

9/10U tournament rules

- UMPIRES and COACHES: YOU MUST GO OVER THESE RULES WITH BOTH HEAD COACHES BEFORE EACH GAME
- Teams must be at their assigned field and ready to play 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time if the game before them finishes early.

****GAME Cards must have Pitchers Names, pitch counts recorded for each pitcher, team names, age of teams – game time and field #.**

A flip of a coin between the two teams determines the home team for each pool play game.

For bracket play games, the highest seed is home team, excluding the championship, where a coin flip will occur.

The official start time of the game must be recorded at the bottom of score card at the start of the game and agreed upon by both head coaches and Home Plate Umpire. This is most important due to time limits. Game clock will stop in the event of an injury to a player on the field, protest if the protest procedure is followed or for a rule interpretation. Judgement calls cannot be protested.

If there is a rules interpretation issue, the game must be stopped then and the tournament director contacted.

Mercy rules for 6 inning games will be 15 runs after THREE innings, or THREE-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead). 10 runs after four innings, or three-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead). 8 runs after five innings, or four-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead).

PITCHING RULES:

All – Star games: 90 pitches max for the 2 days – may pitch two innings/6 outs and pitch the next day/ 90 pitches still in effect.

Travel teams: 18 outs in one day max / 27 outs for the tournament

No Balks will be called for this event

Pool Game and bracket game time limits for all games except the Championship game are as follows:

9U GAMES will have a 1:50 hour time limit. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 50 minutes.

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All Pool games tied at the end of regulation (innings) or at the end of the time limits will be counted as a tie in the standings. No extra innings will be played in the pool rounds.

If a game is called due to rain, Weather, light failure, or other acts of Nature and cannot be resumed it is a regulation game if: For a six (6) inning game, if three (3) innings have been played or if the home team has scored more runs after two and one half (2 1/2) innings the game shall be declared a complete game.

In bracket play if a game is tied after 4 or more innings, the game will be a suspended game

In bracket play if a game is tied after 5 or more innings, the score will revert to the previous inning. If still tied, the game will be a suspended game. 7.03.D All games that for any reason cannot be declared a regulation game pursuant to USSSA Rule 7.03.C shall be a suspended game. A suspended game when resumed, shall resume from the exact point of suspension.

All Bracket games will be played until there is a winner. If tied at the end of regulation (inning) or time limit, we will play one extra inning and if still tied, followed by the Ohio Sudden Death rule except for the championship game. Championship games will be played out until there is a winner.

OHIO SUDDEN DEATH METHOD: The last 2 batters of record in the batting order the previous inning will be placed in order at 1st and 2nd base (the second last batter from the previous inning goes to 2nd base and the last batter from the previous inning out goes to 1st base) and the offense will have no outs. No pinch runners will be allowed for the last 2 batters that are being positioned during this process. ☒

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