



14TH ANNUAL AMERICAN HERO VETERANS TOURNAMENT

RULES

2025

National Federation High School (NFHS) rules will be used for this tournament, with the following inclusions

UNIFORMS	LINE UPS
Player jerseys require a number on the back. Coaches can dress casually and appropriate.	Required. Copy to home plate umpire; copy to the opposing team and copy to game official scorer Line up cards provided.
BASEBALLS	BATTING ORDER
Each team will be issued one (1) dozen game baseballs at time of check in. Two (2) new game baseballs to be presented to the home plate umpire at the pre-game meeting Teams are required to chase down balls that go out of play on their side of the field	Per NFHS Rules NO EH permitted
SUBSTITUTION	BAT SPECIFICATION
Per NFHS rules	BBCOR stamp metal or wood bat
GAME LENGTH	COURTESY RUNNER
Time Limit 2:00 Inning that starts must be completed. There is NO "Drop Dead" Seven (7) inning games Pool Play no extra innings Bracket Round tie game last batted out goes to second base to start the inning. Process continues until a winner is determined Weather: Official game is 2 1/2-3 innings	Per NFHS Rules
HOME TEAM	RUN RULES
Pool play coin toss determines HOME Team Bracket rounds higher seed is HOME team HOME TEAM provides game official scorer	10 runs after 4 1/2 - 5 innings. Coach behind 15 or more runs after 4 innings may end the game at that point.
CONDUCT	PITCHING
Player or coache ejected must immeidately leave the field and go directly to the parking lot. The ejection report will be reviewed to determine whtether the ejected individual is permitted to participate in the team's next game.	No pitching limits. Coaches responsible for managing pitchers properly All NFHS pitching rules in effect, i.e.balks, pitch clock, trips to the mound, intentional walk, etc.
PRE-GAME	DUGOUTS
No batting practice on the game field. All pre-game warm up conducted on the side or in the outfield	First come, first serve basis No buckets, chairs, etc. or standing outside of the dugout. All coaching personnel and players must inside the confines of the dugout
	SAFETY
	All NFHS safety rules will be invoked. Adult coaches shall wear batting helmet when on the coaching lines
	POST GAME
	Clean up dugout prior to leaving NO post-game meetings on the game field. Meetings can be done in common areas or in the parking lot
	STARTING/FINISHING GAME
	Team may start and finish game with 8 players. Game time is forfeit time if team has less than 8.

TIE BREAKER PROCESS

- Criteria 1 Pool Play: Win-Loss-Tie
- Criteria 2 Head to head results if applicable
- Criteria 3 Least number of runs allowed .
- Criteria 4 Run Differential
- Criteria 5 Coin Toss

SEEDING BRACKET ROUND

- Criteria 1 Win-Loss-Tie
- Criteria 2 Least number of runs allowed
- Criteria 3 Run Differential
- Criteria 4 Coin Toss

WEATHER

Weather delays will result in waiting as long as possible to get games played and completed. Coaches, players and parents need to understand that decisions to continue games is determined by the Kino Sports Complex field crews in conjunction with the Kino Baseball League and the umpires.

Game delayed by lightning (unlikely in November but just in case) the Kino Sports Complex event staff will result in teams and spectators vacating the complex and head to the parking lot and their vehicles and we will wait as long as possible to resume the games.

The tournament format may be changed to lesser time limits, fewer innings, cancellation game or seed advancement to complete the tournament. Results and awards distributoin may be based off pool play seeding, instances where game are played without an elimination finish. If the weather becomes a factor, we may revert back to first pool play game or 1/2 of the offical game time for the playoff seeding.

