



## **PRIME Baseball Tournaments Baseball Rules 2025**

1. **Birth Certificates/Proof Of Birth (REQUIRED):** All players on your roster are required to carry some sort of proof of birth, typically a passport or birth certificate. If no proof can be provided on a player challenge, that player must be removed from the game, until proven eligible with PBE. If PBE deems that you have an ineligible player it will be an automatic forfeit.

### **Age Clarification:**

\*9U Division Players who turn 10 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 3rd grade. Also, any player turning 11 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 9U eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.

\*10U Division Players who turn 11 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 4th grade. Also, any player turning 12 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 10U eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.

\*11U Division Players who turn 12 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 5th grade. Also, any player turning 13 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 11U eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.

\*12U Division Players who turn 13 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 6th grade. Also, any player turning 14 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 12U eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.

\*13U Division Players who turn 14 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 7th grade. Also, any player turning 15 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 13U eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.

\*14U Division Players who turn 15 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 8th grade. Also, any player turning 16 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 14U eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.

\*15U - 17U: Your high school graduation year. Or age, your age is determined by the May 1st date of that year.

## 2. Time Limits -- **\*All time limits will begin after the pregame conference \*\***

1. **Time Limit Pool Play** - All pool play games will have a time limit. No new inning after 1 hour and 40 minutes at the 46/60 and 50/70 levels. At the 60/90 levels no new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes. Extra Innings: If the time has not expired teams will play extra innings until time expires. Games can end in a tie in pool play.
2. **Playoffs Time Limit:** Same as pool play. If still tied after the time limited has expired we will use the playoff tiebreaker (See Below)
3. **Championship Time Limit** - All Championship games will have a time limit. No new inning after 2 hours at the 46/60 and 50/70 levels. At the 60/90 levels no new inning after 2 hours and 15 minutes.
4. **Playoff Tie Breaker After Time Has Expired** - Last batted out from the previous inning will be placed at 1st Base, second, to last batted out will be placed at 2nd base and the third to last batted out will be played at 3rd base. The team at-bat will start the inning with 1-Out. The game will resume and continue every inning like this until one team is ahead at the end of a complete inning.

## 3. Tie Breakers

1. **Two-Way Tie Breaker:** When two teams finish in a tie for a playoff or tournament spot the following tie breaking formula will be used.  
{Please note you cannot break a 3+ way tie using a 2-way tie breaker, the 3+ way tie breaker must be used in that case}
  - Head to Head

- Fewest Runs Allowed
- Runs Scored
- Run Differential
- Coin Flip

2. **Three or more tie-breaker:** When three or more teams are tied.

- When all tied teams have played each other and one team has beaten ALL the other tied teams without a loss, that team will be awarded the playoff spot. All teams must have played each other to use this.
- Fewest Runs Allowed
- Runs Scored
- Coin Flip

4. **Home/Away team:** A coin flip by the umpire will determine home teams for all pool play games. In playoff rounds, the higher seed will be the home team.
5. **Dugout assignment:** The team traveling the farthest will occupy the first base dugout. If there is a dispute the umpire or on site director will choose dugout assignments for the teams.
6. **Between Innings warm up time limit:** Teams are limited to 3 minutes between innings to warm up. The 3 minutes starts after the last out in the previous inning. A coach or another player should be prepared to warm up your pitcher if needed.
7. **8 Run Rule** will be in effect for all games including playoff rounds and championship games. All field sizes after 5 innings.
8. **10 Run Rule** will be in effect for all games including playoff rounds and championship games. 10 runs after 4 innings on all field sizes
9. **15 Run Rule** will be in effect for all games including playoff and championship rounds. 15 runs after 3 innings.
10. **8U Only:** Maximum of 5 runs per inning for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd inning only. The 4th, 5th and 6th will be unlimited runs
11. **8U Only:** 8U teams can steal 3rd base ONLY. Runners cannot steal 2nd base or home under any circumstance. The runner cannot advance home on a passed ball, wild pitch, overthrow back to the pitcher or overthrow on a play at 3rd. There is no limit on steals per inning.
12. **7U Only:** 4 outfielders at 7U is allowed
13. **Speed up rule:** It is mandatory to have a player not in the line up or the last batted out run for the catcher with 2 outs. The catcher is defined as the player who will be catching in the following inning.
14. **No pre-game practice** will be allowed on the infield. Practice prior to the game will be limited to the outfield.
15. **Rosters: All rosters must be submitted prior to the tournament**

