

## Tournament Rules

1. The following base length and pitching distance will be used for each age group below:
  - 9U to 12U – 46' mound / 60' bases
  - 13U+ – 60'6" mound / 90' Bases
2. **Coin Flip:** In Pool Play/Round Robin games only, the home team is determined by a coin flip. In bracket play the higher seed will always be the home team. The home team will be the official scorebook and will compare score each inning with opponent scorekeeper and umpire.
3. Coaches should turn in the winning score to the concession stand and also text in the score of the game with each team to 262-358-1217
4. **Bat Restrictions – -**
  - a. 9U to 12U , Must have USABat stamp. We will have bats available for teams that do not typically play with this bat.
  - b. 13u and 14u, no barrel bigger than 2¾ in diameter.
5. **Game balls:** are provided by the tournament.
6. **Minimum Players:** a team must have a minimum 8 players to start the game. If the game is started with eight players, the 9<sup>th</sup> position player is then an automatic out.
7. **Metal spikes :** allowed for 13 and older only.
8. **Intentional walks :** no pitches need to be thrown.
9. **Dropped third strikes and infield fly rule** are in effect for 11U and above.
10. **3<sup>rd</sup> Base Wall** – 9u and 10u runners on 3<sup>rd</sup> can only advance on a batted ball, walk or HBP.
11. **Game time is forfeit time.** For tie breaker purposes forfeit scores will be 8-0
12. **PITCHING RESTRICTIONS:** For 9U to 12U pitchers may pitch no more than 2 innings per game. One pitch equals one inning. For 13U and 14U there are no restrictions.
13. **PITCHER RE-ENTRY** – Pitcher may only pitch once per game and cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher if he was taken from the pitching position during the game at any time.

- 14. Manager visits;** A manager is allowed one visit per pitcher per inning. The pitcher must be removed on the second visit. **Managers must ask and receive permission from the umpire before entering the field of play and making a visit to the mound.**
- 15. Game length :** All games ages 12 and younger will be 6 innings long. Time limit of 1 hr and 30 minutes or mercy rule. All games ages 13 and older will be 7 innings. Time limit of 1 hour 45 minutes or mercy rule. **No time limit for Championship game.** An inning can be finished, but a new inning cannot be started after the time limit. When the last out is completed determines time limit. **Time limits may be changed by Tournament Director in order to get the Tournament concluded.**
- 16. Mercy Rule:** 12 runs after 3inn, 10 runs after 4inn, 8 after 5. If the home team is winning by mercy rule at the half inning or during the bottom half of the inning the game is over.
- 17. Game called** because of weather: 6-inning game = 3 innings or 2 ½ if home team is ahead.
- 18. Extra innings:** in the first extra inning and every ½ inning thereafter, each team will start with a runner on second base. The runner on second will be the last official hitter from the previous inning.
- 19. Batting Order Rules:** A team may bat any order they like. Every player not starting in the field must be classified as an EH. Whatever lineup configuration/approach you start with you need to finish with. If you start with a 12 person line-up you finish with a 12 person line-up, 9 person line-up you finish with a 9 person line-up, etc. You may make substitutions, but need to share the changes with the opposing team.
- 20. Slide rule** does apply and runners must slide or attempt to avoid contact on close plays where a tag may occur. A collision between runner & fielder will be the umpire's decision on ejection, and umpire's ruling is final. A player ejection, based on the slide rule, is for the rest of the game and if the Umpire and Tournament Director determine it was intentional and flagrant they may impose additional game suspensions.
- 21. Balks;** Balks will be called at the 13U and 14U level
- 22. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated :** any player or coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will serve the remainder of that game, plus the next game. **Whether or not a player's or coach's conduct was unsportsmanlike will be determined by the umpire and the site supervisor .** Managers and coaches are responsible for the behavior of the entire team, parents included. At the umpire and site supervisor's discretion, unruly fans will

be warned once, and then suspended from the ballpark for the remainder of the tournament.

- 23. Infield warm-up is not allowed.** Warm-ups must be done outside the playing field due to time restrictions. Teams can play catch in the outfield if time allows before their scheduled game. **No soft-toss into fences.**
- 24. Protests:** to protest a rule interpretation you must put up \$200 cash. The game will be delayed and a ruling made by the Tournament Director. All decisions are final. Judgment calls cannot be protested. If protest is upheld, the \$200 will be returned, if protest is denied, you must forfeit the \$200.
- 25. Disrespect for the Game:** any team caught intentionally giving up runs, losing on purpose or otherwise playing the game to change the outcome of pool play or the finals in favor of another team shall be dismissed from the tournament and reported to their league and any other appropriate sanctioning body. The dismissed team's win/loss record shall stand, and the teams seeded below them will all move up and play, if qualified, based on tournament seeding rules and tie-breaker.
- 26. Leading off** is prohibited for 9U to 12U. Runners cannot leave until the ball has crossed home plate. Stealing is allowed.
- 27.** Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher is allowed at any time. Teams must replace catcher when there are two outs. The courtesy runner must be the last batted out or a player not currently in the game assuming the team is not playing everyone and has bench players. The pitcher or catcher for this rule is the pitcher or catcher for the next inning except for the final inning of which it then is the pitcher or catcher from the previous inning. Please note if a pitcher has already reached his innings pitched for the game and he is on base he is not eligible for a courtesy runner.
- 28. 9U to 12U will play by National Little League Rules unless modified above.**
- 29. 13U and 14U will play by HS rules unless modified above**