



# 2025 Travelers Classic

## Official Rules – 13U

### Tournament Director:

Jeff Majewski 847-609-6980

### Weather & Refund Policies:

1. All decisions regarding the cancellation or suspension of games will be made by the Tournament Director in collaboration with the umpire. The Tournament Director reserves the right to modify the tournament schedule as needed due to games being suspended to cancelled by weather.
2. If a team plays less than 2 games partial refund will be issued at the discretion of the Tournament Director. A game will be considered to have been played once a pitch is thrown.

### Fields, Schedules and Scores

1. Bases will be set at 80 feet.
2. The pitchers mound will be set at 54 feet.
3. Pregame warmups may be conducted in the outfield once the prior game ends. No pregame warmups are allowed on the infield.
4. In pool play dugouts shall be first come, first served. In bracket play the higher seed shall occupy the third base dugout unless they occupied the other dugout in an immediately preceding game on the same field and choose not to move.
5. The official scoring for all games will be taken from the designated home team's GameChanger.
6. It is the responsibility of the winning manager to report the score of the game to the Tournament Director via text message. Scores should be sent to Jeff Majewski at 847-609-6980 immediately following the conclusion of each game.

### Game Play Rules:

1. All game balls will be provided by the Elk Grove Travelers.
2. All games will be 7 innings. A game will be considered official once three innings are completed (or 2.5 if the home team is ahead).
3. If a game is tied at the conclusion of regular innings or the time limit is reached the game

will be completed using "California Rules". Each half inning will start with one out, a one ball and one strike count on all batters and with the last batted out from the previous inning as a runner on second base.

4. We will do all we can to keep play moving at a good pace. All pool, first round bracket, quarterfinal, and semifinal games will be played with the time restriction that no new inning will start after 1:45 (one hour forty-five minutes) from the time the first warmup pitch of the game is thrown. The championship games will not be played on a time limit. New innings are considered to have started at the time the third out of the previous inning is recorded. Games can start up to 30 minutes ahead of their scheduled time (with the exception of the first set of games on a given day) if the field is prepared and the umpire is present. Please make sure your teams are present and ready to go ahead of your scheduled game times.
5. All games will be played with a continuous batting order.
6. Courtesy runners are encouraged for pitchers and catchers at all times. The last batted out will serve as the courtesy runner unless that player is the pitcher or catcher in which case the batted out prior to that player will serve as the runner.
7. Injured players may leave the game and have their turn skipped in the batting order without penalty. Once a batter misses an at bat they are not allowed to reenter the game. A player who misses an at bat for any other reason shall be called out and will not be allowed to reenter the game.
8. The following run (mercy) rules are in effect for all games: 15 runs after 3 innings (or 2.5 if the home team is ahead), 10 runs after 4 (or 3.5 if the home team is ahead) and 8 runs after 5 (or 4.5 if the home team is ahead).

#### **Pitching:**

1. There will be no pitch count restrictions. Managers are of course encouraged to use proper judgment and care in determining how much to use a pitcher.
2. A new pitcher will be limited to seven warm up pitches on the field per inning  
a returning pitcher will be limited to five warm up pitches on the field per inning

#### **Conduct and Protests.**

1. We are committed to providing an enjoyable weekend of baseball for everyone who participates in and comes to observe the Traveler's Classis.
2. **Any manager, coach, player or spectator who is ejected from a game for any reason must leave the park grounds right away and will not be permitted to return for the rest of the tournament. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the current game and possible removal of the offending party's team from the tournament. Inappropriate conduct may result in the individual and/or their team from being prohibited from participating in future leagues, tournaments and other events hosted by the Elk Grove Travelers.**
3. Smoking, vaping, alcohol and other substances are not allowed on any Elk Grove Park District property, including Community Athletic Fields.
4. Protests of judgement calls are not allowed under any circumstances.

5. If a manager wishes to protest a rule interpretation the manager MUST
  - a. Inform the umpire of their intent to protest before another pitch is thrown. Once another pitch is thrown
  - b. Provide \$150 cash
  - c. Call Tournament Director Jeff Majewski at 847-609-6980 who will render a final ruling. If the protest is successful the \$150 will be returned to the protesting manager. If the protest is unsuccessful the \$150 will not be returned to the manager.

**Standings and Playoffs:**

1. Teams will be seeded in the bracket in the order that they finish in pool play.
2. -If two teams finish pool play with the same record the first tie breaker will be head-to-head result. If the two teams did not face each other in pool play the following criteria will be used to break the tie in this order:
  - a. Fewest runs allowed
  - b. Most runs scored
  - c. Highest run differential (runs scored less runs allowed)
  - d. Coin flip
3. If three or more teams finish with the same record head-to-head results will not be considered and the criteria outlined above will be used in the same order to break all ties. Instead of a coin toss, teams will be drawn from a hat by the Tournament Director to establish the final pool standings if the first three criteria fail to break the tie.
4. The bracket will not be reseeded at any time.