



# ***2021 2nd Annual PSC Invitational***

## **2021 Tournament Rules**

### **Player Eligibility:**

All team managers are required to carry a packet of Birth Certificates with them at all times (these can be copies of the originals) for players on their lineup cards at any point in the Tournament. If a protest comes up and you cannot produce age proof, you will lose the protest. Any and all protests regarding age eligibility will be resolved by reference to a copy of the player's birth certificate, which each team manager must make available for inspection in a timely manner upon request of any umpire or tournament official. Any and all games in which that a player participates, where that player is later determined to be ineligible or unverified by presentation of the player's birth certificate, will result in forfeiture of any game won by the team utilizing the ineligible or unverified player.

Bracket age eligibility for all players in will be determined by the age of the player as of April 30, 2020 (January 1st for 19u division).

Players can be rostered only on one team in one division final rosters will be turned in at the start and are final, no adding late players over the weekend.

### **General Pre-Game and Game Procedures:**

1. Home team in pool play shall be decided before the game by a coin flip. There will be no specifically designated dugout for either the home or visiting team. Please be cooperative and respectful in choosing the dugouts to avoid conflicts. Home team during bracket team will be the choice of the higher seeded team (coin flip if both teams are seeded the same).

2. The Home Team shall be responsible for keeping the official book. Total innings pitched will be kept by the scorekeeper during each game.

3. No infield will be taken on the field of play.
  4. There is no soft toss or pepper allowed into any fences at the complex.
  5. Each team must begin the game with 9 players, but may finish with less.
  6. Protests: The umpire will settle all problems on the field at the time of dispute. Rule interpretation protests must be declared to the umpire prior to the next pitch being thrown. No protests will be allowed following the game. The Tournament Director and Umpire-in-Chief will make the final decision and rule on all protests. Their decisions are final. A \$100 cash protest fee will be assessed to all protests and is due at the time the protest is made. Winning protests will be refunded.
7. Umpires will be given 4 baseballs for each game (2 from each team, one new and one used HS baseball), please make sure players are shagging foul balls to keep the game going. If the umpires run out, coaches will need to provide additional from their tournament box.

### **Specific Rules of Play:**

#### **1. Bats:**

HS 15u - 19u: BBCOR -3; or wood are allowed.

14U: USA Bat Stamp any drop, or BBCOR -3; or wood are allowed.

13U: 2 5/8" barrel or 2 3/4 are allowed; bats must have BPF 1.15 with a USSSA Stamp printed on the bat; or USA Stamp of any drop; or BBCOR -3; or wood are allowed.

12U: USA Bat stamp any drop; or wood are allowed.

#### **2. Pitching:**

14U - 13U - 12U:

Each pitcher will be allowed to pitch no more than six (6) innings per day and (8) innings for the entire tournament (All days count). If there is a challenge on this we will compare books and GameChangers from previous games that were played.

19u - 17u - 15u:

There are no pitching rules for the HS divisions. We ask that coaches be responsible for the care of their players and recommend using the National HS pitching rules to keep the safety of all pitchers first.

A new pitcher will be allowed no more than 8 warm up pitches. A pitcher will be allowed no more than 5 warm up pitches between innings.

The throwing of a single pitch in an inning counts as an inning. Warm up pitches do not count toward anything. Only pitches thrown to a live batter count towards an inning.

A pitcher may not re-enter as the pitcher once they have been removed from the game as the pitcher.

Any team that knowingly uses an ineligible pitcher may result in forfeiture of the game.

If a coach calls time and crosses the foul line to confer with a player this is considered a visit to the mound for that inning. A pitcher must be removed from the mound upon the 2nd visit from a coach or manager in an inning.

3. **Run Rules – Same for All Age Divisions:**

- A. 15 runs after 3 innings
- B. 10 runs after 3 1/2 or 4 innings
- C. 8 runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings.

4. **Lead Offs and Dropped 3rd Strike:**

19u, 17u, 15u, 14U, 13U, 12u: Lead-off, stealing, and dropped 3rd strike are allowed.

5. **Metal Cleats:**

19u, 17u, 15u, 14U, 13U, 12U: metal cleats are allowed, but **not on all portable mounds**. Please have pitchers have a change of cleats just in case.

6. **Field sizes:**

14u-19u	60/90
13u:	54/80
12u:	50/70

7. **Pitcher to Catcher and vice versa:** There is no restriction on a player going from pitcher to catcher, or catcher to Pitcher.

8. **Head first slides:**

Are fully allowed in the 19u - 14U and 13U and partially in the 12U Division. 19u - 13U can head first slide into any base including home. 12U NO head first slide into home, but allowed to slide head first into other bases. A runner can head first slide back to a base in any division.

9. **Intentional Walks:**

An intentional walk can be announced by the coach, catcher and/or pitcher. No pitches need to be thrown.

10. **Home Run Balls:**

Teams/Players are allowed to keep Home Run Baseballs as long as the team provides the home plate umpire a suitable game Baseball to replace it.

11. **On Deck Batters:**

On deck Batters are allowed and should stay on the side of their dugout, however, they are allowed to move further down the Baseline and away from the batter for safety if they choose.

## **12. Outside of Dugouts:**

Coaches are allowed to sit outside of Dugouts (including on buckets) in locations approved by umpires. Players can only be outside of dugouts as allowed by umpires and when wearing helmets.

