



1st Annual NixonStrong Memorial Day Baseball Tournament 2020 Rules;

All teams must have completed Rosters; Player Liability Waivers completed and **MUST** check in at least 30 minutes prior to playing at the Check-In Booth every day before participating in playing. **ALL** participants playing and coaches participating in coaching or entering the fields **MUST** have their temperatures taken per Utah State COVID-19 guidelines and South Jordan City Youth Sports requirements;

Sports fields are open to the public during the Low Risk phase. Groups of 50 or fewer only. Field usage is available for practicing or recreation only. Teams and leagues are allowed during this phase and are responsible for following all Low Risk social distancing guidelines including checking the symptoms of players. Teams and leagues are responsible for regular cleaning of all high-touch areas including, but not limited to, handrails, door handles, counters, and light switches. Teams and leagues are also responsible for regular cleaning and maintenance of restrooms while utilizing the fields. All spectators provide 6 feet of space between household groups. City provides signage regarding social distancing guidelines.

If any player or coach is sick or has a temperature of 100.4 or greater then they will not be allowed to participate in the tournament for that day. Each team must check in daily prior to their first game during the tournament before entering the fields or playing baseball. Fans and spectators must adhere to strict social distance guidelines when at the complex. Please be sure to bring extra seating, chairs, lawn tents, etc., in order to be able to separate and maintain social distancing throughout the ball field.

Age Divisions will be determined by your age on April 30, 2020.

Player Eligibility - No player may play with more than one team in the same Age Division.

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The tournament will be governed by Official MLB Rules with the following exceptions:

1. Home team is listed first on schedule. Highest seed will be Home Team for Championship Games (coin flip if the seeds are the same).

2. Game length will be 7 innings or no new inning at 1 hour, 45 minutes.
Championship games will have no time limit and will be 7 innings.
Championship games still in a tie after 10 innings will then go to International Tie Breaker rules and start a player on second base. In the event time is expired and the game is tied, the game will end in a tie in pool play. No tie breaker innings will be played in pool play. If time is not expired use the International Tie Breaker rule to break the tie for pool play when time has not expired.
3. 10 run rule after 5 innings.
4. 4 innings or 1 Hour constitutes a complete game when delayed for any reason or called off due to inclement weather (per NixonStrong Foundation Officials).
5. No Refund will be allowed 3 days prior to Tournament start date of May 22, 2020. Tournament Weather/Rainout Minimum Refund Policy; 60% refund if no games are played. 40% refund if 1 game is completed. No refund if 2 or more games are completed.
6. **9u, Age Division Only:**
 - 8 runs per half inning. After 8 runs score, teams exchange offense and defense. Only on an over the fence Home Run can more than 8 runs be scored. In the last inning the trailing team can score unlimited runs. If entering the last inning and the score is tied, then both teams can score unlimited runs. The last inning is either the 7th inning or last inning to be played due to time limit (this is the umpire's discretion).
 - No lead offs. Base runner may steal or advance to any base after the ball crosses home plate. If a baserunner leaves the base before the pitched ball has crossed the plate, and is not put out on the play, the runner must return to the base occupied before the pitch was made. If a baserunner leaves early and the ball is put into play. The baserunner(s) may only advance as far as forced to advance by the batter/runner.
 - Dropped 3rd strike rule does not apply (9u only).

10U, 11U, 12U, 13U Divisions; *9U rules below other than those above.

***Lead offs are allowed. Dropped 3rd strike will be in play.**

7. A Pitcher can fake a pick-off move to 3rd Base while being engaged with the pitching rubber.
8. Batting Order Re-entry Rule: Starters may only re-enter one time and in the same spot in the batting order.
9. Batting Order: There is no limit to the number of players you have in the batting lineup. A team must bat a minimum of 9 players.
10. Unlimited Defensive substitutions. Your defensive lineup is non-related to your batting order. A player may play defensively even if they are not in the batting lineup.

11. No metal cleats other than 13U may use them in the field. NO metal cleats on portable mounds.
12. Bat restrictions are as follows; Ages 9U up to 12U can be USA baseball, or USSSA stamped BPF 1.15 -

*13u divisions bat will only be allowed a max of drop 5 or -5.

