

Information:

- No entry fee
- Concessions and local food truck and mobile espresso stand will be available.
- Merchandise tent will feature tournament swag and other items
- Rings for 1st place and Medals for 2nd place will be handed out
- Tournament will supply 2 new baseballs per game – Please have used ones to be put into play when needed to keep pace of game

General Game Play:

9u Divisions will be played on 60-foot bases. The division will play no leadoffs and no dropped third strikes. Runners may steal when the ball crosses the plate. There will be no balks called. A 5-run maximum per inning applies to all innings during Pool Play. In Consolation and Championship games, a 5-run maximum per inning will be enforced, except for the final inning which will have no limit. The umpire will announce the final inning.

9u Blue Division – will pitch from 43’

9u Green Division – will pitch from 46’

10U division will be played on 65-foot bases with a 46-foot pitching distance. The division will play leadoffs/steals and drop 3rd strike. Balks will be called after 1 warning.

11U division will be played on 70-foot bases with a 50-foot pitching distance. Both divisions will play by the same rules and allow for leadoffs/steals and dropped third strikes. Balks will be called after 1 warning.

12u division will be played on 70-foot bases with a 50-foot pitching distance. Both divisions will play by the same rules and allow for leadoffs/steals and dropped third strikes. Balks will be called.

13u division will be played on 80-foot bases with 54-foot pitching distance

14u division will be played on 90-foot bases with 60-foot pitching distance

General Game Play (cont.):

- Head first slides will be allowed in all divisions.
- NO metal spikes allowed 8-12u. Metal spikes are allowed in 13-14u except on pitching mound.
- Courtesy runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers only with 2 outs. Have a coach ready to warm up pitchers if needed to keep games going.

- Teams will not be able to warm up on the fields prior to game start unless the field is available. Warm up space is available in the outfield near playground and skate park. East field will only be available if there are no more scheduled games for the day.
- Ties are allowed in all pool play games.
- Venom teams will use the dugouts that line the concession area. North field – 1st base dugout, South field – 3rd base dugout
- Home team for pool play has been predetermined so each team will have 1 home, and 1 away pool play. It is up to coaches to know this ahead of time.
- Home team for consolation and championship will be the team of higher seed after pool play
- Home team will keep official score and turn in pitch count and score to tournament admin tent following the game. This tent is located near concession stand and food truck.

TIMING

- 8-11u: No new inning after 1:15 for pool play. No new inning after 1:30 in consolation and championship games.
- 12u – No new inning after 1:20 for pool play. No new inning after 1:45 in consolation and championship game.
- 13-14u – No new inning after 1:45 for all games
- Umpire will start the clock at conclusion of the plate meeting.
- Pitchers are allowed 5 warm up pitches between innings and 8 for new pitchers. Coaches should be ready to go, keeping the transition between half innings quick as possible.

Mercy Rules:

- 12 runs after 3 innings
- 10 runs after 4 innings
- 8 runs after 5 innings

Seeding and Tie Breakers:

1. Win/Loss record
2. Head to head (only in case of a 2-way tie OR sweep if all tied teams played each other)
3. Runs allowed
4. Run differential (min/max of 8 per game)
5. Runs scored
6. Fewest runs allowed in a single game
7. Most runs scored in a single game
8. Coin flip

Bat Restrictions:

8U-12U

- Metal/Composite bat
- All bats must have a branding, label, or stamp proving BPF 1.15.
- USABat, BBCOR and Wood bats are also allowed.

13-14u

- All bats must have a branding, label, or stamp proving USSSA BPR 1.15 Certification
- USA Bat, BBCOR and Wood bats are also allowed.
- 13U -8 or -5

Pitching Restrictions:

8U: Event Limit is 65 pitches

9U: Event Limit is 65 pitches

10U: Event Limit is 75 pitches

11U: Event Limit is 85 pitches

12u-13u: Event limit is 95 pitches

Friday night pool play games – pitch count toward event limit

Batting order and Substitutions:

Teams will be allowed to use EHs and a DH (for any player)

Teams will have the option of batting 9, 10 or the entire roster. If batting 10, an EH will be added, and must remain for the entire game. If batting the entire roster, all players not currently playing in the field will be scored as an EH which will represent a position the same way a shortstop or centerfield would.

All age divisions will allow re-entry one time for the starter.

Age Restrictions:

The age cutoff for is May 1st. Any player with a birthday prior to May 1st must play in that years age division or older. Example: a player turning 12 on April 30th will be required to play in the 12U division or older. A player turning 12 on May 2nd may play in the 11U division or older.

It is the coaches' responsibility to have proof of player's age in the event it is challenged. If there is no proof of age then the player will be removed from the game. If it is determined that the player is illegal, he/she will be removed from the game and the coach will be ejected. If you have a question regarding a player's DOB, please stop the game immediately and find a site director. Nothing can be done retroactively.

Extra Innings (for Championship Games):

Texas Tie Breaker, last 3 hitters on base with 1 out.

The base runners will be placed as follows:

- Last hitter from previous inning @ 1st Base
- Hitter before him in the lineup @ 2nd Base
- Hitter before that in the lineup @ 3rd Base
- Normal substitution rules apply to these runners.
- The hitting team will start the inning with one out.
- Play continues until one team is ahead at the end of an inning.

Sportsmanship

In the interest of maintaining a quality event, the tournament committee reserves the right to eject any person from the site for unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior.

Physical or verbal attack on an umpire, tournament official, associate director, associate officer, and/or any player or fan prior, during, or immediately following a game will not be tolerated.

\$500 entry fee – Please send payments no later than 2/7 to secure your spot.

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