



Cangelosi Sparks Invite Tournament Rules

- Metal Bat Event (BBCOR)
- Time limit:
 - 7-inning games: No new inning begins after 2 hours
 - The umpire should announce the start time after 1st pitch of the game.
 - No time-limit games in bracket play.
- Pool play games can end in a tie, but playoff games all must have a winner.
- Home/Away is decided by a coin flip for every pool play game. In bracket play, the higher seed will always be the home team.
- Mercy rules: 15/3, 12/4, 8/5
- Trips to mound: The pitcher must be replaced on the 2nd trip to the mound in any inning.
- Hitting lineup: Can consist of 9, 10, 11, or 12 players. The lineup must stay with the same number of batters for the entire game. The 10th, 11th & 12th hitter if used will be designated as an EH and XH on the lineup card. The EH and XH is the same as any position on the field as far as substitutions are concerned. The starting pitcher is allowed to DH for himself and bat in any slot in the order.
- Courtesy runner: Courtesy runners can be used for the pitcher and catcher at any time but must be a valid substitute. If a team is batting their entire lineup, then they will NOT be able to use the last batted out. In addition, the same substitute CANNOT run for more than one player in the same inning.
- Pitching: The MLB balk rule will be enforced. When a balk is called it is NOT a dead ball. The 3B to 1B pickoff move is illegal. Also, in the windup position, a pitcher is permitted to have his "free" foot on the rubber, in front of the rubber, behind the rubber, or off to the side of the rubber.
- **16u & 17u Bracket Play-** 12 pool winners will advance to single elimination bracket play. Two bracket play games will begin on Saturday night.
- **15u Bracket Play-** 10 pool winners will advance to single elimination bracket play. Two bracket play games will begin on Saturday night.
- **Bracket play cont'd-** All teams that do not advance to bracket play will receive a consolation game on Sunday. Teams traveling from out of town will play the first available consolation games.
- Seeding & Tiebreaker:
 - Overall record
 - Runs allowed
 - Runs scored
- Not covered in the rules: In the event, any item is not covered in the rules, the tournament committee will make the fairest possible ruling and that ruling will be final.
- In the event a rule is not covered in the tournament rules, the MLB rule book will be utilized if applicable.