



## 8U Tournament Rules

### Game Play Rules and Age Requirements

1. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the age cut -off date.
2. Each game will be 6 innings. Four innings constitutes an official game.
3. On Saturday home team will be determined by a coin flip. Team traveling the farthest to the tourney calls heads or tails.
4. On Sunday the higher seeded team will be the home team.
5. Home team is responsible for the official scorebook, both teams should keep a book and confer the score after each inning.
6. **All games will have a 1 hour 15 minute time limit dead stop for pool play can finish inning. Ties are allowed in pool play.**
7. All players should be ready to play at game time. If a game starts at 10:00am all players should be ready for the game to start at that time.
8. A 15-run mercy rule will be effect after 3 innings and a 10-run rule after 4 innings.
9. Coach will pitch overhand to players, with one foot remaining in the pitching circle at all times.
10. In the event the ball hits the coach pitcher, one of the following will occur: If the umpires deem the contact accidental: replay the pitch. If the umpires deem the contact intentional: immediate dead ball, batter out.
11. There will be a continuous batting order and you may substitute freely.
12. Batters will be thrown a max of 6 pitches. Batter can stay alive with foul tip on 6<sup>th</sup> pitch. Batter is struck out on third strike.
13. **USA stamped bats only.**
14. A player not sliding on a close play can be called out on umpire's discretion.
15. Base runners may not lead off.
  - a. No stealing
  - b. No advancing on passed ball by catcher
  - c. No buntingThe defending pitcher must begin play with at least one foot inside the pitcher's circle.
16. Four outfielders are permitted. All outfielders must begin each pitch in the outfield.
17. The ball is live unless the ball leaves the field of play. This will be clearly marked.
18. NO infield fly rule.
19. Two defensive coaches are allowed, but must be in foul territory beyond the infield.

20. Seeding will be determined by Win vs Loss, Head to Head, Runs allowed, runs scored, if there is a tie after all of those, there will be a coin flip.
21. The top 4 teams will play in the championship bracket, the bottom 4 will play in the Silver bracket.
22. **The most important rule is that we are all here for the kids to have an awesome weekend of baseball. Most importantly I expect all coaches and parents to set a good example about sportsmanship.**

### Rain Policy:

No games played is full refund minus \$75 registration fee

1 game played is \$100 return

2 games played no refund