

GREAT LAKES BASEBALL LEAGUE {GLBL}

TOURNAMENT RULES

- q The rules stated here and then the Official Rules (8U), High School Rules (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, 20U, 22U, 25U) are in effect. GLBL reserves the right to modify rules prior to the start and during the tournament, if any item is misrepresented within this document.
- q Mitey-mites {8U} will use GLBL Special Rules. (Coach Pitch & Player Pitch Divisions)
- q The tournament director or his/her appointed representative (e.g., umpires) shall be the sole judge as to the playing condition of the field and is responsible to make a decision for a called game and termination of play.
- q Age requirements prior to May 1st
(Must be of Age on April 30th)

8 & under	9 & Under	10 & Under	11 & Under	12 & Under	13 & Under
14 & Under	15 & Under	16 & Under	17 & Under	18 & Under	
- q A roster with player's first name, last name, address, and birth date and phone number must be available for review upon request. Have birth certificates available at all times in case questions arise. Birth Certificates uploaded and validated at Nations Baseball is acceptable, as well.
- q All players on a team must be listed on their roster. **All Players must be listed on web-site for Nations Baseball Five Tool Youth Events.**
- q There will be 15 awards per team for first and second place in each division.
- q Teams shall be at field 30 minutes before the scheduled game time. If a team cannot field a team at scheduled start time, they shall forfeit. GLBL, in cooperation with other Leagues and Tournaments, reserves the right to extend the 15-minute grace period for teams participating in other baseball events. Obviously, forfeit does not apply when delay of arrival is due to our own tournament.
- q There will be no infield practice.

- q Home teams decided by flip of coin in all games, excluding playoffs {Highest Seed will have option of being Home Team}
- q No protests or forfeits are allowed. **Any Team that Forfeits CAN NOT Advance to the Championship Round**
- q The infield fly rule shall be in effect for all divisions except Mitey-Mites.
- q The “Additional Hitter” will be the 10th batter in the game and may bat anywhere in the lineup. The AH is **optional** in all divisions. The AH can be substituted for and the re-entry rule will apply. The AH substitution shall be handled like any other position in the line-up: the AH can play the field. **ROSTER BATTING is Permitted**
- q If a player arrives late, player may be placed in 10th position in lineup.

NOTE: 15U, 16U, 17U, & 18U Division may use the DH {Designated Hitter}, as well.

- q Speed-Up Rule: Teams may use a courtesy runner for both the pitcher and the catcher of the previous inning **ANYTIME**

The runner must be someone not presently in game - if none available, last batted out.

- q Pitching Rules: **1 Pitch equals 1 Inning** ... {Does not include Warm-ups}

§ 8U, 9U, 10U	3 per game
§ 11U, 12U	4 per game
§ 13U, 14U	5 per game
§ 15U & Above	Unlimited

- Once pitcher leaves pitching position for one pitch he cannot return as a pitcher during that game.
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- If a Pitcher returns to the mound “illegally” – correct the wrong at that time – NO PENALTY!

- q Metal Cleats – 13U and above only

q The finals will be determined as follows: TBA PER EVENT

q All 3 – 0 Teams will advance to Championship Round.

NOTE: Wildcard team will not play team in own division if the division winner is highest seed.

Tie Breakers:

1. Head to Head {2 Teams Only}
2. If 3 Teams are tied and they all played each other, and one team won both games, that team will advance.
3. Least Runs Surrendered - * If a Forfeit is involved we will Average Runs Allowed per Game Played
4. Run Differential {+ / - max 8 per game} - * If a Forfeit is involved we will Average Runs Scored per Game Played
5. Coin Toss

q Bat Restrictions: None {except 14U is – 5 & 15U & above – BBCOR and - 3 HS Rule in force}

q Avoiding contact will be in effect on all close plays at the plate. Umpires discretion on whether a slide is appropriate. A flagrant attempt to barrel the fielder covering plate will result in automatic out and ejection from the game.

q General Points of Reference:

	Innings	Official Game After	Mercy Rule	Steals	Leadoffs	Bases Distance	Pitching Distance
8U	6	4	10	No	No	60	43
9U	7	5	10	Yes	Yes	65	46
10U	7	5	10	Yes	Yes	65	46
11U, 12U	7	5	10	Yes	Yes	70	50
13U, 14U	7	5	10	Yes	Yes	80	54
14U & Above	7	5	10	Yes	Yes	90	60.5

q **Profanity or misconduct by a player, coach or manager will not be tolerated and may result in his or her ejection from the game and dismissal from the tournament.**

q Forfeits are recorded as 7-0 ... **See Special Rule for Tie Breakers**

q Rain out policies: In the event of bad weather, the tournament director and GLBL reserve the right to modify and complete the tournament the following weekend or any other date we deem appropriate without a refund. In the event the tourney is cancelled due to weather, the following refund will be in effect:

§ 0 games played	75 % refund
§ 1 game played	50 % refund
§ 2 games played	0 refund

q All games are on a 2-hour time limit; no inning can start after 2 hours:

- **Exception: Semi-Final and Championship Games.**

q **Tie Games in Pool Play Only.** If there is Time on the Clock Teams may play extra innings.

q **Please Text Scores (Both Teams Need to Text - Home/Away) to 440-796-1515**