



# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chanhassen Challenge

## Tournament Rules

June 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2018

**MBT Tournament Rules apply and are superseded or supplemented by the following rules:**

1. **Check-In & Team Rosters:** All Teams must check in at the Lake Ann concession stand before your first game. All teams are required to fill out the Tournament Official Team Roster form and submit it to the tournament representative prior to the tournament. **All teams are required to have copies of birth certificates on hand for proof of birthdates, as well as concussion certificates for each coach.**

2. **Game balls:** One (1) new game ball will be provided, however each team **must also** furnish one (1) new ball for each game played.

3. **Umpires/Protests:** All umpire decisions **ARE FINAL**. There are **NO** protested games allowed.

4. **Game Length/Complete Game/Time Limits:**

- 9, 10, 11U - 6 inning game: Minimum 3.5 innings (home), 4.0 innings (visitor), 1 hour 45 minute time limit. No new inning shall begin after 1 hours and 45 minutes.
- A 10-run rule is in effect throughout the entire tournament. Games will end at the conclusion of the minimum innings stated above, if the score differential is 10 runs or greater for all age groups.
- The umpire will mark the game start time. It is the responsibility of the coach to check with the umpire as to the official start time.
- Games called (not suspended) for any reason and declared complete by tournament director will revert to the score of the **LAST** complete inning.
- There is no time limit in bracket play.

5. **Home/Visitor Team Determination:** For pool play, the Home Team will be determined by coin toss before the game. For bracket play, Home Team will be awarded to the team with the superior seeding.

6. **Tie Games (Pool Play):** If after regulation the game is tied, each team receives 1 point. **THERE ARE NO EXTRA INNINGS IN POOL PLAY!** **Note:** Won-Loss-Tie record is always the first method to differentiating teams. Win=2 Points; Loss=0 Points; Tie=1 Point. MBT tie breaker rules apply.

7. **Rain Policy:** All games will be played to their conclusion if possible. However, the following guidelines were developed in cases where rain or other situations may persist for extended periods of time. The Tournament Committee shall determine the best method to conclude the event. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final. Options may include the following:

- Games will be limited to five innings in an attempt to complete all scheduled games.
- Games will be limited to one hour in length.

- Only those games needed in order to advance teams to the Championship bracket may be played
- Other scenarios may also be possible.

For weather related updates, please visit the tournament website.

**8. Re-Entry Rule:** 9, 10, 11 must use free substitution and must bat entire bench. **\*No pitcher may re-enter a game after being removed by rule, regardless of innings pitched.**

**9. Pitching Restrictions:** Teams must keep track of innings pitched during each game and verify with the opposing coach at the end of each game. Umpires will also keep track of innings pitched during each game and will verify the totals with the coaches at the end of each game. Pitching restrictions listed below **DO** apply to Championship and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Games (part of Bracket play). VIOLATION of innings pitched restrictions will result in the Head Coach being ejected for the remainder of the tournament (See Ejection Rule below). The team will forfeit the game of infraction. The pitcher in violation of rule will be ejected for the game of infraction and the next game, and he is also prohibited from pitching the rest of the tournament. One pitch in an inning will count as an inning pitched.

<b>Pitching restrictions are as follows:</b>	<b>Innings Pitched Restrictions</b>
<b>Division</b>	
<b>9, 10, 11</b>	3 per game*, 6 per pool*,
*No pitcher may re-enter a game after being removed by rule regardless of innings pitched.	3 per game*, 6 per bracket* (cannot exceed 6 in one day)*

**10. Courtesy Runners:**

- **All divisions** – a courtesy runner will be allowed for catchers in all divisions. The player that is run for must be the catcher of record and must catch the next inning. The allowed courtesy runner shall be the last player to have made an out.

**11. Smoking & Alcohol:** There shall be NO SMOKING OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES in, near, or adjacent to any tournament facility.

**12. Ejections:** Any coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. These individuals may not be within 200 feet of the team bench throughout the remainder of the tournament. Any player ejected from a game will be suspended for the remainder of that game plus the next game. If the suspended party negatively affects the tournament in any way, they will be removed from the facility and may not set foot in the facility for the remainder of the weekend. If the individual(s) refuse to leave promptly and orderly the police will be called.

**13.** Chanhassen has a zero tolerance policy for the following:

- a. Abusive or hurtful language - Any player, parent, coach or spectator that uses abusive language will be ejected from the park for the remainder of the tournament. There will be no

warnings. The decision of the umpires to eject on this basis will be fully supported by the Tournament Director.

b. Any non-player / non-coach that enter the field of play during a game will be ejected from the park for the remainder of the tournament. There will be no warnings. The decision of the umpires to eject on this basis will be fully supported by the Tournament Director. Injuries are an exception.

c. There will be no alcohol consumption at Lake Ann Park by any player, spectator or coach for the entire tournament. Any person having alcoholic beverages on the premises will be ejected from the park. There will be no warnings. Depending on the severity of the situation and the effect on the tournament, as determined by the Tournament Director, the affiliated team may be penalized. This may include forfeiting the current game or disqualification from the tournament.