

## Berliner Showcase Rules – Oct. 2016

1. The Home team will be determined by coin toss as early as possible after the previous game has ended, or by mutual agreement with coaches prior to them going on field. Pre-game conference will be held as SOON as both coaches can get on field from previous game. If only one coach present at time of flip, because other coaches chooses not to come at required time we will flip without him/her.
2. Ground Rules: If balls go under the fence in OF, the fielders must raise hands to signal umpires before playing it. Balls into dugouts or out of play areas will have bases awarded by umpires. All decisions on awarding if bases on overthrows or any situation are umpire decisions and final. To help keep to schedule, umpires will simply ask if you understand ground rules and their decision is final on awarding bases.
3. Games are to allow for maximum playing time for players, clock will start after the pre-game conference. Please restrict three warm-pitches during first inning, and one warm up pitch and catcher throw down the rest of the game. No infield balls after the first inning. Please vacate benches as soon as possible at end of game and hold all post games meetings outside the fields.
4. ONLY 12U WILL PITCH FROM 40 FEET. All others are at 43 ft. Pitchers must have both feet in contact with the rubber prior to starting forward motion. If you are playing back to back games, please warm-up your second pitcher prior to the second game.
5. **Steal cleats are allowed for 14U and up. Pitchers CANNOT wear steel cleats on TURF Fields under any circumstances. Turf or Tennis shoes are recommended.** As you may have games on both types of fields, please make sure your players have proper footwear. This is a park rule we cannot allow exceptions for.
6. Games are 75 Minutes, finish the batter, please show good sportsmanship and do not intentionally hit or walk batter. There is no Mercy Rule. Games may end by mutual agreement of BOTH coaches in the event of one-sided games or lack of players.
7. GAMES MAY START UP TO 10 Minutes early, especially the early games. Please help to be ready on time.
8. In the event of inclement weather, games will be restarted if there is 20 minutes or more left on the clock to the 75 minutes Games will end at the end of 75 minutes, regardless of in play or not. If less than 20 minutes to deadline, game will not be restarted, but may be

made up at the end of showcase on Sunday if teams opt to play an opponent is available.  
The Inclement weather rule (30 minute delay for Thunder/Lightening) is mandatory in Ohio.

9. Teams may bat up to twelve players and use unlimited substitutions. Teams may opt to use the DP/Flex in lieu of the above.
10. FOUL BALLS. Each team is must assist in retrieving foul balls hit to their side of the field. Please help us on this as it keeps games moving.
11. ***Jewelry; Small studs may be left in, however any loose or hanging jewelry must be removed or taped. The TD has made this exception, but strongly discourages jewelry of any type and if possible taping the jewelry is recommended. Coaches are responsible if you choose to allow your players to wear jewelry.***
12. Ejections: Coaches removed or ejected from games will be prohibited from being the next game. The TD or UIC in his absence may remove the coach for the balance of the tournament in the event of severe or repetitive improper conduct.
13. Coaches are responsible to insure that all bats and equipment meet NFHS Rules and/or OHSAA Rules. By participating in the game, the coach acknowledges his team is properly equipped.
14. Unaddressed items are covered under NFHS Rules.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a great weekend.