



# NorthStar Events



**Official Schedule will be Posted by Wednesday Prior to Tournament by 10pm**

## Prior to Tournament Week

~DO NOT CALL~

Tournament Results will be posted by 10pm After All Pool Games Have Been Played.

Team Insurance Certificate – Must be E-Mailed to North.StarEvents@Yahoo.com

## Tournament Withdrawal Policy

NorthStar Events will provide a full refund minus a \$250 withdrawal fee for any team withdrawing from tournaments up to 15 days prior to the scheduled start of the event.

NorthStar Events Does Mix Ages When Necessary to form tournament team pools.

If a Division does not Play, a full refund will be sent 30-60 days from the scheduled date of tournament.

## Rain Out Policy

0 games Started = Full Credit toward a future NorthStar Tournament minus \$100 Admin Fee

1 game Started = 25% Credit toward a Future NorthStar Tournament

2 games Started – Full Tournament, No additional Credits.

The Starting of Any Game (completion of Ground Rules) constitutes a Full Game.

## Game Procedures

Teams must be prepared to Start a New Game 30 minutes Prior to their Scheduled Start Time.

The following NorthStar Events Rules Apply, all other rules follow IHSA Rules. In Pool Play, a coin flip will determine the home team. The coin flip will be conducted by the umpiring crew at ground rules.

During the bracket play in all games the higher seeded team will be the home team.

No New Inning will begin after 1:40

8u, 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u - 6 Inning Games

13u, 14u, 15u, 16u - 7 Inning Games

Pool Play Games can end in a tie if the time limit has expired. If time limits have not expired, an extra inning will be played with the new inning starting with 1 ball, 1 strike, 1 out, with the last batted out from the previous inning on second base. Only ONE extra inning will be played with these rules.

Inclement weather could force NorthStar Events to modify these established tournament game times.

2 Baseballs per game provided. All teams should chase foul balls and provide replacement baseballs.

Both teams should keep a score book and should confer with the other team to avoid any mistakes.

Home team will maintain official game start time and confirm with home plate umpire.

**Managers must report game scores by Text to 847-721-5732 within 20 minutes of the conclusion of each schedule game. (13u – Team Joe 7 – Team Jane 8)**

**Both Home and Away Teams are Required to Send in Scores**

## **Coaches Must Follow Batting Lineup and Pitching Rules**

- Bat the Roster and be allowed free defensive substitutions
- Courtesy Runner at anytime for Pitcher and Catcher. Must be the last batted out.

### **Pitching Restrictions -**

- 8u - 9u - 3 innings per game (1 pitch constitutes an inning)
- 10u - 12u - 4 innings per game (1 pitch constitutes an inning)
- 13u - 14u - 5 innings per game (1 pitch constitutes an inning)
- 15u + - No Pitching Restrictions (Managers Please Use Proper Judgement)

### **(No Pitcher may re-enter the Game once removed)**

If the pitcher is not removed and goes above the limit, the game will end in a forfeit with a score of 0-7 with 7 runs being charged to the offending team.

## **8u Rules**

- No lead offs – Players can steal 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> bases once the ball crosses the plate.
- Players can not steal home. They must be hit or walked in. This includes throws to 2<sup>nd</sup> with base runner stealing. If runner is thrown on at 3<sup>rd</sup> base, at any time (stealing 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2<sup>nd</sup>, or thrown on by catcher to pick-off) the runner may attempt to advance to home.
- 5 run max. per inning. Unlimited runs on the declared last inning. This is declared by the umpire.
- No Infield Fly Rule or Dropped 3rd Strike
- Field Dimensions – 42/60

## **9u Rules**

- No lead offs – Players can steal ALL bases once the ball crosses the plate.
- 5 run max. per inning. Unlimited runs on the declared last inning. This is declared by the umpire.
- No Infield Fly Rule or Dropped 3rd Strike
- Field Dimensions – 46/60

## **10u+ Rules**

IHSA Baseball Rules Apply (Unless Amended in the NSE Rules Listed)

- 10u Field Dimensions – 46/65
- 11u – 12u Field Dimensions – 50/70
- 13u Field Dimensions – 54/80
- 14u Field Dimensions – 60/90

NorthStar Events considers the health and safety of our youth players to be its highest priority, and asks coaches and parents to be mindful of the number of pitches and pitch counts for any player.

## **Game Procedures – Pool and Championship Play**

Pool games can end in ties after allotted time has expired.

Championship round games cannot end in a tie

If elimination games are tied after time expires, NorthStar Events Time Breaker Rules are played. Each team will start with the previous innings last out on 2<sup>nd</sup> base with 1 out, 1 ball and 1 strike.

The following Pool Play Tie Breakers will be used for seeding into the Championship rounds

- 1) Head to Head Play (ONLY if All teams have played each other)
- 2) Total Runs Allowed
- 3) Total Runs Scored
- 4) Coin Flip

## **Balks and Intentional Walks**

One warning per pitcher will be given before a balk is called. (10u – 12u) and No Warnings Given for 13u and Above. All balks will be called according to IHSA Rules

Intentional Walks do not require the pitches to be thrown. The Coach can announce an intentional walk and hold up 4 fingers and the player will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base.

## **Mercy Run Rules**

### **8u - 12u**

12 after 3 innings – 10 after 4 innings – 8 after 5 innings

### **13u – 14u**

12 after 4 innings – 10 after 5 innings – 8 after 6 innings

All Games Complete After, Each Team has Equal Amount of At Bats or Home Team is in the Lead once time has expired or Game is Called Due to Weather, Darkness, or Other Natural Causes.

**Inclement weather could force NorthStar Events to modify tournament game times, At Any Time.**

No new inning may start after the time limit (1:40) has elapsed. A new inning automatically begins after the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is recorded in the bottom half of the previous inning.

The official game time starts at the conclusion of the ground rules and will be announced by the umpire. Championship games will have no time limit unless presented at ground rules.

Run Rules are still in effect.

## **Game Protest**

Protests shall follow IHSA league procedures on the field and stop play to file a protest, No protest of a judgment call of game outcome, and only an incorrect rule interpretation can be protested that impacts the natural course of the game. After discussion and presentation of the rule in question, the umpires decision will be final.

## **Rules of Conduct**

NorthStar Events strives to provide a great baseball and family atmosphere for its tournament participants and guests. No unsportsmanlike conduct by participants or fans will be tolerated and penalty for such behavior will be removal from the grounds for the duration of the tournament.

Coaches are responsible for themselves, for their players, and families at all times. Any suspension/ejection imposed by umpires or NorthStar Events officials will be served during the game in progress and the next tournament game and/or tournament weekend. Applies for Coaches, Players and Family Members.

## **Park Rules**

Please remove all items, including trash, from your dugout promptly at the completion of your game. Tournament schedules are always tight, so we ask that you clear the dugout first before talking with your team after the game. There are NO concessions available at the parks and portable bathrooms are on premises. Please prepare accordingly.