

Burlingame Youth Baseball Association  
2019 Invitational Tournament  
14 & Under Tournament Rules

Bat Rules

- Any bats that meet CIF baseball bat standards (see [www.cifstate.org](http://www.cifstate.org)) which are BBCOR approved. The BBCOR stamp must be affixed to the bat. This category must follow a -3 weight to length ratio as described in the BBCOR approved baseball bats list.
- Any "all aluminum" alloy baseball bats are allowed (regardless of weight to length ratio).
- Any wood bats allowed except for bamboo.
- Bats with a barrel larger than 2-5/8" and any composite bats that are not BBCOR -3 are not allowed (e.g., -10 Mako).
- Any USABat certified bats bearing the USABat licensing mark are allowed.

Playing Rules:

- April 30th is the date used to determine age eligibility
- Teams must bat a minimum of ten (10) players and field nine (9) defensive players. Coaches are welcome to bat through their entire lineup but it is not required. If a team has only nine (9) players, the opposing team can choose whether it wants to bat ten (10) or (9) players. If you bat the entire roster and a player leaves the game for any reason (including injury), there will be an out in their spot in the lineup.
- All players can move freely in defensive positions (players not in the batting lineup are allowed to play defense without being reported until they are inserted in the batting lineup).
- Only batting/offensive and pitching changes need to be reported to the official scorekeeper.
- Starters removed from the lineup can re-enter one time in the same spot in the batting order.
- Courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher with two outs. Player who

made the last batted out will run for the catcher.

- No minimum play rule.
- Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is in effect.
- Infield-Fly Rule is in effect.
- One (1) offensive time out allowed per inning for purposes of conferring (coach and player). Penalty is a strike on the batter.
- Must Slide Rule: Runners must either slide in the attempt to reach a base or attempt to avoid contact at all bases. This is a judgment call resulting in a no call or penalties of the runner declared out, multiple runners declared out (if another play could have been made) and/or ejection of the runner if considered flagrant.

### Length of Games:

- Games shall be seven (7) innings in duration, time permitting. If the game is tied after regulation, extra innings will be played until a decision is reached.
- Time limit is 1 hour 50 minutes for all games, except Final game. No new inning will begin after time limit (except final) unless game is tied. A new inning begins when the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is recorded in the bottom half of an inning. The 1<sup>st</sup> pitch starts the game. Managers should encourage their teams to get on and off the field quickly so that time is not an issue.
- Game time starts when the first pitch is thrown. Umpire will notify the official scorekeeper to write the time down in the official scorebook.
- 10 run mercy rule will be in effect after 5 innings for all games, except Final game.

### Pitching Rules:

- Pitching regulations
  - Players are allowed to pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game / 6 innings per calendar day/ 12 innings total for Tournament.
  - If a player pitches 4 innings in a day the player needs to rest for one full calendar day.
  - The pitcher must be changed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the mound by a coach in an inning. An official visit occurs when a coach calls timeout or goes onto the field to talk with the pitcher.
  - Pitchers are allowed a maximum of 5 warm-up pitches between innings. A maximum of 10 warm-up pitches are allowed for relief pitchers.

- Once a pitcher has been removed from pitching, they cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher.
- One pitch constitutes an inning.
- Balks will be called without warnings. On a called balk, the team at bat can take the result of the play if the pitch on which the balk was called is safely put in play.
- Any violation of pitching inning limitation rules may result in an immediate forfeit and/or disqualification from the tournament without refund at the discretion of the tournament director

### Teams:

- Minimum of 10, maximum of 15 players per team, unless approved by the tournament director before the start of the tournament.
- Players found to be ineligible will be removed from tournament along with the manager of the team. All games played with an ineligible player will be forfeited.
- No additions to a team's roster after the start of the tournament, unless approved by the tournament director or his delegate.

### Equipment:

- Metal spikes are allowed, except on portable mounds.
- Only players in uniform will be allowed to play. All-Star uniforms (different represented teams from same city) are okay. Duplicate numbers must be reported ahead of time.
- The batter, base runners, on-deck batters, or players coaching bases must wear protective headgear.
- Diamond DOL A Baseball or equivalent will be supplied by B.Y.B.A.
- Any player serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher must wear a mask.

### Managers & Coaches:

- Maximum of 2 coaches plus 1 manager will be allowed for each team in the dugout.
- Only 1 designated coach is allowed to confer with an umpire(s).

### Protests:

- No games will be played under protest. The umpires on the field will decide all questions of rule interpretations, with final judgment made by the tournament director or his delegate.

### Playing Fields:

- 80 ft. Bases
- Pitching distance is 54 ft.
- Ground rules for each game will be discussed before each game.

### General Conduct:

- Any player, coach, manager or spectator ejected from a game will be suspended from all other tournament play/activities, subject to the discretion of the tournament director or his delegate.
- No team or individual chants will be allowed. Teams will be warned only once. Second offense will lead to forfeiture. This tournament is for the kids to win or lose based on their athletic abilities and not through "mental games." Appropriate sportsmanship by the players, coaches and all parents is expected.
- No consumption of any alcoholic beverage allowed within the parks.

### Insurance:

- Evidence of medical/liability insurance is to be presented to the tournament/field director by June 15, 2019

### Other:

- Home team is determined by coin flip at least one (1) hour prior to game time with tournament official.
- Home Team gets third base dugout. Unless team playing back to back and already occupying 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.
- No infield practice before the game is permitted.
- Have team ready to play 15 minutes after completion of previous game. If we can start early or make up time we will.

Note: All other rules will be governed by the "Official Baseball Rules."