

Northcoast Tournaments

Rules

1. This is not a sanctioned tournament; however, all applicable Ohio High School Association Rules regarding player substitution, lineups, and age guidelines not specified in this document shall apply. All teams must carry their own insurance; medical and liability.
2. There will be no bat restrictions in the 8u through 13u divisions. **Drop -5 for 14u. 15u/16u Bats must be BBCOR certified.** See attached document.
3. Team waiver and official roster with player's name, number and birthdate must be available if requested. Players may play for only one team in each age group.
4. A coin flip will determine home team throughout pool play. The higher seeded team will have their choice when it comes to bracket play. **At the end of each game both coaches should contact the tournament director with scores.**
5. Profanity or misconduct by a player, coach, manager or fan will not be tolerated and may result in his or her ejection from the game and dismissal from the tournament site. **Any player, coach, or fan ejected will miss the next game also. Failure to leave the game in a timely manner--decided by director/umps will result in a suspension for the entire tournament.**
6. The director shall be sole judge as to the playing condition of the field and is responsible for calling or terminating a game. 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--all decisions made by the umpire and/or director are final.
7. Speed up rule: Teams may elect to use a courtesy runner for a the pitcher and/or catcher of the previous inning after there are 2 outs. The courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the game or the player who made the last out.
8. 5 warmup pitches between innings

9. PITCHING RULES

- a. 9u-16u will be allowed 4 innings per game.
- b. 1 pitch constitutes an inning.
- c. **Violation of the rule will be a forfeit and 8-0 win for the opposing team in pool play. A pitching violation during bracket play will result in an ejection of the head coach and violating pitcher but no forfeit.**
- d. Once a pitcher is removed from a game they can no longer re-enter as a pitcher in the same game.
- e. A pitcher must be removed on the second conference/visit by a coach in the same inning.
- f. 1 Balk warning per pitcher for 10u-12u divisions. No warnings for 13u-15u
- g. 8u mound 40' bases 60' 9u,10u mound 46' bases 65' 11u/12u mound 50' bases 70' 13u mound 54' bases 80' 14u and up 60' mound 90' bases

10. 8u-14u games will be 6 innings. 15u,16u games will be 7 innings. **All 9u -16u tournament games will have a 1:45 min time limit. 8u is 75 minutes No new inning shall start after the time limit has been reached. The last out made in the previous inning shall constitute the start of the next inning. Thus, if the time limit has not been reached when the last out is made in the previous inning a new inning should start. The 1:45 minute time limit is in effect for all pool games and bracket games. The final will use the california rule. Pool play games can end in a tie. 8u time limit ---no new inning can start after 1:15 minute time limit is reached.**

11. All games are official after 3 complete innings if weather or darkness interrupts.

12. Mercy rule for all 10u-16u games. 15 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5.
8u/9u Have a 7 run per inning limit so the run rule is when a team is mathmatically eliminated. Ex. 8 runs after 5, 15 runs after 4.

13. If 6 innings(8u-14u) 7innings(15u,16u) have been played and the score is tied and there is still time left we will use the (California Rule) RUNNER ON 2ND. THE RUNNER PLACED ON 2ND WILL BE THE LAST OUT OF THE PREVIOUS INNING. If the game is still tied when the time limit is reached the game will end in a tie.--(The tie is in effect for pool games only). If a game reaches the time limit and the home team is ahead and batting the game is over at that point. The home team will NOT continue batting to score more runs.

14. Tie Breaker Criteria

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 LEAST RUNS ALLOWED.

15. NO metal cleats in the 8u-12u divisions. 13u and up they are allowed.

16. No balks,leadoffs, dropped third strike, or infield fly in the 8u and 9u division. 10u and up will use all 4. 9u division runners must wait until the ball passes the plate to steal. Penalty for leaving early: 1st offense is a team warning and all runners return to original base. 2nd offense the runner is out and all other runners return to base.

17. **Substitution rule: You can use a continuous batting order but this is your choice so if a player leaves the game for any reason that spot in the order will be an out for the rest of the game or until that player returns to the game. You may also use normal high school substitution which allows a DH.** Ex: You start the game with subs on the bench --they enter the game and a player leaves the game. If the starter reenters the game they have to reenter in the same spot in the lineup and for the person who replaced them. A

sub who is removed from the game is now done for the game. We will also allow the EH so more kids can participate. (Could have 10 players in batting lineup with the EH)

18. A team may start a game with 8 players, any less is a forfeit. When a 9th player arrives he is inserted in 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 coach pitch will use 4.

19. Be sure to have birth certificates and rosters immediately available upon request . Please have hard copy available at the tournament. Number of teams will determine format for each age group.

21. Rain out policy. It is our intent to provide a high value, fun filled tournament. In doing so, we are investing a lot of money and effort 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 limit of games or minimum # of games to complete the tournament. The following refunds will be in effect in case of cancellation.

Any withdrawal after June 1st will result in no refund

0 games played 75% refund
1 game played 50% refund
2 or more games played no refund

Please make parents aware of the \$20 weekend parking pass. This fee helps cover the expenses of renting all facilities. All proceeds from the tournament are donated to various organizations, teams, and causes.

Please direct questions and text game scores to Chris Leibacher at 419-271-0095.

8u COACH PITCH RULES

1. No stealing, bunting or leading off. Players leave the base when the ball is hit. If a player leaves early the 1st offense is all runners are sent back to their original base and a team warning is issued. 2nd offense the runner is called out and all other runners return to their original base.
2. **Ball will be declared dead by umpire when time is called by a player who has control of the ball in fair territory of the infield**
3. Coaches will pitch from 40' and player must be within 5 feet of adult pitcher.
4. A batted ball that hits the adult pitcher will be declared dead and all runners return to the original base and pitch is played over. The count is resumed as if the pitch did not happen.
5. Hash marks will be between each base . When the umpire declares the ball dead he will make judgement on awarding baserunner bases. If runner is passed hashmark they are awarded the base they are headed to. If runner has not passed the hashmark they return to previous base. Umpires judgement is final. **If a player calls time and umpire declares play dead at that point no other plays count. EX: player calls time and is awarded by umpire then throws a runner out. The dead ball stands and the runner is not out.**
6. A batter will be allowed 7 pitches or 3 strikes(whichever comes first). If the batter does not put the ball in play on the 7th pitch they are declared out. A foul ball on the 7th pitch awards them another pitch.
7. 8u coach pitch will use 4 outfielders. **Coaches cannot be in the field of play on defense. Also only 1 coach allowed out of the dugout during play. All other coaches must remain in the dugout.**
8. Substitution rule will follow tournament rule.
9. There will be a 7 run per inning limit. Run rule is mathematically eliminated. 15 runs after 4 innings. 8 runs after 5 innings
10. Time limit for 8u is no new inning after 75 minutes.

BAT CERTIFICATION FOR 15U BBCOR

NFHS Bat Regulations

Bats must NOW be marked with the “BBCOR” certification mark. This standard, known as the “batted ball Coefficient of Restitution” is the only standard permitted and recognized . This is covered in detail in all rules interpretation meetings.

The “BBCOR mark” is the ONLY standard permitted for Non-Wood Bats. Bats are legal as long as they have the certification mark on the bat.

