

2018 KNIGHTS CLASSIC

TOURNAMENT RULES

- All rules stated here supersede rules stated in the NFHS Rule Book. The tournament director reserves the right to modify rules prior to the start of and during the tournament, if any item is misrepresented in this document.
- The tournament director or his/her appointed representative (e.g. umpires) shall be the sole judge as to the playing conditions of the fields and is responsible to make a decision for a called game and/or termination of play.
- All teams are required to register, provide team insurance certificate, and roster with players full names and birth dates. Birth certificates must be available upon request.
 - o Tournament age is players age as of April 30
- Awards will be presented to first and second place teams in each division. (13 per team)
- Teams shall be at the field 30 minutes before the scheduled game time. If a team cannot field a team at the scheduled start time, they will forfeit.
- There is no infield practice.
- Home team will be decided by coin flip in all pool play games. The higher seed will be the home team in all games in consolation games, semi-finals and/or finals.
- No protests are allowed.
- The infield fly rule shall be in effect for all age divisions, except 8u.
- Roster Batting will be allowed in all tournaments.
 - a. Teams can bat a 9-player lineup, a 10-player lineup using an additional hitter (AH), or roster bat all present uniformed players. The lineup must be declared before the start of the game and used the entire game.
 - b. If a team uses a lineup that contains 10 players, the player in the AH position, while not actually playing a defensive position, is treated as such for substitution purposes.
 - c. If a team chooses to roster bat, then all players other than the nine defensive position players are additional hitters and can move freely in defensive positions.

d. If a team is batting all present, uniformed players, with no eligible substitutes listed on the lineup card, and the number of players is 9 or 10, that team is considered to be roster batting for the purposes of defensive substitutions and courtesy runners, unless the coach has specifically declared otherwise at the pregame plate conference. If additional players arrive after the game has started, those players are placed at the end of the batting order. If the coach declares at the pregame plate conference that he is not roster batting, the late players are listed on the lineup as eligible substitutes. The “Designated Hitter” Rule **will not be allowed.**

- An “Additional Hitter” Rule **will be allowed.** **The “AH” Rule is optional in all age divisions.** The “AH” is a 10th hitter placed anywhere in the line-up. The “AH” can be substituted for and the re-entry rule will apply. The “AH” is considered a defensive position and can play in the field.
- There is NO DROP 3rd Strike Rule in the 8u and 9u division. Batter out and runners may advance (no advancement in 8u)
- Speed-up rule: Teams may use a courtesy runner anytime for the pitcher and/or catcher. The runner must be a player from the bench, or if none available - the last batted out.
- In the 8u division, teams are allowed 9 or 10 defensive positions, including the pitcher, provided 4 of the positions are in the outfield.
- **Pitching Rules:** One pitch constitutes one inning pitched. (Does not include warm-ups)
8/9/10u--3/game 11/12/13/14/15u --4/game

 **A pitcher may not return to the mound once removed in that game.
 If a pitcher returns to the mound “illegally”--- Correct the wrong—NO PENALTY
- Metal cleats in 13u, 14u and 15u only.
- Tie Breakers : 1) Head to Head (if 2 teams)
 2) Run differential
 3) Fewest runs allowed
 4) Most runs scored (Max 8/game)
 5) Coin-flip
- **Bat Restrictions : None in 13u and lower: (-5) in 14u only: (BBCOR) in 15u only**
- No malicious contact on all close plays. Umpires discretion.
- Profanity or misconduct by a player, coach, or manager will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the game, tournament, and

park at the discretion of tournament director.

- Both teams shall turn in a score to an tournament representative or call / text in to the Tournament Director.
- All forfeits are 6 – 0. **Teams forfeiting games ARE NOT eligible for the championship round.**
- Tie games are allowed in pool play and consolation games. There are no tie games for semifinals and finals.
- Playoff Format:
 - o 4-8 team divisions - random 3 game pool play, top 4 to Semi-finals
 - o Consolation – teams qualifying in places 5 to 8 will play one consolation game
- Rainout Policy:
 - o In the event of bad weather, the tournament director reserves the right to modify and complete the tournament any way feasible to all teams involved. Refunds will be issued based on games completed. Any started game with umpire(s) paid may be considered a played game in the refund policy. Full refunds are not possible due to park rentals and other tournament expenses.
- Refund Policy:
 - o 0 games played – 75%
 - o 1 games played – 50%
 - o 2, 3 or 4 games played – 0%

KNIGHTS CLASSIC TOURNEY GUIDELINES

<u>Age</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Official Game</u>	<u>Mercy Rule</u>	<u>Stealing</u>	<u>Lead-Offs</u>	<u>Base Distance</u>	<u>Pitching Distance</u>	<u>Max Pitcher Innings per Game</u>	<u>Max Pitcher Innings per Tournament</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>
8U	6	4	15/3; 12/4; 10/5	No	No	60'	46'	3	12	1 HR 45 MIN
9U	6	4	10/5	After ball crosses plate	No	65'	46'	3	12	1 HR 45 MIN
10U	6	4	10/5	Yes	Yes	65'	46'	3	12	1 HR 45 MIN
11U	7	4	10/5; 8/6	Yes	Yes	70'	50'	4	15	2 HR
12U	7	4	10/5; 8/6	Yes	Yes	70'	50'	4	15	2 HR
13U	7	4	10/5; 8/6	Yes	Yes	80'	54'	4	15	2 HR
14U	7	4	10/5; 8/6	Yes	Yes	90'	60'	4	15	2 HR