, the batboy is only allowed on the field to retrieve the bat and MUST wear a helmet at all times. All other team members except for the batter and on-deck hitter MUST remain in the dugout. Each team will be allowed no more than 4 coaches in the dugout.

11. **Miscellaneous rules:**

- A team is allowed to **bat the entire lineup**, allowing for free substitution. If a player is removed due to injury, no out is recorded in that batting spot. If a player is ejected then an out is recorded in that spot.
- **Courtesy runners:** A courtesy runner can be used for the catcher if there are 2 outs in the inning. The player that made the previous out will be the courtesy runner.
- **Blood rule:** No player is allowed to participate with open bleeding wounds.

Additional Play Rules:

- Infield Fly rule is in effect
- All bats must be approved barrel no larger than 2 ¼" with 1.15 BPF stamped on bat
- Molded cleats only
- The dropped 3rd strike rule is **not** in effect (12U-60' and below), you cannot advance to first on a dropped third strike
- 12U-70', **dropped 3rd strike rule is in effect**

12. **Protests:** All protests must be filed with the home plate umpire. Judgment decisions are final and NOT eligible for protest. The protest/rules committee will be comprised of the Umpire in Charge, the Tournament Director, and the plate umpire on the field.

13. **Zero Tolerance Policy:** Any coach, player or fan demonstrating rude, abusive or harassing behavior toward any umpire, coach, player or other official will be removed from the premises immediately. A repeat offense by any team will result in removal of the team from the tournament and forfeiture of any remaining games without refund.

14. **Tiebreakers to determine seeding:**

- Record in Pool Play
- Head to head record in pool play
- Runs Allowed
- Run differential (10 runs maximum per game)
- Runs Scored
- Coin flip

15. **Slash Bunting:** Slash bunting is not allowed (squaring to bunt, pulling back and taking a swing). The first time a slash bunt is attempted by a team, the ball will be ruled dead no runners may advance, and the batter is out.