

Information:

- No entry fee
- Concessions and local food truck & Coffee truck will be available.
- Merchandise tent will feature tournament swag and other items
- Rings for 1st place and Custom T-shirts 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
- \$550 Registration fee – Please send payments no later than 2/26 to secure your spot. Venom (@stillyvenombaseball) or a Check to Stilly Venom Baseball @ 526 Northwest AVE PMB 19 Arlington, WA 98223
- Questions/concerns contact the Tournament Admin: Alexis Lowe: 425-507-5608 or Lowealexis44@gmail.com

General Game Play:

- 8u-9u Divisions will be played on 60-foot bases and will pitch from 46'. 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, Bracket 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 declare the final inning.**
- 10U division will be played on 65-foot bases with a 46-foot pitching distance. The division will **NOT** play leadoffs/steals and drop 3rd strike.
- 11U-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 after 1 warning.

General Game Play (cont.):

- Headfirst slides will be allowed in all divisions.
- **NO** metal spikes allowed 8-12u.
- 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 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.

TIMING:

- 8-11u: No new inning after 1:15 for pool play/bracket and 1:30 for championship games and championship game.
- 12u: No new inning after 1:20 for pool play/bracket and 1:45 for championship games
- There is no Tie in bracket or championship game
- Umpire will start the clock at conclusion of the plate meeting.
- Pitchers are allowed 5 warmup 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:

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

Bat Restrictions:

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

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 Event limit is 95 pitches
- *(If) Friday night pool play games – pitch count toward event limit

Batting order and Substitutions:

- Teams will be allowed to use EH (extra hitters) and a DH (designated hitter) (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.
- Teams can start a game with as few as 8 players; in that case, the 9th spot in the order is an automatic out. Teams with fewer than 8 players must take a forfeit – the game can still be played
- If players are removed from the lineup for whatever reason (injury, etc.), the spot of the player removed from the lineup will result in an automatic out

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 (player, coach, fan) 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.