

# **T-town Showdown 8u Tournament -Rules June 7-9, 2024**

Tournament Director - Jill Galati - 330-328-5769

**WINNING TEAM - PLEASE TEXT SCORES TO A DIVISION MANAGER:**

**330-741-2806 - Brian or 330-606-8598 - Eric**

1. 3 Pool Play Games Friday/Saturday; Single Elimination Bracket Play Sunday
2. This is a Non-Sanctioned Event, but all play will be governed by USA Fastpitch rules with the exceptions identified in these local rules.
3. The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
4. Pitcher's mound will be set at 35 feet. The coach pitcher must have one foot in the circle at the time of the release of the pitch. No exceptions
5. 12 foot dead ball radius in front of home plate
6. \*6 inning game or 70 min time limit – Finish the inning
7. Pool Game- Home team is decided by coin flip.  
Elimination Games – Higher Seed is Home Team
8. No team shall score more than five (5) runs in any inning except for the final (6<sup>th</sup>) inning, which is unlimited if game reaches inning
9. Mercy rules 20 after 4, 15 after 5
10. **Pool Games CAN End in a Tie.**
11. In case of tie on elimination games, will use International Tie-Breaker Rule until a winner is decided – (the last out from previous inning will start the next inning on 2<sup>nd</sup> base)
12. **No time limit in championship game**
13. Each player available for a game will be inserted into the original batting order and will bat even though she may not be playing a position in the field. (Continuous batting order)

14. Each team shall consist of nine players minimum and a maximum of ten players on the field. Four of the ten players in the field will be considered outfielders.
- 15. All teams must have turned in proof of insurance and a team roster prior to play - must be emailed to [jillmgalati@yahoo.com](mailto:jillmgalati@yahoo.com) prior to the weekend. Only girls initially named on your roster can play with you throughout the weekend.**
16. You may finish the game with eight players. If a player is deemed ill or injured and cannot finish, that player will not be an automatic out in batting rotation.
17. Four Outfield players must be at least ten (10) feet behind the baseline. No outfielder may cover a base but can move on field/past line to make a play on the ball but must throw the ball to the base or to the player pitcher.
18. There will be one offensive coach (pitcher) and 2 defensive coaches in the field. The defensive coaches must be positioned in the outfield grass.
19. The offensive coach (pitcher) **may not coach the runner on the bases.** Dead ball if hit ball contacts coach pitcher (hitter stays at bat/no pitch counted) Coach pitcher must make an aggressive attempt to move out of the way of the player pitcher when they are making a play.
20. The pitcher shall deliver a maximum of five (5) pitches to each batter. If a player reaches her final (fifth) pitch and hits foul ball additional pitches will be pitched until the batter puts the ball in play, swings and misses, or does not swing. THREE STRIKES IS AN OUT (even if it happens in less than five pitches)
21. The pitcher player must remain within the pitching circle at the time the batter swings. The pitcher cannot run the ball to any base unless they field the ball within 5 feet of the base. When the bases are loaded, the pitcher cannot run the ball home for the force out. The pitcher must make a throw to home for the out. This is a judgment call of the umpire and cannot be questioned.
22. The batter must take a full swing at the ball. No bunting is permitted. Slap hitting is permitted if one foot remains in the batter's box at time of contact with the pitch.
23. There is no infield fly rule.
24. Runners may not leave the base until the ball is about to cross the plate. Players leaving early will be called out after **1 TEAM** warning. This is a judgment call of the umpire and cannot be questioned.
25. Foul balls behind home plate must be above batters head to be caught for an out.

26. On an infield hit the runner(s) may advance as many bases until the umpire calls "time out"
27. Play stops when the player **THE PITCHER PLAYER HAS THE BALL IN THE CIRCLE AND NOT MAKING A PLAY –** and the **UMPIRE CALLS "TIME OUT"** to call the play dead.  
All other runners that are in motion when the umpire calls "time out" must be across the halfway mark to advance to that next base.
28. Sliding is permitted and encouraged to avoid contact. If player doesn't slide at home plate and a play is attempted on that runner she will be out.
29. No infield warm-up before games. Warm-ups can be done in outfield and on side lines
30. Batting out of order and accepting 1 pitch will constitute an out
31. Due to the uneven number of teams in this division, one team has been scheduled to play a 4th "Free" game. The outcome of that game will only count in the record for the opposing team.
32. Since there are only 7 teams in the 8U division, there will only be one bracket on Sunday. Places will be set based on overall place in the division - Ranked 1 through 7. Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place teams.

**- Seeding for Elimination Sunday**

- **Win/ loss record**
- **Head to head (if the two teams played each other)**
- **Runs allowed**
- **Runs scored**
- **Coin flip**

**Bracket times and places will be set after all games are played on Saturday and will be posted Sunday evening.**