



Greenville 11U & 12U Tournament Rules

1. Teams may have up to 15 players. The April 30th age date will be used. Birth certificates must be provided upon request. Ineligible players will result in a forfeit. Maximum 12 awards will be given.
2. Your official roster must be turned in to the concession stand or emailed to the tournament director prior to your first game. No changes can be made after the first pitch of your first game.
3. Games will be 6 innings with no new inning beginning after 1:30 time limit. The championship games will not have a time limit. If a pool play game is tied at the time limit, it will remain a tie. A tie game will continue to the 7th inning if the time limit has not been reached yet. In the bracket style games, a tie game will continue with the California tie-breaker rule until there is a winner, except for the championship games, which will continue with normal baseball rules. The California tie-breaker is beginning with a runner on 2nd base, 1 out, and a 2 ball 1 strike count. That runner will be the last out of the previous inning.
4. Tie breaker for seeding bracket play will be: **1)** record **2)** Head to head (if only 2 tied) **3)** Run differential (max 8 per game) **4)** Runs against **5)** Runs scored **6)** Coin Toss. Coin toss for home team in pool games. Higher seed is home team in bracket games. Coin toss if seeds match in the championship and third place games.
5. There will be a 12 run rule after 3 innings, 10 run rule after 4 innings, and an 8 run rule after 5 innings. There will be no per-inning run limit. The run rule will apply to the championship game as well.
6. A traditional 9 batter lineup or bat your whole roster can be used. If you bat the whole roster, you will get free substitutions. If you bat the whole roster and a player can't continue in the game, an out will be issued when his turn is up but only if you are left with less than 9 players. If a player's at bat is skipped due to injury, they cannot re-enter the same game.
7. **ANY** USSSA or USAbaseball bat may be used. (see USSSA or USA Baseball rules for specifics) Bats that are banned by either USSSA or USA Baseball will not be allowed and will be removed from play.

8. The pitching limit is **8** innings for the tournament. One pitch thrown counts as an inning pitched. If the pitcher is removed from a game, he may not return to pitch in that same game. If a pitcher goes over the inning limit the team will forfeit. **Greenville Youth Sports takes the health of our young pitchers very seriously. We recommend following Pitch Smart guidelines with minimum days of rest based on how many pitches thrown. Please allow for proper days rest!**
9. A coach may visit the mound once per pitcher in a game. The second trip per pitcher will result in the removal of that pitcher.
10. The pitcher will get 8 warm up pitches upon starting or entering a game. He will get 5 pitches between innings.
11. Runners must avoid contact on a close play. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out at the umpire's discretion.
12. **Field Dimensions will be 50/70. Leading off and stealing IS allowed.** Balks will be called. No warnings will be given for 12U. The umpires will be instructed to be lenient and will instruct and assist the pitchers, one warning will be given for 11U per game. Pitching will be from a portable elevated mound.
13. Dropped 3rd strike will be in effect.
14. Infield fly rule **WILL** be in effect.
15. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher after 2 outs and only after 2 outs. The courtesy runner will be the last batted out.
16. The home team will be the official score-keeper for each game and in charge of keeping the game cards and turning them in to the director. Away teams will provide a scoreboard operator for games.
17. **There will be no infield practice prior to any game.**
18. Unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive language may result in an immediate ejection from the grounds without warning.
19. In case of rain, 4 innings will be an official game. If the game is not official yet, it will be picked up at the same spot it was suspended. The tournament committee reserves the right to modify the schedule, format, or game lengths should weather cause any delays.
20. No Protests on judgement calls. Umpire decision will be final. In the event of a misinterpreted rule, play should stop immediately and a discussion should occur between both head coaches and the umpire. If no agreement on the rule can be reached, please immediately find a member of the tournament committee. The tournament committee member decision will be final. Please be respectful at all times. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the park.

21. No fake bunts allowed – batter will be called out. That means you can't square around and then pull back and swing away. You can square around and then pull back, as long as you don't swing.
22. Intentional walks – no need to throw the 4 pitches, just tell the umpire. You cannot walk 2 consecutive batters.
23. Any rule not mentioned here will be governed by NFHS rules.
24. Tournament rules may be modified at any time up to the start of the first game.
25. Please clean up the dugout after your game.

Please no carry-ins. Our concessions are our program's biggest fundraiser.

Remember... the games are for the kids to have fun, learn fundamentals, and display sportsmanship at all kinds. Greenville Youth Sports thanks you for your participation and support!