Any bat that has been Withdrawn/Disallowed will no longer be permitted. We will use the list provided by USSSA baseball <https://www.ussa.com/baseball/baseball-withdrawn-and-or-non-compliant-baseball-bat-models>.

13. Bat Boys are not allowed in Dugout or on the Field.
14. Home team will be official scorer unless otherwise designated by NixonStrong Tournament Officials. Put starting time in home book. Umpire is official timekeeper.
15. Protests will not be allowed on judgment calls. Protests must be handled at the time of protest (not after the game). Umpire must confer with NixonStrong Tournament Official for help on ruling.
16. A slide rule will be enforced at Home when there is a play at the plate. If contact is initiated by the runner, it must be through the process of a slide. Malicious contact; runner will be ejected. However, it is the discretion of the umpire if the runner is sliding, attempting to slide, or if there was malicious contact, or a slide is warranted.
17. A slide rule will be enforced when an infielder is attempting to turn a double-play at second base. If the runner is not close enough to merit a slide, he must peel away from the baseline. This rule is for the protection of the base runner. The base runner and batter will be called out if the runner's not sliding or not peeling away affects the defensive play. This is the umpire's discretion.
18. A runner may not hurdle, jump over, or leap over a fielder unless the fielder is lying prone on the ground. Penalty: The runner is out, but the ball remains live unless the umpire calls interference. Note: Jumping over a kneeling fielder is illegal.
19. Eliminate defensive huddles prior to your team taking the field in between innings.
20. Only one coach outside of dugout during games (does not include base coaches). 4 total coaches in the dugout.
21. Please have a Catcher available to warm up your Pitcher between innings when your Catcher is not ready.
22. Pitchers - Maximum of 6 warm-up pitches between innings.
23. **No infield before games.** Get teams in the dugout and have your teams ready to play on time
24. End of the game; remove garbage from dugout and clear dugout in a timely manner. Please help sanitize dugouts between each game and teams. Hold post

game discussions outside the dugout and please remember to not be in groups of more than 50.

25. Show respect to the umpires, your players, your opponents, and most of all to this great game.
26. Read and adhere to the COVID-19 State of Utah and South Jordan City COVID-19 guidelines. <https://coronavirus.utah.gov>

<https://www.sjc.utah.gov/covid19updates/>

*Any team or person NOT following the guidelines given by State of Utah and South Jordan City are subject to having to leave the premises.

*It is not permitted to slash bunt in any age division up to and including 13u. This is an act by a batter to fake a bunt and then attempt to make a full swing on the same pitch. The runner will be called out and all base runners will return to preciously awarded base.

NOTES:

- Intentional Walk requires coach to notify the home plate umpire. The batter is awarded first base without any pitches being thrown.
- Speed up runners are not allowed.

PITCHING RULES

1. If a pitcher pitches more than 3 innings in one calendar day, a 36-Hour rest period will apply. 1 pitch constitutes a Full Inning.
2. Maximum Innings for Tournament (including Championship Day) = 11 innings total
3. Maximum Innings in One Calendar Day = 7 innings
4. You may re-enter only the starting pitcher one time.
5. Each team will keep and be responsible for Scoring their two Home Games on GameChanger to keep track of the Games Pitching
6. If the NixonStrong Foundation Officials determines that the pitcher in question is ineligible to pitch, the pitcher will be removed from the mound at the time of discovery. This is not a retroactive rule.

TIE BREAKER RULES FOR ADVANCEMENT AND SEEDINGS

1. Seeding will be determined by best record and fewest runs allowed. In the event of a tie in any of these categories then seeding will be decided by a coin flip.
2. Everyone qualifies for Playoff Play. Seeds 1-4 will have a first-round bye. The first round of the Playoff is an elimination game.
3. If you win the first round of the Playoff or are seeds 1-4 and have a bye you will automatically qualify for Championship or Consolation Bracket and will play a minimum of 6 games in the entire tournament. (These 6 games include Pool and Playoff Play.)

*Individual awards will be given for 1st & 2nd Place.