



## King of Kings Baseball Tournaments 2019



### 8U Division Player Pitch Baseball Rules

**Field Dimensions** Pitching distance shall be 43ft mound and 60ft bases. \*in the event of a baseball facility only having 65ft pgs installed, the division will be played at 65ft base distances.

**Game time start:**

Official game time begins at the conclusion of the managers Home Plate meeting.

**Game time limits:**

Managers, please have your team ready to play immediately following the completion of the preceding game. For the benefit of all participants in our events it is our desire to keep all games going off on time even if that includes beginning your game prior to the scheduled game time start.

**Pool Play:** Pool play games official game time limit for 8U is 6 innings with no new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes (whichever comes first). Ties count in pool play games. Unsportsmanlike game delays are solely at the discretion of the Umpire In Charge in game and may result in the ejection of offending coach.

**Playoffs:** Game time limit for 8U is 6 innings with no new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes (whichever comes first). Once an inning begins it must be completed. **\*\*Tournament Director reserves the right to enforce drop-dead time limit in order to complete playoff games.**

**Championship Games:** game time limit for 8U is 1 hour & 35 minutes. If after 1 hour & 35 minutes a winner has not been decided the California tie breaker will be put in place until a winner is decided. **California tie breaker** - Starting the new inning in overtime a runner (last out) will be placed at second base (with no outs) and full innings will be played until a winner is determined.

**Bats:** all bats must be USSSA stamped certified. Big Barrels for this age group are ALLOWED!

**Pitching:** NO pitching limits, coaches, please use common sense and protect your young pitchers. If a pitcher is removed from the mound anything time during the game, that same pitcher will not be able to pitch again during that same game. Violation of this rule could result in game forfeit.

**Bunting** is allowed, no bunt slashes.

**Tie games** in playoffs will be played out in extra innings. Game will be played until a winner is determined. In Pool Play a tie stands and will not be played out.

A game shall become official after three innings have been completed or after 2-1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.

**Mercy Rule** 20 runs after 2 complete innings, 15 runs after 3 complete innings 2 ½ if home team is ahead, 8 runs after 4 complete innings 3 ½ if home team is ahead.

**Balk Rules** do not apply.

**Lead Offs** not permitted.

**Stealing** runners may steal after the ball reaches home plate. If runner leave early and is thrown out, the out remains. If a runner leaves early and makes it safely to the next base, the runner will still be sent back to the base he came from.

**Home plate:** Home plate is hot. Runners can advance on passed balls and/or steals.

**Dropped 3rd Strike** Batters may not advance to first on dropped 3rd strikes.

It is the base runner's responsibility to avoid contact with fielder in possession of the ball is on the rubber with ball in his possession. Exception: Runners may advance when the ball is hit to the pitcher and time has not been called.

Runners may advance at their own risk if a defensive player, including the pitcher, should make a throw to any base in a pick-off effort.

**Lineup** team may bat nine (9) players – or a 10th player if using the E-H rule. Teams may also bat entire roster if they wish with free substitution.

Batting order cannot change. Starters re-entering must assume their original place in the batting order.

A team may start a game with no less than eight (8) players. Failure to field eight players is cause for forfeit. (Only 9 players shall play the field). Teams can start with 8 players and finish with eight players. If 9th player shows up after game has started the player can be added to the line up in the 9th spot. \*\*\*A minimum of 8 players shall be required to start a game and teams cannot finish with less than 8 players with the 9th spot being an automatic out every time up.

**Defensive coaches** must remain in, or in front of, the dugout at all times.

**Infield fly rule** is in effect.

**To intentionally walk a batter** no pitches are thrown, Coach or fielder just needs to inform umpire and point to first base.

**The courtesy runner rule** for pitcher or catcher is allowed. A player, who has not been in the game, may be allowed to run for the pitcher or catcher. A courtesy runner may run for only one player per inning. If the same batter gets on base twice in the same inning, only the same courtesy runner may be use.

**Gate Fees:** There will be a gate fee during this tourney: Gate fees are as follow: Adults 12 and over \$5 per day. Children ages 3-11 \$4 per day, Senior citizens 55+ and military ID \$4 per day. Children 2 under are free. 3 coaches per team and players on roster and in uniform are free. EVERYONE will be allowed to bring in their own ice chest and outside food, please no Tobacco/smoking, alcohol, or illegal drugs at all on the complex and parking lot. *Coaches help us by letting your parents know about these fees, we would truly appreciate your patronage and help us avoid any issues at the entrance.*