

The game rules for 2019 Sugar Beets tournament will be based on high school rules with the following additions.

1. High School re-entry rule is allowed. Starters may re-enter at any time. Once a substitute leaves the game, they may NOT re-enter. **8u and 9u may play defense with a 10<sup>th</sup> defender. The 10<sup>th</sup> defender must be used as an outfielder.**
2. High school slide rule is in effect. It is not mandatory to slide, it is mandatory to avoid contact.
- 3a. Pitching Rules – 8U-12U **6 innings for the tournament. Being summoned to the mound and taking warmups counts as an inning pitched.** The total innings must be shared between coaches before/after games. 13U-18U Coach decision.
- 3b. Stealing Rules – 8U Must stay on the base until the ball reaches the catcher’s glove. 9U-18U Stealing all bases allowed.
- 3c. Balks – 8U-14U No warnings and balks will be enforced (loosely) based on advantage/disadvantage. 15U-18U no warnings. We will make every attempt to keep a flow to the games.
4. Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher at any time but with 2 outs it is encouraged for the catcher. The courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the lineup unless discussed at pre-game and it could be last out based on the number of players on the team’s roster.
5. You may bat 9, use EH’s and/or a DH for POOL-PLAY GAMES. Single elimination, bracket-play you may bat as many as you like but you do not have to bat all. You only have to answer to your parents.
6. Umpires do NOT need to record substitutions or changes. This must be handled by each coach. Line ups MUST be exchanged at the pre-game meeting.
7. Game time is forfeit time. Please have your team warmed up and ready to play.
8. NO INFIELD WARMUP allowed on the field before each game. You may take ground balls in foul territory. You may take fly balls in the outfield playing area.
9. Team will play “warm-up” games or “pool-play’ games prior to elimination game(s).
10. All non-championship games will be seven (7) innings with a 1 hour 50-minute time limit. Tie games may be played out BUT time limit takes precedence. A game can end in a tie. Once the time limit is reached no new inning may begin.
11. Championship games will be played to completion.
12. Mercy rule:
  - 12 runs after 3 innings. 10 runs after 4 innings. 8 runs after 5 innings.
13. Each team will provide two new baseballs per game at their expense. **USSSA or NFHS recommended.**
14. All disputes will be handled at the field. There will be no protests.
15. Pool Play Home team is determined by a coin flip between the coaches PRIOR to each game. Bracket play higher seed.
16. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of coaches, parents, and fans.
17. The umpires are in charge of the game. Excessive arguing or abuse will not be tolerated. The umpires’ decision on any judgment call is final.
19. All participants are competing at their own risk. By participating you agree to hold the Tournament director, Tournament officials, tournament hosts, and tournament sponsors harmless from any liability resulting from participation in the tournament. Team insurance is mandatory and must be available upon request.

IN CASE OF INCLEMMENT WEATHER, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RE-FORMAT THE SCHEDULE

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