



Midwest Tournament Factory – Indoor Baseball (Rossford)

Event Information & Tournament Rules

Below, are some important notes and the tournament rules.

Indoor Specific Rules at the Total Sports Dome (Rossford OH)

Ceiling Rules: A Batted ball that contacts the dome ceiling is considered a foul ball. However, if the batter has two strikes and the ball hits the dome ceiling in the field of play it's an out. Any ball that hits the dome ceiling in foul territory is foul.

Please note the following:

Our Winter 1-Day Tournaments will go by **(2024) team playing ages**, unless otherwise noted. The age cutoff Midwest Tournament Factory (Baseball) is April 30th, 2024. In addition, each team is allowed (2) grade exceptions per roster.

Each indoor inning will be capped at (6) runs per inning for each team. This is simply to speed up the game of play and allow for teams to maximize their number of at-bats indoors.

Lastly, **ALL rosters must be uploaded** on-line with the completion of parent approval.

- 1. IF Necessary:** Midwest Tournament Factory Directors may amend any rule, schedule, diamond location, game format, or combine age brackets as they deem necessary.
- 2. Home Team:** The home team is determined by a coin toss during pool play. Once your team is seeded, the higher seed is the home team during bracket play. This also includes Championship Games. However, there are tournaments in the fall where we run (round robin) formats, thus eliminating this scenario.

Time Limits: The time limits are based off the number of teams registered in your event and will be communicated to ALL coaches the week of.

Extra Innings

- a. If the game still has time on the clock the teams may play out the extra inning until time expires. All pool play games can end in a tie.

b. If in a bracket play game is in a tie after the regulation time, the batting team will place the last out of the previous inning on second to start the inning with one out already recorded.

Intentional Walks

a. The coach will notify the umpire they are walking the player and the umpire will place the batter at first base. (This rule applies to ALL ages)

Point System For Tournament: (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie. Tie Breakers;

- Wins-Loss Record
- Head to Head **(Two Teams Only. Head to Head is thrown out with 3 or more teams).**
- Fewest Runs Allowed
- Highest Total Run Differential
- Runs Scored
- Coin Flip

PLAYING RULES:

1. Game Length

- a. 8U to 12U will play 6 innings
- b. 13u and above will play 7 innings

3. Pitching Rules

- a. Midwest Tournament Factory won't be involved in pitch counts or innings for pitchers.
- b. Midwest Tournament Factory ask for managers and coaches to be responsible with pitchers.

4. Bat Restrictions

Any bats that are modified or deemed illegal will be an out for the at-bat and the bat will be dismissed from the game. If the bat is used in multiple games the coach will be subject to ejection.

5. Time Limits

- a. This information is listed on page 1. Time limits will be determined by the number of teams registered for our indoors events.
- b. The game clock will start at the time of the team meeting at the plate being over.
- c. The clock will be a running clock with no stoppage in any event.
- d. Games may be started up to 30 minutes prior to scheduled time. Please have your team at the game 30 prior to game time.
- e. Tournament Director reserves the right to modify the time limit in the event of weather or unforeseen circumstances.
- f. In the instance to keep the game on time all teams will be allowed a courtesy runner for pitchers and

catchers. The runner will be the last recorded out if you are batting a continuous lineup or a sub if you have players on your bench. (This is optional for the coach to speed up the game)

6. Mercy Rule

- a. Mercy rule shall be 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, and 8 after 5.
- b. Mercy rule is in effect for all games including championship games.

7. Base Distance/ Pitching Distance

Age / Base / Pitching

9U & 10U 65 Feet 46 Feet

11U & 12U 70 Feet 50 Feet

13U 80 Feet 54 Feet