

Brandon Valley Baseball Tournament Rules – 13u -17u (Jr. Legion)

- Fraternal Order of Police Slugfest Tournament
- Pizza Ranch Gold Glove Tournament
- Sunshine Foods Silver Slugger Tournament
- Marlins Family Restaurants Field of Dreams Tournament

** When not specifically addressed, NFHS rules will be utilized. **

Eligibility -

1. January 1st of the current year will determine the players eligibility age for the tournament. If a player has a birthday on January 2nd of the current year, their eligibility age will be determined by their age on January 1st. If the player is 13 years old on January 1st and turns 14 on January 2nd the player is eligible to play on the 13u team.
2. Please carry birth certificates to settle any age disputes.

Field Dimensions -

1. 13u – 54' pitching rubber and 80' bases. Some games due to field availability may have to be played on a 14u field.
2. 14u, 16u & 17u – 60'6" pitching rubber and 90' bases.

Game Length -

1. 6 innings for 13u, 14u & 16u. 7 inning games for 17u.
2. 13u – 16u - No new inning after 1:40 minutes of play. This is for all pool play games and bracket games through the semifinals.

** All Championship Games will be played to their entirety. 6 innings or run rule. Whichever comes first **

The umpire will announce the starting time after first pitch and will announce when the game hits the 1:30 mark.

3. 13u – 16u - If the time limit expires and the home team is batting with the lead the game is over at that point. The final score will be recorded at the point of the time limit.
4. 13u – 16u - One extra inning will be allowed in pool play if six innings are completed under 1:40. Tournament bracket games will play extra innings until a winner is decided. If a bracket game is in the 5th inning and the time limits hits the extra inning rules will be used for the 6th inning and all extra inning rules will apply.
5. 13u – 16u - In extra innings the final out of the previous inning will start on second base with zero outs. The inning will be played out until three outs are retired – regular baseball rules. Then the home team will have the same opportunity as the visiting team. This rule applies to all pool play, bracket, and championship games.
5. All Divisions - Due to weather issues the time limit can be adjusted by the Tournament Director as needed.

6. 17u – No time limit. All games are seven inning games. Extra-inning games will be played in the same structure as 13u – 16u.

Run Rules -

1. 15 run lead after 3 innings.
2. 10 run lead after 4 innings.
3. 8 run lead after 5 innings.

Bat Requirements (ALL AGES) -

1. 13u & 14u Divisions - USA STAMPED BATS, WOOD BATS, USSSA BATS or BBCOR (drop 3) ARE ALLOWED. NO SIZE OR WEIGHT RATIO WILL BE CHECKED on the USA STAMPED BATS.
2. 16u & 17u Divisions – BBCOR (drop 3) and wood bats are allowed.
3. If an illegal bat is used the bat will be removed from play and that player is out. Each time that player comes to bat there after in that game an out will be recorded and the player will be allowed to bat.

Line-Up Options -

1. Roster Bat – All players are in the batting order and free defensive substitutions are allowed.
2. Straight Nine – Substitutions are allowed in the batting order. Players can substitute in and out of the order as much as you like. The players are married to each other in the batting order and the order of the lineup can not change. Only one player can be married to the starter.
Little League substitution rules.
3. NFHS DH – A DH is allowed for any player. These two players are married to each and can go in and come out of the game as many times as you like. If the player(s) in the DH's spot in the batting order enters the field, they stay in the same spot in the batting order. All other players are subject to the substitution rules explained in the Straight Nine batting order.
4. Courtesy Runner – You can courtesy run for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The courtesy runner must be a player not in the lineup at that point of the game or the final out made by your team.

Pitching Rules -

1. All Divisions - Pitchers will be allowed seven innings for the tournament.
2. One pitch = One inning.
3. The umpires will track innings each game. Please sign the scoresheet at the end of the game. Once the sheet is signed it's final.
4. One appearance per game per pitcher.
5. Any team exceeding the innings pitched rules will disqualified from the tournament. These rules are put in place for the arm safety of the player. We highly encourage you to follow pitch count guidelines set by many of youth baseballs governing bodies.

Pool Play Tie Breakers -

1. Win Percentage
2. Wins

3. Losses
4. **Head-to-Head – Unless we have a three-team tie in a pool where all the teams don't play each other. The we will revert to least runs allowed. ALL 3 TEAM TIES WHERE ALL THE TEAMS DON'T PLAY EACH OTHER WILL BE DETERMINED BY LEAST RUNS ALLOWED.**
5. Least runs allowed
6. Run Differential – Capped at 10 runs
7. Most shutouts
8. Coin flip

Ejections – All ejections will carry a plus one penalty. The player or coach is out for that game plus. The umpire will record the player or coach that was ejected and will report it to the Tournament Director.

Official Book – Each team oversees an official book. If the two teams don't agree the game will stopped along with game clock until the dispute is solved.

Cleats – Metal cleats are allowed. If you have rubber or modeled cleats, we will prefer for those to be worn on First National Bank Field.

Slide Rule – NFHS slide rule in effect. Players must go directly into the bag and no barreling into any player at any base. Headfirst slides are allowed.

Pre-game infield/outfield – Is not allowed. You may warm up and take ground ball in the outfield or in foul territory on the infield.

Gate Fee – A \$5.00 per adult gate fee will be charged on Saturday and Sunday of our tournaments. No gate will be charged on Friday evening. An adult is any person who has graduated from high school. No Sr. citizen discounts are allowed. Two coaches per team are allowed in for free. Please sign in at the gate. Once two coaches are signed in for your team all the other adults are expected to pay the \$5.00 admission fee. These tournaments are fundraisers for our association, so we greatly appreciate your support.

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