

U12 and below Tournament Rules

We will play by the same rules as the NFHS with the following exceptions. If there is any uncertainty as to a rule the tournament director has the final say and cannot be challenged.

1. Pitchers may not pitch more than 8 innings during the tournament and no more than 6 innings in one day. If a pitcher pitches 6 innings in a day he is done for the tournament. One pitch in an inning counts as a whole inning. When the pitcher hits this limit he must come out immediately. This is a safety rule not a penalty.
2. Game time is forfeit time. (unless team coming from another field) Games can start up to 30 minutes early if field is ahead.
3. The re-entry rule will apply for all starters as long as they enter back into the batting order in the same position they started.
4. Games are to be 6 innings in length, unless the time limit is reached. No new innings will start after 1hr. 45min., 2hr time limit in finals, the umpire will have the official time. In case of a tie in bracket play you will start the next inning with the last out from the previous inning on second base. You start with one out and the batter due up with a 1-1 count. Follow this format until a winner is determined. Pool play games may end in ties.
5. Run rules are as follows: 15 runs after 3 innings. 10 runs after 4. 8 runs after 5.
6. Courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher or pitcher. You must use someone not in the lineup unless you are batting everyone, and then you will use your last out.
7. All teams are scheduled to play as shown on the tournament schedule. The tournament director shall have the right to reformat the tournament in the event of bad weather. **Before arriving to the tournament please email a copy of your roster and proof of insurance to the director.**
8. You may bat 9, 10 or roster. If roster batting and a player is injured and removed from the game, you do not take an out in that spot of the order. Simply remove the player and move to next batter.
9. Pitchers may not return to the mound. They may play any other field position but once they are removed from the mound they cannot go back in to pitch.
10. There are no protests. The umpire's decision is final.
11. Home team will be decided by coin toss in pool play games and games played by equal seeds. If there is a higher seed they will be home team.
12. 4 Game balls will be provided. **Please have backups if necessary and have players chase down foul balls**

13. Runners must slide or attempt to avoid contact when the tag is waiting. No malicious contact shall be allowed and is at the umpire's discretion. If the umpire deems contact malicious the player will be ejected and may sit the following game as well.

14. Any coach or manager ejected from a game will also be suspended the next game.

15. There will be no infield practice taken on the field before games. You may hit ground balls in foul territory on your side of the field, or fly balls in the outfield if time permits. No batting practice is allowed, however you may hit wiffle balls in the outfield if time allows.

16. Coaches must have copies of player birth certificates on hand in case a player is questioned. No player shall turn older than the age division playing in prior to May 1, of current year.

17. A concession stand will be provided with drinks and snacks. No Coolers Allowed.

18. Refund Policy. If no games are played you will get a 90% refund. If one game is played you will get half returned. If 2 or more games are played you will not get any refund. We will do everything possible to get all games in.

19. Tie Breakers for seeding purposes. a. head to head – If more than 2 teams are tied you go to runs allowed unless a team that is tied beat all the others they are tied with. b. Runs allowed c. runs scored d. coin toss

20. After games please make sure the dugout and surrounding area have been cleaned up and move out promptly so next game can start on time. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

21. Roster and Insurance must be turned in before first game. Failure to do so could be cause for forfeit.

22. **8U specific** – no stealing, shuffle shuffle, (two steps) lead is allowed with no pick off attempts. Runners only advance on batted balls, walks, HBP etc. Drop third strikes are outs at all times and runners may not advance. Games will be 5 innings or 1hr. 45Min. Pitchers may not pitch more than 5 innings in a weekend and 1 pitch in the inning counts as an inning. Games will be 5 innings.

23. Age based grade exceptions for 12U and older. We will allow max of 2 per team.

12U Division Players who turn 13 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 6th grade. Also, any player turning 14 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 12u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

13U Division Players who turn 14 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 7th grade. Also, any player turning 15 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 13u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

14U Division Players who turn 15 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 8th grade. Also, any player turning 16 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 14u eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.

15U Division Players who turn 16 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are a freshman in High School. Also, any player turning 17 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 15u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

16U Division Players who turn 17 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are a sophomore in High School. Also, any player turning 18 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 16u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

17U Division Players who turn 18 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are a junior in High School. Also, any player turning 19 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 17u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

18U Division Players who turn 19 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are a senior in High School. Also, any player turning 20 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 18u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

12U – 18U, all players participating in tournament play shall have photocopies or digital copies of their original birth certificate and players report card showing current grade, in the possession of their team manager at all times. Upon protest, failure to have a photocopy or a digital copy of the original birth certificate or report card immediately available upon demand shall result in the offending team losing the game(s), being ejected from the tournament.

Thank you

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