

Dickinson Baseball Gray In May Tournament Rules

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. 2020 Babe Ruth League Rules and Regulations along with official playing rules will be used unless specifically addressed below. This includes the bat rule which requires all bats to be a max 2 5/8" barrel with the USA Baseball stamp and follow Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken rules.
2. No Metal Spikes
3. All games will be 6 innings. There will be a time limit of 1 hr 30 minutes. No inning will begin after the time limit has been reached. One extra inning can be played if the time limit allows. Games can end in a tie to keep other games on schedule.
4. 9, 10 year old divisions: Catcher does not have to catch a third strike, but the ball is live for all base runners. 11 & 12 year old division: Dropped third strike is live for the batter and base runners.
5. Balks will be called for the 11 and 12 year old divisions. The umpires will be discouraged from calling balks for the 9 and 10 year old divisions unless egregious or repeated infractions after a warning.
6. All divisions: Players may steal home.
7. All divisions play the field with 9 players. It is **strongly** encouraged to bat all players on the roster. If a team has an injured player who cannot bat there will be no penalty when that player's spot in the order comes up. They will simply be skipped over.
8. You must have 8 players to start the game.
9. Sliding rule will be enforced. The intent of this rule is twofold,
 1. The safety of the players
 2. To remove the judgment from the umps if a runner is deemed to have malicious contact with a defensive player.
- 10. Sportsmanship is the number one priority for all participants and coaches in this tournament. Please be good sports! The umpire's decision will be final. There will be no protests.**
11. Due to the social distancing guidelines in place, teams will not shake hands at the end of the game. The teams will line up on the foul lines and tip their caps to each other.
12. 9 and 10 year old divisions: 60' bases and 46' pitching mounds, players may leave base once the ball crosses home plate.
13. 11 and 12 year old divisions: 70' bases and 50' pitching mounds, leading off and regular baseball will be played throughout.
14. 15 run rule after 3 innings and 10 run rule after 4 innings. Four innings will constitute as a complete game in the case of rain.

15. Pitching rules: The Babe Ruth League, Inc. Tournament Pitching Rules will be strictly followed. During every tournament game, each team must record the number of pitches thrown by its pitchers' and report its pitchers' respective pitch counts to the umpire at the conclusion of each game.

TOURNAMENT PITCHING REST REQUIREMENTS				
AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN A DAY)	REST PERIOD		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+
16-18	105	1-45	46-75	76+

16. Courtesy runners are allowed for catchers and pitchers.
17. Pitchers are allowed as many warm up pitches to start a game as needed. Five warm-up pitches allowed between innings. Relief pitchers are allowed 8 warm up pitches unless they are replacing a pitcher in the middle of an inning due to injury, in which case they will be allowed as many as needed. In-order to keep the games on schedule, there will be no infield between games.
18. Please have players hustle on and off the field.
19. Only players, coaches, bat persons, and team managers will be allowed in the player's bench area.
20. Any player/coach warming up the catcher must wear a catcher's mask.
21. Coin flip will determine home/visitor team for each pool play game. In all other games, the highest seeded team will be home. If the teams are equally seeded, a coin flip will determine the home team.

ADDITIONAL INFO

1. All games are played at 871 State Avenue; <http://www.dixmustang.com/page/show/705478-dickinson-mustang-baseball-complex>
2. The umpires have a scorecard for each game which has the official score and names of pitchers with their number of pitches thrown. Each coach is required to sign that scorecard at the end of the game to validate the score and each pitcher's number of pitches thrown.
3. There will be no gate fees.
4. Please be on your best behavior and HAVE FUN.