

8U Fire On the Fox Tournament Rules

- 1 An arm style pitching machine will be used for all pitches. The hitting team's coach will operate the pitching machine-DO NOT ADJUST!! Ask Volunteer Member
- 2 Teams are limited to 15 players that have not reached their 9th birthday as of January 1 of the current year.
- 3 Proof of age (birth certificate) must be available if requested by the tournament committee. Any games in which an ineligible player is used will be declared a forfeit
- 4 Final rosters and liability waivers must be turned into the concession stand at least 30 minutes prior to the team's 1st game
- 5 Teams may play up to 10 defensive players
- 6 9 players are required to start a game and 8 players are needed to complete a game
- 7 The entire roster will bat with free substitutions on defense. Late arriving players will be added to the bottom of the line-up
- 8 Injured players who can't play are out for the rest of the game without penalty and cannot re-enter
- 9 Each team must exchange line up cards with opposing team 15 minutes prior to game. Give additional copy to home plate umpire
- 10 Home team is decided by a coin flip for pool play. For Bracket play home team is based off the higher seeded team.
- 11 The official start time will be determined by the home plate umpire, acknowledged by both teams and recorded by home team.
- 12 Three swinging strikes or 5 pitches maximum per at bat unless the 5th pitch is fouled off. In the case of a foul ball on the final swing (5th or greater) the batter will be allowed another swing until the batter either hits the ball fair or swings and misses
- 13 An 11" ball will be used
- 14 All pool play and elimination games will be 6 innings with a time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes
- 15 The Championship game will be 6 innings with a time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- 16 A new inning begins when the last out of the previous inning is made
- 17 No new inning will start after the time limit has expired
- 18 For all games, if the home team is ahead at the expired time, the game is over. If the home team is behind at expiration, all 3 outs will be played.
- 19 Pool games tied at the end of the time limit will be declared a tie for seeding purposes
- 20 All non-pool games tied at the end of regulation innings or after time expires, international tie-breaker (last out on 2nd base) will be used until a winner is declared
- 21 A limit of 6 runs may be scored per inning in all innings in all games (including final inning)
- 22 USA run rules are applicable in all games.
- 23 There is a 15 run mercy rule at the end of 3 innings
- 24 There is a 10 run mercy rule at the end of 5 innings
- 25 Runners may lead off once the ball crosses the plate
- 26 Stealing is not allowed
- 27 Only one base is allowed on an overthrow
- 28 To avoid teams constantly running, if infield player is in control of ball and facing towards the infield, the runner cannot advance
- 29 Base runners must slide into all bases (except 1st) when play is made upon them. It is the umpire's discretion to make the call.

30	Obstruction rules will be followed to minimize contact at the plate
	a. Obstruction is the act of a defensive team member:
	i. Who hinders or impedes a batter from striking at or hitting a pitched ball
	ii. Who impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running the bases unless the fielder is:
	1. In possession of the ball
	2. In the act of fielding a batted ball.
	b. Contact is not necessary to impede the progress of the runner
31	Bunting is not allowed
32	One defensive coach may stand in the outfield
33	Infield fly rule is not in effect
34	Outfielders must start a defensive play in the outfield grass until the ball is pitched
35	Metal spikes are not allowed
36	A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher of record. The courtesy runner will be the last out or last batter if no outs occurred
37	Any intentional stalling as deemed by the umpire will result in forfeiture of that game
38	The umpire's decision is final
39	Tie Breakers for seeding purposes are as follows:
	A. Head to Head
	B. Total pool play runs allowed
	C. Total pool play runs scored
	D. A coin flip
40	In the event of inclement weather, games and/or tournament format may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the tournament committee. If the remainder of the tournament needs to be cancelled, the final tournament standings will be determined as follows:
	a. If Championship games have been started, the game will be decided by the score of the last full inning
	b. If Championship games have not started, a complete inning hasn't been played, or tied, then bracketed seeding will be final standings
41	Any rules not covered here are governed by USA rules. The tournament committee reserves the right to change any rules listed above
42	Home team will hold the official book
43	Coaches and players are responsible for maintaining and cleaning the dugouts after each game
44	No alcoholic beverage carry ins. Smoking is prohibited
45	Profanity, harassment, or intentional distractions by a coach, team member, or fan toward an opposing team or umpire will not be tolerated. Good sportsmanship is required. Unsportsmanlike conduct can lead to ejection without warning by a tournament member or umpire. Repeated or grievous offenses will result in the team being eliminated from the tournament.
46	Parking on the grass is prohibited unless otherwise stated