



FREEDOM TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULEBOOK 2026

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 8-team double-elimination tournament.
- Teams consist of 6 players.
- Two losses = elimination.
- Games are 5 innings.
- 10-run limit per team per inning.
- 20-run mercy rule; trailing team receives one final offensive inning.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Minimum age: 10 years old.
- No maximum age.
- No substitutions or roster changes once the tournament begins.
- All players participate at their own risk.

LIABILITY WAIVER

Participation acknowledges the risks associated with baseball and blitzball activities. The Cornlot, tournament organizers, volunteers, and property owners are not responsible for injuries, accidents, lost property, or damages.

EQUIPMENT

- Official Blitzball® and Blitzball® bats only.
- The Cornlot will provide bats if needed.
- Bat tape/grip tape is allowed, provided no weight is added.
- Unsafe or modified equipment may be disallowed.

BATTING

- Strike zone and umpire determine balls and strikes.
- Yellow frame counts as a strike.
- 4 balls = walk, 3 strikes = out.
- Hit by pitch = one ball added to the count.
- No bunting.
- Ball must pass the white line in front of home plate to be fair.
- Over first row of corn = Home Run.
- Into first row of corn = Ground Rule Double.

BASERUNNING

- No stealing.
- Tagging up is allowed.
- Commitment line applies from third to home.

FIELDING

- Must have a pitcher and first baseman.
- Strike zone serves as catcher.
- Pegging is allowed below the shoulders only.
- Above-the-shoulders contact results in a dead ball and awarded base.
- Runners may be put out at home by striking the strike zone frame before they score.
- Baseball gloves are allowed for fielding but not required.
- Please do not run into the corn. It's just rude.

PITCHING

- Overhand, medium-speed, hittable pitches.
- One Burn Down pitch per batter.
- Curveballs, sliders, knuckleballs, risers, and other pitch movement are allowed provided speed expectations are maintained.
- One pitching change per inning.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The Freedom Tournament is a family-friendly event. Respect opponents, officials, spectators, and the property. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in warnings, ejections, or removal from the tournament.

FINAL NOTE

This is the inaugural Freedom Tournament. Rules may be adjusted or clarified as needed.

Tournament officials retain final authority on all rulings.