



Rules and Guidelines of the Tournament:

RECREATION DIVISION

- 1 The 5-6 and 7-8 Recreation Division will be governed by Dizzy Dean Baseball Rules.
- 2 Only approved USA Bats will be allowed in recreation divisions.
- 3 Game Time Limits are 60 minutes or 6 innings, whichever comes first. **Please add ten (10) minutes to championship games.**
- 4 Run Rule - A Maximum of 5 Runs Scored Per Team At Bat Will Be Allowed.
- 5 The Mercy Rule will be in effect when a team is mathematically eliminated from catching up.
- 6 See Attached Additional 5-6 and 7-8 Recreation Baseball Rules.

SELECT DIVISION

- 1 The Select Baseball Division will be governed by National High School Federation Rules.
- 2 8U Game Time Limits are 60 minutes or 6 innings, whichever comes first. **Please add ten (10) minutes to championship games.**
- 3 8-U Select Run Rule - A Maximum of 7 Runs Scored Per Team At Bat Will Be Allowed.
- 4 8-U Select Mercy Rule will be in effect when a team is mathematically eliminated from catching up.
- 5 **Bats:** No Coach Pitch Bats; USSSA BPF 1.15 or USA Stamp or Wood; 13U Uses (-5), 14U Uses (-3)
- 6 9-U thru 12-U Select Games will have Time Limits of 80 minutes or 6 innings, whichever comes first. 13U & 14U will play 90 minutes. **Please add 10 minutes to all Championship game time limits.**
- 7 The **Mercy Rule** in 9-U thru 14-U shall be 15 Runs After 3, 10 After 4 and 8 Runs After 5.
- 8 Pitching Limits - There are no limits; however, the coaching staff is responsible for protecting their pitcher's arms.
- 9 In 7U - 12U, batters are not allowed to square around to bunt and then pull the bat back in an attempt to swing at the ball. This is simply a safety rule for this level of play to prevent fielders charging in to field bunts from getting hit with the ball at close range. Umpires may call the batter out if they judge the batter squares around to bunt and then pulls the bat bat and swings.

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TEAM INSURANCE

- * All teams are required to have team insurance. It is imperative to make sure your team is covered and that your players have medical insurance.

TEAM REGISTRATION

- * All teams are required to register / pay their entry fee to the tournament director before their 1st game. Games will not begin until the entry fee has been received.
- * Age Control Date for each Age Group is May 1st
- * All teams should be able to prove a player's age if the tournament director requests proof.

GATE ADMISSION

- * WEEKEND TOURNAMENT PASS: \$12 / Adults or \$10 / Students Ages 11-18 & Seniors 60 +
- * SATURDAY: \$7 / Adults and \$6 / Students (Ages 11-18) and Seniors 60+
- * SUNDAY: \$7 / Adults and \$6 / Students (Ages 11-18) and Seniors 60+
- * KIDS 10-UNDER ARE FREE

COACHES PASS

- * Each Team Will Receive Three (3) Coaches Passes. All Passes Must Be Signed For. Once The Three (3) Passes Have Been Claimed, All Other Spectators Must Pay Admission.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- * Each Team is Guaranteed 3 Games. The Tournament Format Will Depend on the Total Number of Teams Entered in Each Age Group. The Tournament Director Does Reserve the Right to Change the Format of the Tournament Should a Need Arise.
- * Teams Will be Seeded Accordingly:
 - Wins / Losses
 - Head-to-Head Match Up
 - Runs Allowed
 - Run Differential (Runs Scored minus Runs Allowed)
 - Runs Scored
 - Coin Flip
- * Tie Breakers - In Pool Play, Games Tied After the Time Limit Has Expired Will End in a Tie.
- * Tie Breakers - In Bracket Play, Games Tied After the Time Limit Has Expired or the Maximum Innings Played Shall Use the "International Tie Breaker" Rule to Break the Tie.
 - The Last Player To Complete Their Turn Atbat In The Previous Inning Shall Be Placed on 2nd Base.
 - Zero Outs On the Board At the Beginning of the Inning.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- * Inclement Weather Policy - In the Event that Inclement Weather Creates a Situation Where Some or All of the Tournament Games Are Cancelled, The Following Refund Policy Will Go Into Effect:
 - 1 Game Cancelled = 33% of Entry Fee Refunded
 - 2 Games Cancelled = 66% of Entry Fee Refunded
 - 3 Games Cancelled = 100% of Entry Fee Refunded
- * Inclement Weather Hotline - **(706) 935-RAIN (7246)** - A Message Regarding Tournament Status Will Be Left Here. Please Inform Your Parents / Coaches of this Hotline.
- * **Official Games:** For a Scheduled Six (6) Inning Game, If Three (3) Innings Have Been Completed or If The Home Team Has Scored More Runs In Two (2) Innings or Two And One Half (2 1/2) Innings Than The Visiting Team Has Scored In Three (3) Complete Innings or If The Home Team Scores One (1) or More Runs In Its half (1/2) of the Third (3rd) Inning To Tie The Score.
- * **Tie Games:** If a Regulation Game is Called With The Score Tied and one (1) or More Innings Has Been Completed Beyond Three (3) Innings, the Score Shall Revert Back To The Last Completed Inning, or Last Completed Half (1/2) Inning if the Home Team Leads but Back No Further Than The Third (3rd) Inning. Games That Cannot Be Declared a Regulation Game Shall Be Suspended.

