



2026 Titans of the Diamond

Presented by Tea Baseball Association

May 29-31, 2026

Tea Athletic Complex • Tea, SD

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Tournament Website

www.teaparkandrecreation.com/tba —> look for the Titans of the Diamond logo

- Tournament information will be updated throughout the day and leading up to the event

Tournament Information and Rules

3rd Grade Age Limit

- Option 1 — Players must be in 3rd grade during the 2025-26 School Year
- Option 2 — Players cannot have turned 10 years old prior to Jan. 1, 2026

4th Grade Age Limit

- Option 1 — Players must be in 4th grade during the 2025-26 School Year
- Option 2 — Players cannot have turned 11 years old prior to Jan. 1, 2026

5th Grade Age Limit

- Option 1 — Players must be in 5th grade during the 2025-26 School Year
- Option 2 — Players cannot have turned 12 years old prior to Jan. 1, 2026

6th Grade Age Limit

- Option 1 — Players must be in 6th grade during the 2025-26 School Year
- Option 2 — Players cannot have turned 13 years old prior to Jan. 1, 2026

Game Length

- 6 innings

Run Rules

- 10 runs after 4 innings
- 15 runs after 3 innings

Time Limits

- 1 Hour 45 Minutes
- If the time limit expires while the home team is batting and ahead, the game will immediately end
- The official start time will be declared when the home team takes the field in the top half of the first inning
 - Both dugouts must record the official start time
- If the game is tied after the time limit expires, extra inning rules will be utilized
 - Games not affecting the outcome of the tournament will be declared a tie
- The time limit may be adjusted by the tournament director as needed

Extra Innings

- The last batter to complete their at-bat will start at second base
- The offensive team will begin with one out

Bat Requirements (All Ages)

- USA or USSSA bats (Wood also allowed)
- Size/Weight ratio and barrel size don't matter

Lineup Options

All Grade Levels:

- Roster Bat
- All players are to be in the batting order
 - Free substitution
 - If a player is unable to take their turn at bat, an out will be not declared, so long as that player is injured.
- Extra Hitter
- Team may bat 10 players
 - NFHS re-entry will be utilized
- Straight Nine - Starters may re-enter the game one time each, in the same spot in the batting order
- Courtesy runners may be utilized for the pitcher and catcher, regardless the number of outs
 - The courtesy runner(s) must be players who have not entered the game
 - The courtesy runner(s) must be different for each position
 - If roster batting, courtesy runners are allowed. The runner must be the last player to record an out. If both the pitcher and catcher are on base, the last two batters to record an out will be utilized.

3rd Grade and 4th Grade

- Teams may freely rotate on defense.
- Any player, regardless of if they are in the batting order or not, may play defense

Pitching Rules

The following pitching rules will be utilized:

- Pitchers will be allowed to record 18 outs Friday and Saturday
- If a player pitches but does not record an out, one out will be recorded toward their allotment
- There is no penalty if a pitcher is at 17 outs and the defense turns a double or triple play Teams advancing to Sunday will be allowed a total 24 outs per pitcher A pitcher may record a maximum of 18 outs on Sunday
- If a team violates the pitching rules, they will be issued a forfeit for the game in which the rule violation occurred

Note: While pitch count is not utilized for SD Class A Baseball Tournaments, it is highly recommended that all teams follow the USA Pitch Smart guidelines

Baserunning Rules

- Stealing
 - 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, and 5th Grade — the runner cannot leave the base until the ball crosses the plate
 - 6th Grade — the runner can lead off
- Unsecured third strike
 - 3rd Grade and 4th Grade — the batter will be declared out
- Home plate
 - 3rd Grade and 4th Grade — home plate is closed
 - A base runner may only advance home on a batted ball, walk, or hit by pitch
 - 5th Grade and 6th Grade — home plate is open

Additional Information

- All coaches, on the field or in the dugout, must wear team shirt/uniform
- Ejections will carry a “plus one” penalty
- This is for players, coaches and parents/fans
 - If a parent/fan is ejected, the head coach of that team is also ejected
 - The head coach will not have a “plus one” penalty
 - The parent/fan will be barred from the remainder of the event
- Official book / GameChanger must be verified each inning by opposing teams
- Tournament staff, in cooperation with the game umpires, will settle all disputes
- Games may not be played under protest
- NFHS rules dictate that all catchers must utilize a hockey style catcher’s helmet
- NOCSAE certifications will not be required at this time
- The NFHS Slide Rule will be utilized
- Pre-game infield/outfield will not be allowed
- Metal cleats will not be allowed
- Stereos will not be allowed

Tiebreakers / Seeding Criteria

1. Win Percentage
2. Head to Head (When Two Teams are Tied)
 - a. This tie-breaker cannot be used if all tied teams have not played one another
3. Least Runs Allowed
4. Run Differential (12 Max per Game)
5. Most Pitchers Used

Tournament Refund Policy

- Zero Games Played: \$200 Refund
- One Game Played: \$150 Refund
- Two or More Games Played: No Refund
- Gate Fee Will Not Be Refunded

Daily Tournament Admission Prices

- Adults: \$10
- Middle School and High School Students: \$5
- Veterans: Free
- Elementary Students and Younger: Free