1. All players must play in at least 1 pool play game to qualify for the playoff or championship games.
  2. If it is a 3 game minimum and the 3rd game is your playoff game we will count that as a pool play game.
16. **Score Reporting:** The official scoring for the game will be submitted by the umpires to the tournament director. Both teams are asked to keep score in their own books.
17. **Tournament Roster Size:** 46/60 & 50/70 rosters are limited to 15 players at the 60/90 level rosters are limited to 18 players max
1. World Series, Invitational Events and any showcase tournaments will be allowed a roster of 20 players.
18. **No protest** will be accepted with the exception of a roster protest or bat protest which should be addressed to the umpires during the game and will be handled immediately at the field. **No protest** will be accepted after the game is final.
19. **Awards:** Only the winner of the tournament will receive awards. There are no awards for second place.
20. **Rain Out Policy:**
- Tournaments:** Teams that cancel out of a tournament with notice of 14 days or more will be credited full to another PBE Event. Teams that cancel within 13 days prior to the tournament start date will forfeit their registration fee (no refund.)

In case of inclement weather we will follow the below refund policy:

1. No games played. Full credit to an PBE Event less \$75 administration fee.
  2. 1 game played:
    - 1 Day Tourney = 50% credit to a PBE Event
    - 3 Game Minimum Tournament = 50% credit to an PBE Event
  3. 2 games played - No Refund
21. **Trips to the mound:** 1 free trip per inning (per pitcher), 2nd trip in the inning pitcher must come out.
22. **In all disputes the final decision rests with PBE.**
23. **All teams, coaches, players and parents will follow the PBE Code of Conduct.**

**24. PRIME Baseball Tournaments will use the MLB Smart Pitch Rules.**

<https://www.mlb.com/pitch-smart/pitching-guidelines>

**25. Bat Restrictions:**

13u & Younger: All bats -5 or greater must be stamped BPF 1.15 USSSA or USA stamp. Must be a baseball bat – no restriction on weight or length as long as bat has “BPF 1.15 or USA” stamp. All -3 bats must be stamped BBCOR. Wood bats allowed. Illegal Bats will be listed on our website at [www.Primebaseballevnts.com](http://www.Primebaseballevnts.com).

14u and Older: -3 weight/length ratio only. All -3 bats must be stamped BBCOR.

Wood Bat Rule: To be considered a wood bat, a bat must be made of a single piece of wood. All other bats such as bamboo or two-piece must meet the BBCOR standards and have the BBCOR stamp. Bat rules apply to the age division you are playing in (not the age of the player or team). Penalties for illegal bats assessed per the NFHS rule book. Illegal Bats will be listed on our website at [www.Primebaseballevnts.com](http://www.Primebaseballevnts.com).

**26. Forfeits in pool play or playoffs** - All forfeits will result in 6-0 win (9-12u) or 7-0 win (13-18u). NOTE: Forfeits in a 6-inning game will be ruled a 6-0 win for the opposing team. Forfeits in a 7 inning game will be ruled 7-0 win for the opposing team \*\*If a game is called a forfeit during the game for any reason, the score shall be recorded under the forfeit rule as stated above\*\*

**27. Official Game** - ALL games called due to the weather by the umpires or the tournament director that cannot be resumed will be considered complete after 4 innings or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead. If after 4 complete innings there is a tie score then it will remain a tie score if in pool play. The tournament director reserves the right to declare a game complete.

**28. Seeding when not all teams play an equal # of games:**

- Playoffs to be based off winning % since some not all teams are playing an equal amount of games.
- If multiple teams have 100% winning percentage but a different number of wins than the team with the most wins will be presumed a better seed than the other team. For example, 2-0 is presumed better than 1-0.