

NXT SPORTS USA

APPENDIX A

SANDLOT SCRIMMAGE DAY MODIFICATIONS

Applies to: NXT Sandlot Scrimmage Day Events Only

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Purpose & Scope

This appendix outlines the **event-specific modifications** applicable to **NXT Sandlot Scrimmage Day** events.

All Sandlot Scrimmage Day events are governed by the **NXT Sports USA Official Tournament Rules**, **except where explicitly modified below**. These modifications are designed to prioritize **player development, safety, flexibility, and efficient game flow** in a non-tournament environment.

1. Event Format

- Sandlot Scrimmage Days are **non-tournament events**.
- There are **no brackets, standings, championships, rankings, points, or awards**.
- Games are scheduled as **structured scrimmages** against comparable competition.

2. Game Length & Time Limits (Modified)

- All games are **seventy-five (75) minutes** in length.
- **No New Inning (NNI):** No inning may begin once time has expired.
- Any inning in progress at time expiration will be **completed**.
- Games may end in a **tie**.
- Official game time begins at **first pitch**.

3. Run Limit (Modified)

- A **five (5) run cap per half-inning** is enforced.
- Once the run cap is reached, the half-inning ends.
- By **mutual agreement of both head coaches**, an inning may be ended early or the run cap lowered for developmental purposes.
- **No mercy rule** applies during Sandlot Scrimmage Day events.

4. Lineups & Batting Order (Modified)

- **Continuous batting lineups** are used.
- All players present will be included in the batting order.
- Late-arriving players may be added to the **end of the lineup** upon arrival.
- **No automatic outs** will be assessed for missing or absent players.

5. Pitching & Defensive Play (Modified)

- Pitching is **development-focused and coach-managed**.
- Pitchers may **re-enter** the game by mutual coach agreement.
- Free defensive substitutions are permitted at all times.
- Players are encouraged to rotate defensive positions.
- Player safety takes **absolute priority** over competitive considerations.

6. Scorekeeping & Results (Modified)

- Scorekeeping is **optional**.
- No official scores, run differentials, standings, or results are recorded.
- Game outcomes are **not used** for rankings, seeding, or advancement.

7. Sportsmanship & Conduct (Enforced)

- All standard **NXT Sports USA sportsmanship policies** remain in full effect.
- Sandlot Scrimmage Days emphasize:
 - Respect for players, coaches, umpires, and staff
 - Positive sideline behavior
 - Instructional and development-focused coaching
- NXT Sports USA reserves the right to **remove any individual or team** for unsportsmanlike conduct.

8. Authority & Final Rulings

- Tournament Directors retain full authority to manage game flow, safety concerns, and schedule adjustments.
- Any situation not specifically addressed in this appendix will be governed by the **NXT Sports USA Official Tournament Rules**, with the director's ruling being **final**.

This appendix is intended to be read in conjunction with the NXT Sports USA Official Tournament Rules.

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