



Midwest Tournament Factory - Indoor Baseball (Tiffin)

Event Information & Tournament Rules

Indoor Specific Rules at The Tournament Factory (Tiffin OH)

- 9u and 10u Baseball will play with (8) defensive players
- IF the ball hits off the ceiling in fair territory, the ball will be considered live.
- IF the ball lands inside the arch in-front of home plate, the ball is declared dead/foul.
- Hits and Bunts will be considered fair if the ball exits the arch into fair territory.
- IF the ball lands above the yellow line along the outfield fence, it's declared a home run.
- Any ball that hits the netting in foul territory will be declared a foul ball.

Please Note the Following:

Our Winter 1-Day Tournaments will go by (2024) team playing ages, unless otherwise noted. The age cutoff for baseball is April 30th, 2024. In addition, each team is allotted two grade exceptions per roster.

IF Necessary: Midwest Tournament Directors may amend any rule, schedule, diamond location, game format, or combine age brackets as they deem necessary.

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 ***(Unless teams are seeded the same, then coin flip)***

Indoor Time Limits:

9u Baseball (Saturday) - 65 Minute No New Inning - Finish the Current Inning

10u Baseball (Sunday) - 55 Minute No New Inning - Finish the Current Inning

Pool play games can end in ties! IF the home team takes the lead in the bottom half of the inning when time limit hits they win.

Baserunning Rules/Indoor: Baserunners may leadoff, but not steal until the ball crosses home plate.

1. **Innings Played:** 10u and under games will consist of 6 innings, or until the time-limit hits.
2. **Max Runs Per Inning:** 6 runs per inning limit, including the final inning.
3. **Indoor Pitching Distance and Base Lengths:**
 - 9-10u (46' pitching | 60' bases)

4. **Malicious Contact:** At any base is forbidden (umpire's discretion).
5. **Mercy Rules:**
 - 12 after 3 innings (home team bats if behind).
 - 10 runs after 4 innings (home team bats if behind).
 - 8 runs after 5 innings (home team bats if behind).
6. **Cleats: NO Cleats. Only Turf or Tennis Shoes Allowed**
7. **Bat Rules:**
 - 10u & under = bring It, swing It.
8. **Courtesy Runner:** You may use a courtesy runner for a pitcher or catcher at any time. This must be someone from your bench OR if you're roster batting it would be your last recorded out.
9. **Reporting Scores:** The official scorebook is to be kept by the home team. In addition, the home team will turn in the "official" scorecard at the end of the game at the concession stand or to a director on the field. This scorecard must have signatures of both head coaches verifying the score and verifying outs recorded by each pitcher.
10. **Re-Entering:** Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he cannot go back in to pitch in that game.
11. **Completed Game:** A game is complete after 3 innings are completed regardless of age, or if the time limit has been reached.
12. Tie Breakers in order of how they will be used to break a tie ;
 - Wins-Loss Record
 - Head to Head (**Only IF two teams are tied**)
 - Fewest Runs Allowed
 - Highest Total Run Differential
 - Runs Scored
 - Coin Flip
13. **Substitution:** If roster batting you can freely substitute.
14. **Player Count:** Team can play with as few as 8 players without taking an automatic out in the batting order. Anything lower than 8 is an automatic out in the batting order.
15. **Bracket Play Ties:** If you finish in a tie either at time limit or after the final inning, we will resort to international tiebreaker rules. The last two outs of the previous inning will begin on 1st and 2nd base with 1 out to start extra innings.

Eligible Age of Players (Current Season) April 30, 2024