



## Silver City SlugFest Tournament Rules

All games will be played at Taunton West Little League complex.

300 Norton Ave Taunton, MA 02780

### General Complex Rules

1. No dogs allowed anywhere at the complex (service animals are allowed)
2. Smoking/E-Cigarettes is only allowed outside of the parking lot next to the "big rock"
3. No grilles, open fires, or cooking is allowed on TWLL property. Concession stand is available on site for food and beverage needs.
4. Alcohol is strictly prohibited
5. If any parent, player, coach, or family member refuses to abide by these rules your team will forfeit the game. It is the responsibility of the coach to provide this information to their team.

### Rosters and Format

1. Eligible players shall not exceed the age of the register tournament as of April 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. Rosters are limited to 15 players max and 10 min.
3. TWLL reserves the right to alter or change scheduling at any time. An effort to provide maximum notification will be made.
4. All players must have played a minimum of one game to be eligible for the playoffs.
5. Each team shall be guaranteed three games (weather permitting).
6. Seeding and Placement:
  - a. Head to Head
  - b. Runs Allowed
  - c. Runs Scored
  - d. Coin Flip

### Safety and Equipment

1. TWLL does not provide insurance for participants. All players and coaches shall be covered by their own insurance. All teams are required to provide certificate of insurance.
2. All bats must have the USAbat stamp and meet the USA bat standard.
3. Helmets must be worn at all times when at bat or on the bases (this includes using the batting cages).
4. Metal cleats are not allowed.
5. Players are not allowed to swing bats within dugout area.
6. Slide or Avoid Rule: Except when running to first base, when a defensive player is at a base or home plate attempting to make a play the runner must slide or avoid contact. If the



runner does not slide and contact occurs between the runner and the fielder, the runner is out. This is a judgement call by the umpire and cannot be argued.

7. No Head first slides unless in attempt to return to a base.
8. No slash bunting. If attempted the ball is dead and the batter is out. No runners may advance.

## Tournament Play

### Playing rules

1. Playing rules (regular season) as published by Little League Baseball are the official rules (available upon request) with the exceptions and clarifications listed here.
2. Coin flip will determine the home team in pool play. The higher seed will be the home team in the playoff round.
3. No new inning can start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. The time of the game will be recorded with the first pitch. The home team should confirm the start time and enter it in the scorebook. If the time is not recorded, then the scheduled start time will be the official start time.
4. The next inning officially starts as soon as the third out has been made in the previous inning.
5. There is no drop dead time limit. If game is tied after at the end of time limit it shall be recorded as tie. Playoff round: games will be completed through extra innings.
6. Mercy rule: 10 runs after 4 inning (3 and ½ inning if the home team is ahead).
7. No Mercy rule in championship game.

### General Rules – See exceptions for 8/9 year old rules below

1. Infield fly rule is in effect.
2. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is in effect.
3. All players are required to play 6 defensive outs and 1 at bat. This is only waived if a game is shortened due to Mercy or weather.
4. A team can elect to bat 9 with substitutes or use a continuous batting order.
5. If a continuous batting order is used free defensive substitutions can be made. (All players are still required to play 6 defensive outs. These do not need to be consecutive if a continuous batting order is used.)
6. Batting 9 requires substitutes to play 6 consecutive defensive outs and bat 1 time before being removed. Substitutes can only re-enter the game in same position in the batting order.
7. Any team failing to meet the substitution requirements at the conclusion of a game will be forced to forfeit that game. Exception, games shortened by weather or mercy rule.



8. Injuries while batting continuous will not result in an out. The injured player may re-enter the game one time. If the same player is injured and removed a second time they may not re-enter.
9. Game may be started with only 8 players. The 9<sup>th</sup> spot will be recorded as an out.
10. Each team shall only have 1 manager, 2 coaches, and 1 score keeper in the dugout.
11. Courtesy runner for the catcher may be used if there are two outs in the inning. The runner shall be previous out that has been made (if continuous batting order) or a player not currently in the game.

#### 8/9 Year Old tournament Only

1. No Infield fly rule
2. No dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike
3. 4 runs per inning max. Exception the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, extra innings, or the last declared inning due to time limit (8U only).
4. 7 runs per inning max. Exception the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, extra innings, or the last declared inning due to time limit (9U only).
5. Two attempts to steal home per inning. A steal of home includes a pass ball with a runner on third or on the throwback to the pitcher. Advancing to home on an attempted baseball play at another base will not count as an attempt. For example, the catcher attempting a pickoff at third will not count as an attempt (8U Only).
6. Pitching: 4 innings max per game, if pitcher throws 4 innings he cannot pitch in the next game, 9-inning max for the tournament. A single pitch in an inning qualifies as a full inning.

#### Pitching

1. No balks will be called.
2. 10/11 Year Old : 6 innings max per game, if pitcher throws 4 innings he cannot pitch in the next game, 9 inning max for the tournament.
  - i. A single pitch in an inning qualifies as a full inning.
3. Pitcher can only pitch once per game.
4. Pitching tracking sheets will be handed out before first game and must be filled out by manager/coach (with ink) and signed by opposing manager/coach at the conclusion of every game. Tracking sheets will be furnished upon request at any time by either opposing manager/coach, Tournament Director or Assistant Tournament Director. All forms must be filled out with ink and can only be changed by Tournament Director or Assistant Tournament Director. Any teams pitcher pitching beyond his/her maximum innings will be declared a forfeit (score of 6-0).
5. A second trip by the manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning requires the removal of the pitcher from the pitching position.



#### Officiating and Behavior

1. The Tournament Director or the Assistant Tournament Director along with the protests committee will settle all protests immediately and before game resumes.  
Failure to notify protest with the umpire immediately will result in a declined protest.  
Protests can only be against an umpire's direct misapplication of the rules; judgment calls are NOT protestable. Protests count against the game time limit.
2. Any end of game protests must take place immediately and before umpires leave the field.
3. Each team is responsible for appointing one parent (not a coach) to be representative at protest.
4. Any game called by the Tournament Director or the Assistant Tournament Director due to weather or darkness if not considered a complete game will be picked up at the point the game was called. Tournament Director or the Assistant Tournament Director will schedule date and time for resumption of a suspended game.
5. Home team manager's scorebook is the official scorebook and must be verified after each inning. It is the visiting manager's responsibility to confirm/verify the score. Any disputes should take place at the end of the questionable inning. Note: Please be sure to verify scores after every half inning that runs were scored. We will not go back innings unless agreed by both managers.
6. It is the responsibility of each manager to control the actions of his/her team's coaches, players, parents and fans. Harassment of players or umpires will not be tolerated. Harassment will result in one warning and if harassment continues the manager will be thrown out of game if further action is necessary game will end and result in forfeit (6-0). TWLL reserves the right to review such situations and apply sanctions up to and including disqualification from tournament.