

## Tournament Rules

1. Tournament specific rules are covered below. Rules not specifically outlined below are covered by the NFHS Baseball Rules.
2. Game time is forfeit time, forfeit is one run per inning. Please have your team warmed and ready to play.
3. No infield before games.
4. Game length Games will be 6 innings with a 1:40 game time for U10 – U12 & 7 innings with a 1:50 for U13-U15. No new inning will start after the 1:40 or 1:50 time has expired. No stalling. Hustle in and hustle out your teams.
5. Tie breaker Game tie breaker, each half inning will start with the bases loaded and one (1) out. Each team will continue the batting order from the previous inning, with the three (3) previous batters occupying the bases, with the last batter occupying 1st base, the next to last batter occupying 2nd base and the 3rd batter occupying 3rd base. The game will continue until a winner is determined.  
**Example:** The game ends in a 4-4 tie. The visiting team determines the #4 batter is due up. The team will put the #3 batter on first, the #2 batter on 2nd, and the #1 batter on 3rd. There will be one out in the inning and both teams will play like this until a winner is decided.
6. Time limit Championship round games will not have a time limit.
7. There will be a 10 run rule after 5 innings for all U14/U15 semifinal and championship games.
8. There will be a 10 run rule after 4 innings for all U10/U11/U12/U13 semifinal and championship games.
9. Pitching Restrictions all age groups have no pitching limits. U10 and U11 age groups have one warning for balks. Once the pitcher is removed from a game he can not re-enter as the pitcher.
10. Bat restrictions
  - U10 Little League or Senior League Bats
  - U11 Little League or Senior League Bats
  - U12 Little League or Senior League Bats
  - U13 Little League or Senior League Bats
  - U14 Senior League Bats or NFHS
  - U15 NFHS
11. Bunt and slash play, U10 will not allow the bunt and slash play. If the batter attempts this play he will be out and all runners will go back to their original bases.
12. Batting order, teams may elect to bat 9 players AND/OR bat 10 players with the 10th player being a EH (extra hitter) and/or a DH. The EH is considered a defensive player and may switch in and out defensively. A starter may re-enter one time only to their original spot. Teams may also bat their entire roster regardless of how the opposing teams bats their roster.
13. Courtesy runner for the catcher only, at any time but with 2 outs is mandatory. The courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the lineup. If roster batting, use last recorded out. (courtesy runners need to be ready)
14. Base runner must slide or attempt to avoid contact.
15. Two (2) quality baseballs per game will be provided. Both teams will be responsible for retrieving and providing quality baseballs beyond the two tournament provided baseballs.
16. Home team coin flip except for semi and championship round. Higher seed will be home team in semi and championship round
17. Containers No glass containers allowed in the dugout. **NO COOLERS ALLOWED IN THE BALL PARK.** I repeat: **NO COOLERS ALLOWED IN THE BALL PARK.** Please make your parents aware of this rule.
18. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of coaches, parents, and fans.
19. The umpires are in charge of the game. Excessive arguing or abuse will not be tolerated. The umpires' decision is final.

20. All participants are competing at their own risk. By participating you agree to hold the Tournament director, Tournament officials, tournament hosts, and tournament sponsors harmless from any liability resulting from participation in the tournament. Team insurance is mandatory and must be available upon request.
21. Seeding will be by 1.) Record 2.) Head to Head 3.) Runs allowed 4.) Runs Scored 5.) Coin Flip.
22. Teams selected to play in the Championship round are determined by best record first, head to head second, **only if all teams tied have played each other.** If three or more teams are tied and have not all played each other we will go to fewest runs allowed, then runs scored, with a coin flip as the last tie breaker.
23. Birth certificates must be available if challenged.

### **Rain out policy:**

1. If the tournament is completely rained out, meaning fields are unplayable, and no games are played on Saturday and Sunday, or the back up date of August 8th and 9th, 50% of the entry fee received shall be refunded with a 25% discount for a future Go Yard hosted tournament to every team entered.
2. The Tournament Director reserves the right to change the format of any tournament to a single game elimination bracket format. This would only take place once it has been determined that there is no possible way to finish the published format due to weather or field conditions.
3. No refunds will be given to any team playing at least one (1) game regardless of the format in any tournament.
4. Managers are responsible for staying in contact with the tournament director. @ 920-253-9956
5. Managers are also responsible for leaving a phone number as to where they can be contacted during the course of the tournament. GoYard Baseball cannot be held responsible for failure to contact a team.
6. Teams must be available to play starting Saturday and Sunday regardless of their listed game times. If unexpected changes occur in scheduling due to weather related problems, teams must be prepared to adjust to the new schedule. Team coaches will be contacted of changes. Managers must leave a number of where they can be contacted. GoYard Baseball cannot be held responsible for failure to contact a team.

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RE-FORMAT THE TOURNAMENT. NO FEE REFUND WILL BE ISSUED FOR GAMES MISSED.**