ADDITIONAL GAME RULES

- * Teams May List and Bat All Roster Players Present at Game Time, or Bat nine (9) Players Only With the Remaining Players Listed as Substitutions. This Must Be Decided Before the Game Begins. **The minimum number of players to start or continue a game is 8.**
- * If a Team Chooses to List and Bat All Roster Players Present, that Team Will Have Free Defensive Substitutions For All Players Except Pitchers.
- * If a Team Chooses to Bat the Standard Nine (9) Players, Any Starters Subbed For May Re-Enter the Game One (1) Time in their Original Batting Order Slot.
- * Courtesy Runner - If there Are Less Than Two (2) Outs in the Inning, Either the Catcher or Pitcher Can Choose to Use a Courtesy Runner; however, if there Are Two (2) Outs in the Inning, the Catcher MUST Use a Courtesy Runner Should He Reach Base.
- * Courtesy Runner - The Courtesy Runner Will Be The Last Batted Out. If It Is The 1st Inning And No Outs Have Been Made, then the Last Batter in the Lineup (list and bat all players) or a Substitute Player (Batting the Standard 9 With Subs) Shall Be Used as the Courtesy Runner.
- * **U.S.S.S.A. Rules will be followed in 7U and 8U Select Coach Pitch.**
 - Batters Will Receive 6 Pitches. A Player Cannot Foul Out
 - The Infield Fly Rule WILL NOT Be In Effect In Coach Pitch.
 - No Bunting Allowed in Coach Pitch.
 - No Stealing or Playing Off Base in Coach Pitch.
 - The Pitcher and Catcher Is Allowed a Courtesy Runner.

HOME TEAM / VISITING TEAM

- * In Pool Play, Teams Flip For Home Team. The Home Team is the Official Scorekeeper in Pool Play.
- * In Bracket Play, the Home Team is the Higher Seed. This is not optional.
- * The Visiting Team Will Be Responsible for Operating the Score Board.
- * Line-Ups Should Be Completed / Exchanged 15 Minutes Before Game Time. Teams Should Also be Prepared to Start Any Scheduled Game 15 Minutes Early.

EQUIPMENT

- * Teams Are Asked to Wear Matching Uniforms with a Number on the Back of the Shirt / Jersey.
- * **Pitchers ARE NOT ALLOWED to Wear Metal Cleats on the Mound.**
PENALTY: Player restricted to dugout for the remainder of the game.
- * Each Team Must Provide Two (2) Quality Baseballs Per Game (one new and one playable). No Composite Center Balls or RIF Balls will be Allowed.
- * 13U teams may choose to use the drop (-5) or (-3) bats.
- * 14U teams must use the drop (-3) bats.

UMPIRES / SPECTATORS

- * The Umpires Are in Charge of the Game. Excessive Arguing or Abuse From a Coach, Parent, Fan, Spectator or Player Will Not Be Tolerated. The Head Coach IS Responsible for All Players, Assistant Coaches, and Spectators. The Umpire's Decision on Any Judgment Call is Final. Rule Interpretations Should Be Brought to the Attention of the Umpire In Chief (U.I.C.). Any Rule Not Covered in This Tournament Rule Packet Shall Follow National High School Federation Baseball Rules.

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