

Tournament game rules

We will use Nations Baseball rules unless it is listed on this page.

UMPIRES: YOU MUST GO OVER THIS RULE SHEET WITH BOTH HEAD COACHES BEFORE EACH GAME

Teams must be at their assigned field and ready to play 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time if the game before them finishes early. Not being ready could lead to a forfeit.

WINNING TEAM: YOU MUST HAVE SOMEONE BRING THE COMPLETED SCORE CARD TO THE TOURNAMENT TENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GAME TO RECEIVE PROPER CREDIT FOR THE WIN.

Failure to turn in a complete scorecard with the pitchers and pitching properly recorded will result in a forfeit.

A flip of a coin between the two teams determines the home team for each pool play game. For bracket play games, the highest seed is home team, excluding the championship and "if" game where a coin is flipped to determine the home team.

The official start time of the game must be recorded at the bottom of score card at the start of the game and agreed upon by both head coaches and Home Plate Umpire. This is most important due to time limits.

Game clock will stop in the event of an injury to a player on the field, protest if the protest procedure is followed or for a rule interpretation. Judgement calls cannot be protested.

If there is a rules interpretation issue, the game must be stopped then and the tournament UIC contacted. IF YOU CONTINUE TO PLAY

Mercy rules for all six- and seven-inning games will be 15 runs after three innings, or two-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead). 10 runs after four innings, or three-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead). 8 runs after five innings, or four-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead).

PITCHING RULES: # of outs recorded, not innings pitched.

We will use the High School rule for called balks. Not the MLB rule as indicated in the Nations rules.

PITCHING ON FRIDAY NIGHT WILL COUNT AGAINST SATURDAY PITCHING.

Pool Game and bracket game time limits for all games except the Championship game is as follows:

7U & 8U games will have a time limit of 1hr & 30 minutes. No new inning will start after 1hr & 30 minutes

9U to 12U will have 1hr and 50 minutes time limit. No new inning after 1 hour and 50 minutes

13U to 14U will have a 2 hour time limit. No new inning will start after 2 hours.

All Pool games tied at the end of regulation (innings) or at the end of the time limits will be counted as a tie in the standings. No extra innings will be played in the pool rounds.

All Bracket games will be played until there is a winner. If tied at the end of regulation (inning) or time limit, we will play one extra inning and if still tied, followed by the Ohio Sudden Death rule except for the championship game. Championship games will be played out until there is a winner.

OHIO SUDDEN DEATH METHOD: The last 2 batters of record in the batting order the previous inning will be placed in order at 1st and 2nd base (the second last batter from the previous inning goes to 2nd base and the last batter from the previous inning out goes to 1st base) and the offense will have no outs. No pinch runners will be allowed for the last 2 batters that are being positioned during this process.

We will not use the Sudden Death rule in the Semi's or Final's