

12U Fire on the Fox tournament rules

Players

Teams are limited to 15 players that have not reached their 13th birthday as of September 1st of the previous year.

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

Teams may play up to 10 defensive players

9 players are required to start a game and 8 players are needed to complete a game

Teams may play with 4 outfielders

The entire roster will bat with free substitutions on defense. Late arriving players will be added to the bottom of the line-up

Injured players who can't play are out for the rest of the game without penalty and cannot re-enter

Final rosters and liability waivers must be turned into the concession stand at least 30 minutes prior to the team's 1st game

Games and Length

All pool play and elimination games will be 7 innings or with a time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes

The Championship game will be 7 innings with a time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Home team is decided by a coin flip for pool play. For Bracket play home team is based off the higher seeded team.

The official start time will be determined by the home plate umpire, acknowledged by both teams and recorded by home team.

A new inning begins when the last out of the previous inning is made

No new inning will start after the time limit has expired

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.(MAXIMUM 6 RUNS)

Pool games tied at the end of the time limit will be declared a tie for seeding purposes

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

A limit of 6 runs may be scored per inning in all innings in all games (including final inning)

USA run rules are applicable in all games.

There is a 15 run mercy rule at the end of 3 innings

There is a 10 run mercy rule at the end of 5 innings

Each team must exchange line up cards with opposing team 15 minutes prior to game. Give additional copy to home plate umpire

Pitching

An 12" ball will be used

The pitching distance is 40 feet

Pitchers are limited to 4 innings per 7 inning game

Pitchers are allowed an additional 4 innings in a game going over 7 innings

New pitchers are allowed 8 warm up pitches

Returning pitchers are allowed 4 warm up pitches

USA pitching rules are followed

The 3rd strike must be secured by the catcher or it is considered a live ball

There are no limits on the number of walks per inning

Offense

Runners may lead off once the ball leaves the pitchers hand

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.

Batters must keep one foot in the batter's box when taking signs

Fake-Bunt-Swing will result in an out

The look back rule is in effect

A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher and pitcher of record. The courtesy runner will be the last out or last batter if no outs occurred

Defense

Infield fly rule is in effect

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

Outfielders must start a defensive play in the outfield grass until the ball is pitched

Additional Rules

If a team is down by more than 6 runs in the final inning, that team will be able to bat (Maximum 6 Runs) to increase seeding for Pool Play.

Any intentional stalling as deemed by the umpire will result in forfeiture of that game

Metal spikes are not allowed

The umpire's decision is final

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

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

Any rules not covered here are governed by USA rules. The tournament committee reserves the right to change any rules listed above

Home team will hold the official book

Coaches and players are responsible for maintaining and cleaning the dugouts after each game

No alcoholic beverage carry ins. Smoking is prohibited

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.

Parking on the grass is prohibited unless otherwise stated