



## **Baseball/Softball Rules and Guidelines**

### **I. Tournament Rules**

-With the exception of 13U and 14U, all baseball will follow Little League Rules and Regulations unless otherwise noted within the Midwest Youth Tournaments Baseball Rules. 13U and 14U will play by IHSAA high school rules.

-All softball will be played following official Amateur Softball Association of America rules.

#### **1. Age Restrictions**

In all age divisions, the age cutoff date is May 1st. For example, any player competing in the 11U division may not turn 12 on or before April 30th.

#### **2. Time Limit**

-7U-8U: No new innings will begin after 60 minutes.

-9U & Up: No new innings will begin after 100 minutes.

\*Note: The only exceptions to set time limits are championship games. Championship games are played without a time limit.

#### **3. Run Rules**

7U and 8U are limited to 5 runs per inning. The only exception is the final inning, in which unlimited number of runs may be scored.

-The game will end if a team is winning by 10 runs after 4 innings.

\*Note: Run rules apply to all games, including championship.

#### **4. Pitching Rules**

-7U and 8U: Coach pitch

-9U and Up (Baseball): "Rolling 6"

#### **Head Coaches:**

- Coaches will keep track of the innings pitched by players of both teams in their scorebook.
- At the conclusion of each game, both coaches must sign both books confirming that the number of innings pitched per player is correct.
- 9U and Up (Softball): Unlimited

#### **5. Home/Away Team**

Home/away teams will be designated throughout each game of the weekend. During tournament play, the higher seed will be designated as the home team. In the event that both teams are the same seed but from different pools, then a coin flip by the umpire will determine which team is designated as home. Home team will be responsible for keeping the official book and reporting the official score, and the away team will be responsible for keeping the scoreboard.

#### **6. Infield Fly**

All games will be played with "infield fly" rule.

#### **7. Stealing Bases**

- 7U and 8U: No leadoff, nor stealing
- 9U & Up: Stealing once ball crosses the plate

#### **8. Extra Innings**

No games, pool or tournament play, will end in a tie regardless of time limits.

#### **9. Pool Play**

Seeding into Tournament – Pools where ALL teams are played in your Pool

Seeding for tournament play will be determined as follows:

1. Most wins in Pool Play

2. In the case of a two-way tie, the first tie-breaker is head-to-head competition.
3. In the case of a three-way tie, seeding will be determined first by runs allowed. If there is still a tie, we will then determine by runs scored. If a tie still exists, we will flip a coin to determine the higher seed.
4. In the case of a forfeit, a team will be awarded a 10-0 victory.

## **10. Pool Play**

Seeding into Tournament – Pools where all teams are NOT played in

Pool

Seeding for tournament will be determined as follows:

1. Most wins in Pool Play
2. In the case of a two-way tie, the first tie-breaker is head-to-head competition.
3. If a two-way tie occurs and teams have not played each other, seeding will be determined first by runs allowed. If a tie still exists, we will then use runs scored. If a tie still exists after these two factors, We will use a coin flip to determine the higher seed.
4. In the case of a three-way tie or more, seeding will be determined first by runs allowed, followed by runs scored. If a tie still exists, a coin flip will be used to determine the higher seed.

## **11. Coach / Fan Behavior**

If a coach, player, or fan is removed by an umpire or Midwest Youth Tournaments Employee, that person cannot be present at the next game, but can return to any game after that. A second game ejection will result in the player or coach being banned for the remainder of the tournament.

## **12. Entry Fees/Roster Forms**

Entry fees and completed roster forms are to be submitted before the first games of pool play on Saturday whether it is prepaid by mail or submitted at the time of registration.

## **13. Park Admission**

Spectators will be charged an admission price of \$6.00 Daily for adults, \$5.00 Daily for children age 7-18) per day to enter the park. Coaches (3 allowed), players, and children under 7 are free.

## **14. Game Guarantee**

The tournament 3 game guarantee is only if weather permits. In the event of a weather-shortened tournament, 2 played games will be considered a complete tournament. No refunds on entry fees will be given. Partial entry fee refunds will be given if 2 games have not been played.

\*Note: Spectator admission will not be refunded in the event of a weather-shortened tournament.