

NORTHCOAST BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This is a non-sanctioned tournament. We will follow OHSAA rules not specified in this document. All teams must carry their own insurance, medical and liability. Northcoast Tournaments LLC is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged property incurred during the tournament.
2. There are no bat restrictions for 8u-13u. 14u must use a Drop-5 15u and 16u bats must be BBCOR certified.
3. Team waiver, official roster, birth certificates must be available at the tournament upon request.
4. A player can only play with 1 team in each age group.
5. A coin flip will determine the home team during pool play. The higher seeded team will have a choice of home or away during bracket play.
- 6. THE WINNING TEAM SHOULD REPORT SCORES TO THEIR DESIGNATED AGE GROUP DIRECTOR SO WE CAN UPDATE THE TEAM SNAP TOURNAMENT APP.**
7. Profanity or misconduct by a player, coach, or fan will not be tolerated and may result in ejection from games and the tournament with no refund. A player or coach ejected from a game will also miss the next game.
8. The director and umpires will be the judge as to whether a field is playable during bad weather. We do not own but rent the fields so there may be a decision made by the owner of the fields. In addition the tournament director has the right to modify the format in order to complete the tournament should there be inclement weather. There are no protests—the umpire and director's decision is final.
- 9. Speed up rule.** Teams may use a courtesy runner for a pitcher or catcher after there are 2 outs. The courtesy runner must be a player off the bench. If no bench players are available then the runner is the last recorded out.
10. No steel cleats in the 8u-12u division

PITCHING RULES

1. 5 warmup pitches per inning
2. In all age groups each pitcher is allowed 4 innings per game and can not reenter to the pitchers position.
3. Violation of the innings pitched rule will result in—either an 8-0 win or keep the score at the time of the violation—which ever is the better result for the non violating team. The pitcher and coach will be ejected for that game only. In bracket play a violation will result in the ejection of the coach and player but no forfeit. An appeal must be made to the umpire if there is a violation.
4. A pitcher must be removed on the second visit in the same inning
5. 1 balk warning for 9u and 10u, 12u and up there is no warning.

6. It may be a director option to run both a 9u little league rule division and a 9u high school rule division. They will not play each other.
7. No balks, leadoffs, dropped 3rd strike or stealing of home in the 8u or 9u little league division. 9u little league division -stealing a base other than home the runner has to wait until the ball crosses the plate. 1st offense is a team warning and all runners are sent back to their original base. 2nd offense the runner is called out and all other runners return to their original base.

GAME LENGTH AND RUN RULES

1. 8U-14U will be 6 inning games. 15u,16u will be 7 inning games. **ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES WILL BE 1:45 MINUTE FINISH THE INNING.** No new inning will start after the time limit has been reached. The last out made in the previous inning will constitute the start of the new inning. Thus if the time limit has not been reached when the last out is made in the previous inning an new inning should start. Pool games can end in a tie. Bracket games will use the California rule with a runner on 2nd no outs to determine a winner. **If the time limit is reached in any division and the home team is winning, the game stops at the point –we will not let the home team continue to bat to score more runs**
2. 8u time limit is 75 minutes following the above guidelines.
3. All games are official after 2 ½ innings if the home team is ahead and 3 innings if the visiting team is ahead.
4. Run Rule: for 10u-16u 15 runs after 3 inning 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings.
5. 8u, 9u run rule : they have a 7 run per inning rule so the run rule is when a team is mathematically eliminated. EX: 15 runs after 4 innings 8 runs after 5 innings.

TIE BREAKER/BRACKET SEEDING

1. Head to Head (only in effect with a 2 way tie)
2. Least runs allowed
3. Runs scored
4. Run differential (max 10)
5. Coin flip

If more than 2 teams are tied head to head is not used as a tie breaker. We will use runs allowed.

SUBSTITUTION RULES

1. You can use a continuous batting order-bat your entire lineup with free defensive substitutions.

2. Bat 9 and substitute players in. Any player returning to the game after being pulled for a substitute must return to their original position in the batting order.
3. Can use an Extra Hitter position in the lineup.(bat 10)
4. If you choose to use the continuous batting order and a player leaves the game for any reason—the 1st time will be an out for that player, the next time the order reaches that person the spot is eliminated but no out is taken—at this point the player is no longer eligible to return to the game.

A team may start a game with 8 players, any less is a forfeit. When a 9th player arrives he is inserted into the last spot in the order. A team that starts with 9 may end with 8 provided there are no eligible players left. If a team starts with 8 players no out is recorded for the missing player. All divisions except 8u coach pitch will use 3 outfielders, 8u will use 4 outfielders.

Rain out policy

It is our intent to provide a high quality, fun filled tournament experience. In doing so, we are investing a lot of money and time to ensure your team's enjoyment. In the event of bad weather, the director reserves the right to push back starting times, modify the format of the tournament, change time limits and minimum number of games to complete the tournament.

REFUND POLICY

Any withdrawal after the following dates –tournament specific –will result in no refund.

Castalia Early Bird April 1

Brawl By the Bay May 1

Duckpond classic June 10

0 games played 75% 1 game played 50% 2 or more played 0 refund

PLEASE MAKE PARENTS AWARE OF THE 1 TIME \$20/VEHICLE GATE FEE FOR THE WEEKEND. THEY WILL BE GIVEN A PASS THAT IS GOOD FOR ALL FACILITIES DURING THEIR TOURNAMENT WEEKEND. WE WILL ALLOW 2 COACHES FREE. AFTER YOUR TEAM HAS 2 COACHES–EVERYONE PAYS THE \$20. PROCEEDS FROM THE TOURNAMENTS ARE DONATED TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, TEAMS, AND CAUSES.

Please direct any questions to Chris Leibacher 419-271-0095