

# 2019 Granite Heat Memorial Day Invitational Rules

Major League Baseball Rules apply, accept where amended by the NEAAU or in the rules listed below.

## Time Limit:

- Pool Play Games are limited to 1 hour 50 minutes for 10u-12u and 2 hours for 13u-14u. No new inning will begin after time limit has been reached. Pool play games can end in a tie. Umpires will confirm the start of the game at the time of completion at the plate meeting.
- There are no extra innings even if the game has not reached the 2-hour time limit. Championship games will not have a time limit.
- Teams should be ready to play 30 minutes prior to the schedule start time. If we can start early we will.

## Pool Tiebreakers:

- #1 Runs Allowed, #2 Runs Scored, #3 Coin Flip
- International Tiebreaker used in all bracket play games expect for the Final

## Warm-up:

- There will be no I/O practice before the game

## Innings:

- 10U – 12U will play 6 inning games. 13U – 14U will play 7 inning games.

## Home team:

- During pool play home team determined by a **coin toss**.
- In bracket play home team is the lower seed.
- There are no designated dugouts. First come first serve.

## Bat Restrictions:

- 14U must be (-3) BBCOR certified. There are no bat restrictions for 13U and under.

## Mercy Rules:

- 12U and Under – 10 runs after 4 innings
- 13U and over – 10 runs after 5 innings

## Mound Trips:

- **3 conferences per game. After the third conference, each subsequent conference the pitcher must be replaced.** Please understand that this is in place to ensure we complete games and keep the games moving.
- Pitchers once removed may not be re-entered as pitchers in the same game.
- Pitcher must be removed on second trip in a single inning.

## Pitching Restrictions:

- There are no pitching restrictions. It is the coach's responsibility of ensure a pitcher's health in regards to pitch counts, number of innings pitched, or pitching on consecutive days.
- NFHS rules apply for intentional walks

## Batting Lineup:

- Can use continuous batting order
- If a Team decides to bat 10 in the lineup, there is free defense substitution for those 10 players If team bats 11, then free substitution for the 11 and so on for the entire line up.
- If a team bats all players they cannot use the courtesy runner.
- If a team bats all players and a player is removed for an injury an out will be recorded in the lineup

**Re-Entry Rule:**

- A starter who is replaced may re-enter the game only once and must re-enter in the same spot in the line-up.
- A substitute who is replaced cannot re-enter.

**Courtesy Runners:**

- Teams may run for their **catcher** when there are 2 outs.
- If utilizing the courtesy runner please have a runner ready immediately.
- Courtesy runners can only be a player who has not entered the game.

**Scoring:**

- Home team is responsible for the "official book".
- Teams are urged to check every inning and at the end of the game with their opponent to confirm the score.

**Forfeits:**

- Any intentional forfeit will result in the team being eliminated from the tournament.
- Any team not on the field and prepared to start the game at game time will give cause for immediate forfeit.
- Forfeits in a 6-inning game will be ruled a 6-0 win for the opposing team. Forfeits in a 7-inning game will be ruled 7-0 win for the opposing team.

**Suspension:**

- Any player or coach ejected from a game is suspended for his/her team's next game. Any coach or player who is ejected for the second time or for fighting during the tournament will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. The tournament director reserves the right to eject any person (player, coach, fan) from the site for unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior.

**Adverse Weather:**

- *Should we experience inclement weather, we reserved the right to adjust tournament schedule and format. Should the tournament be shortened due to inclement weather or darkness no refunds will be issued.*

**If rain occurs during a game:**

- The game will be suspended and picked up from that point if game has not reached official status.

**Official Status (Regulation Game):**

- Games called due to the weather by the umpires or the tournament director that cannot be resumed will be considered complete if...
- 9u-12u – 4 innings or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
- 13u-14u – 5 innings or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.

**If rain prevents enough time to complete all games:**

- *If the tournament committee feels that rain/snow has or will prevent the completion of all pool play games, the committee reserves the right to adjust the tournament format in its best attempt to complete the tournament. Adjustments could include shortened game time limits, pool winners and wildcards determined by completed pool play games, etc. These decisions can only be made as we move through the weekend and deal with the weather conditions.*