

KNIGHTS BASEBALL CLASSIC

Tournament Rules

1. Tournament specific rules are covered below. Rules not specifically outlined below are covered by the **NFHS Baseball Rules**.
2. Please have your team warmed up and ready to play.
3. No infield before games.
4. All teams will play games in pool play. There will be pool winners. Seeding will be by 1.) Record 2.) Head to Head 3.) Runs allowed 4.) Runs Scored 5.) Coin Flip. *When 3 or more teams are tied, tiebreaker priorities are used to select or seed the first team. Subsequent team selections and seeds start back at tie-breaker priority #1 (win-loss record). This process repeats itself until all necessary teams are selected or seeded. Wild Card will be selected by using the same tiebreaker rules.*
5. Home team will be determined by coin flip except in bracket play where higher seed is home team.
6. All games in pool play will be seven (7) innings with a 2 hour time limit. No new inning starts after 1 hour 50 min. Tie games may go 8 innings if time permits and then are declared a tie. No time limit in Championship game.
7. Tie games in Championship Round (Bracket Play) will follow the following criteria:

The last three hitters from the previous inning will load the bases.

The base runners will be placed as follows:

- Last hitter from previous inning @ 1st Base
 - Hitter before him in the lineup @ 2nd Base
 - Hitter before that in the lineup @ 3rd Base
 - Normal substitution rules apply to these runners.
 - The hitting team will start the inning with one out.
 - Play continues until one team is ahead at the end of an inning.
8. Championship round (Bracket Play) games will be played to completion. Mercy rule – Eight (8) after five (5) innings, ten (10) after four (4) and twelve (12) after three (3) innings.
 9. Pitching Rules – Coaches discretion.
 10. You may bat 9, use an EH and/or a DH.
 11. Courtesy runner for the catcher/Pitcher at any time, but with 2 out is mandatory. The courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the lineup or last batted out.
 12. Base runner must slide or attempt to avoid contact.
 13. All teams must supply their own NFHS certified baseballs.
 14. No glass containers allowed in the dugout. **NO COOLERS (other than team cooler) OR PETS ALLOWED IN THE BALL PARK.** I repeat: **NO COOLERS OR PETS ALLOWED IN THE BALL PARK.** Please make your parents aware of this rule.
 15. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of coaches, parents, and fans.
 16. The umpires are in charge of the game. Excessive arguing or abuse will not be tolerated. The umpires' decision on any judgment call is final.
 17. All participants are competing at their own risk. By participating you agree to hold the Tournament officials, tournament hosts, and tournament sponsors harmless from any liability resulting from participation in the tournament. Team insurance is mandatory and must be available upon request.
 18. All game results can be found on our website at www.knightsbaseballtn.com and by following our twitter @knights_basebtn.
 19. **Refund Policy for weather purposes: 0 games played – Full Refund, 1 game played – 50% refund, 2 games played – NO REFUND.**
 20. Every team is responsible to carry their own insurance. Upon entering the tournament all liability is waived from Knights Baseball and anyone in charge or working the tournament.

IN CASE OF INCLEMMENT WEATHER, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RE-FORMAT THE TOURNAMENT.