## **Lineups - Batters and Runners**

1. Teams may bat their entire lineup with free substitutions, or bat 9, 10, 11 batters with an extra hitter (EH and or DH for anyone). Starters can re-enter the game one time only in their original batting order. If batting the entire roster and a player is injured, the player can be removed from the lineup without penalty. If batting the entire roster and a player is ejected, each time that player's spot in the lineup comes up it will be counted as an out.
2. The batter should attempt to remain with at least 1 foot in the batter's box. If this is not followed the umpire may put the ball in play and begin calling strikes after a warning.
3. Courtesy runners for pitcher and catcher any outs have to be a sub player, if batting the entire lineup it has to be last out.
4. No Slug Bunting in 12u, 13u, 14u.
5. If a runner attempting to reach a base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of that base, he will be called out and ejected upon the judgment of the umpire. The tournament director shall have the right to reinstate the player for the next game depending on the severity of the ejection. Other players return to the base last touched at the time of the collision.

## **Time Limits on Games:**

1. Divisions 12U & 13u games are 7 innings and after 1 hour 45 minutes no new innings can start. Divisions (14u-19u) games are 7 innings and at 2:00 hours no new innings can start. Please understand some might run over and we want to try to keep up with field work. Be patient and we will all do our best to keep things moving along.
2. The game clock will begin when the home-plate umpire declares: "Play Ball." To speed play along, games may start prior to the designated time by agreement of the managers and umpires. Only exception to no inning starting is Championship games there will be no Time Limit.
3. There is NO "Drop Dead" - There are no extra innings in Pool play; Ties are possible in pool play and will be scored as such. Bracket games are subject to the time limit, but may not end in a tie and will play through extra innings if necessary. After 1 extra inning and the game is still tied in bracket play, then all new innings shall start with a runner at 2nd base and 1 out. The runner starting at 2nd shall be the last out of the last inning.
4. All games count after 3 full innings.

## **Game Scorecards:**

There will be no scorecards, Home team coaches will need to text 208-277-5164 with scores within 30 min of finishing the previous game.

Sample:

**Division: 13u**

**Home team: Kings 8**

**Away team: Vikings 4**

## **Pools and Pool Play:**

All teams will play 4 pool games then pod winners will move on. In some divisions we will take 2 top teams per pod or a wild card.

## **Bracket Play Seeding and Rules:**

1. Tiebreakers will be calculated by the Tourney Machine application/program and applied in the following order:

- (1) Wins vs. Losses
- (2) Head to head
- (3) Runs allowed (max 7 per game)
- (4) Run differential (max 7 per game)
- (5) Runs scored
- (6) If there is still a tie, a coin flip will decide the outcome. If three or more teams are tied, straws will be drawn with the shorter straws getting the lower places. The Tournament Director, in the site of the Umpire in Chief, is authorized to draw the straws or pick the coin toss if Tied Team representatives are not readily available.

2. Any and all forfeits will result in the posting of a 0-7 game score against the forfeiting team. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, a forfeiting team can be removed entirely from the tournament without refund and/or cannot take first in the tournament. Also, any team "quitting" during a game or making a mockery of the game such as intentionally losing or quitting just to save pitching, all as determined by the Tournament Director, can also be removed entirely from the tournament without refund and/or cannot take first place in the tournament.

3. There will be no time limit on any Championship games. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the duration of Championship games will be governed by normal rules of play, including the ten run rule, etc outlined above, except no time limits apply. Except for Championship games, all other Bracket play games are subject to the time limits.

**NOTE: 15u - 19u High School division will use National Federal HS rules for any rule that is not already modified or spelled out in this document.**

## **General Rules of Conduct:**

1. All managers, coaches, players, parents and spectators are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that reflects good sportsmanship and fair play.
2. Any player, fan or coach engaging in any of the following conduct may be immediately ejected from the game by an umpire or tournament official:
  - (1) Intentionally throwing any equipment (baseball, bat, helmet, etc.) at any other player, coach, official, participant or spectator. However, where intent is unclear to the umpire, the player should first be warned of the unacceptable conduct before ejection.
  - (2) Theft or vandalism of any kind.
  - (3) Use of profane or language in an abusive or threatening manner.
  - (4) Fighting, or unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind.
  - (5) Please be respectful of the sites and clean up after yourselves.
3. If a player, coach, or manager is ejected, a one game suspension must be served in their next game. Two ejections and they will be banned from the tournament.
4. In extreme circumstances, all as determined at the discretion of the Tournament Director, the offending player, manager, coach or parent may be ruled ineligible for any further tournament play, and be asked to leave the tournament premises and their team will forfeit if they refuse to leave.

## **Weather/Refund Policy:**

1. \$200 non-refundable fee for any cancellation within 1 week of the first game of the tournament.
2. \$50 refund for every game not played (due to weather) up to 4 games. We will do everything possible to still get games in, please be understanding if we need to change game times and/or shorten games to get them in.
3. No refund will be given to any team that fails to show up at the designated time for their first game, or chooses to leave the tournament early, or violates the forfeit rules. Any team failing to show for a scheduled game may forfeit all remaining pool play games in the tournament, and will not be eligible for bracket play.
4. If the City or State Mandates Cancel the tourney due to COVID-19 there will be a \$100 admin fee collected then the remaining refund given to all teams.

## **Rosters/Waivers/Covid Policy:**

1. All teams will need to fill out the Roster/Waiver form with signatures along with the acknowledgement form signed on the Covid policy. These will be emailed out and can be scanned or given to TD onsite before the first game.

**THANK YOU ALL!! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT TOURNEY!!**

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