



# Tribe Youth Baseball

## Tournament Rules

Our tournament rules will follow official NFHS baseball rules, with the following exceptions:

- 1) **Game length:** Games are 6 innings or a max of 1 hour, 25 minutes in duration. No new inning may start after the 1:25 time limit, except in tie. No infield practice on the game field before the games, and limited to 1<sup>st</sup> baseman led infield practice during the 1<sup>st</sup> inning only to promote speed of play. Umpires will track appropriate warm up pitches. No time limit in Championship game.
- 2) **Extra innings:** Ties will be broken as such: all extra innings will start with the bases loaded and one out. The three runners to occupy the bases to start the inning will be the last three hitters from the previous inning (last hitter on 1<sup>st</sup>, etc). Each half inning starts this way until the tie is broken at the end of an extra inning.  
Extra innings in the Championship game will be played normally.
- 3) **Run rule:** There will be a 15 run rule after 3 innings, a 12 run rule after 4, and a 10 run rule after 5.
- 4) **Pitching restrictions:** Pitchers are limited to a maximum of three innings per game at all levels. One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning. Once a pitcher has been used in a game and removed from pitching, he cannot come back and pitch in that game.
- 5) **Bat restrictions:** Players at all levels can only use bats bearing the 1.15 BPF, with max barrel of 2 ¾ with no drop restrictions.
- 6) **Field sizes:**
  - U8 – 40 pitching, 60 bases
  - U9 – 46 pitching, 65 bases
  - U10 – 46 pitching, 65 bases
  - U12 – 50 pitching, 70 bases
- 7) **Base running and stealing:** At U12, lead offs and stealing allowed. At U8, U9, and U10, no lead offs, baserunner cannot leave the base until it crosses home plate, and is out if he does. NFHS rules will apply to all runner/fielder contact on the bases.
- 8) **Bunt and Slash play:** will not be allowed at any level.
- 9) **Courtesy runner:** mandatory for catcher with two outs, optional for pitcher with two outs.
- 10) **Batting order and positions on defense:** All teams will bat their entire roster (all present) in that particular game (this is a B/C level tourney). Fielders can re-enter at any fielding position except pitcher. Nine positions played on defense at all levels.
- 11) **Cleats:** no metal spikes.
- 12) **Balls:** game balls provided by the tournament hosts.
- 13) **Home team:** decided by coin flip for each game.
- 14) **Sportmanship:** demanded by all coaches, fans, and players. We expect all adults to set outstanding examples, and expect all players to follow those examples.
- 15) **Protests:** not allowed. We will use WIAA certified umpires and their decisions are final.
- 16) **Food and drink:** we will provide full concessions. As a fundraiser for our organization, we would ask that coaches make a strong request to parents from bringing coolers or snacks for the team.
- 17) **Refunds:** partial refunds if weather cancels more than half the tournament.
- 18) Tribe Baseball and all volunteers are not responsible for injuries by players, coaches, or spectators.  
All who participate In any way or attend the tournament are covered strictly by their own insurance.

