



Tournament Rules

Deep Run Baseball

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These rules will apply to all levels of play unless otherwise noted.

- Little League tournament rules and rule book for this tournament www.littleleague.org will apply. We will list some other rules that come up often during play, some may differ from Little League and if listed is the rule to be followed.
- Pitcher may pitch 6 innings per day and a maximum of 12 innings for the entire tournament. One (1) pitch will constitute an inning.
- Pitcher does not have to observe a day of rest if they pitch 3 or more innings in a game. Although we would encourage you to consider his arm.
- Pitching distance will be 46' for 9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds.
- Once pitcher is removed from the mound during a game he may not return as a pitcher for the remainder of that game.
- You may visit your pitcher and entire team at the mound if needed.
- In-field fly rule will be in effect
- Two coaches or coach and player allowed as base coaches. (player must wear a helmet)
- One on deck batter allowed ONLY - out of dug-out
- All players must remain in dug-out or bench area unless on deck
- Cheering is allowed from the dug-out; however no banging of benches, shaking fence or taunting of an opposing pitcher or other player will be tolerated. This is the Umpires and Tournament Directors discretionary call.
- **In other words, sportsmanship rules the weekend, teach it and live it.**
- A coach may warm up the pitcher
- Substitution rules are as follows:
 - A starting player, once removed from the game, may return to the line-up one time only and must re-enter on defense in his original spot in the order.
 - A starting player and their respective substitute can never be in the game at the same time.
 - Substitute players may not re-enter the game once removed from the game.
 - Minimum playing requirement - per player is 3 consecutive outs ~one at bat. Failure to meet the minimum playing requirement for all players rostered for a full six inning game will result in a forfeit. Must be brought to umpires attention before they leave the field. Please make every effort to assure all players play in each game.
 - **If the game is shortened due to the 10 run rule after 3 ~4 innings, you DO NOT need to meet the mandatory play rule.** (New rule 2006)
 - No free substitution allowed at anytime as you will bat 9 only.
- A complete game will be six (6) innings. The 10 run rule will be in effect at the end of 4 full innings or if the home team is ahead after 3 ½ innings. The home team must get final at bat if needed in the 4th, 5th, or 6th inning.
- Runners must have contact with base. No leads allowed.
- Runners must slide or avoid contact at every base if a play is being made at that base. Failure to comply will result in the runner being called out.
- No head first sliding, except if player is returning to a base. Violators will be called out.
- Once a player shows a bunt on a pitch, he may not swing at the same pitch. Violators will be called out.
- Base stealing is allowed of all bases including home. **(9 year olds no stealing of home or taking home on a pass ball).**
- Player may leave the base once the ball reaches the batter.
- **9 year olds may not take second base on a walk**
- Courtesy Runner may be inserted for the catcher with two outs in an inning to speed up play. The runner must be a player currently not in the game or if only 9 players, then the player who made the last out may run.
- Special Pinch —Runner: Once each inning a team may utilize a player who is not in the batting order as a special pinch-runner for any offensive player. A player may be removed for a special pinch- runner only one time during a game. The player for whom the pinch —runner runs is not subject to removal from the



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line-up. This pinch runner may not be used again if he enters the game as a substitute. However; if removed later in the game he is available to special pinch run as he is no longer in the line-up. Any player out of the line-up may special —pinch run. Just remember you can only special-pinch run for each player one time during the game.

- You may warm up in the batting cages or additional fields at complex 1 hour before your game time. Each team manager should work out a schedule as needed. There is plenty of room to warm up. If a field is lined and prepared for play, it is not permitted to be used for warm ups.
- Fielding practice can be taken in the outfield of the field you will be playing on or an open field at the Deep Run complex.
- Dug-out assignment for games. Each team will have a team # on the tournament schedule. Low # has 1st base dugout, high # has 3rd base dugout. **No exceptions please.**

14 TEAM FORMAT

If 14 teams are participating in the tournament, the following sections will replace any previous sections:

Awards

The top four teams that go into Sunday's Championship game and Consolation game will receive an award. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophy and 4th place medallion. 14 awards per team only are available.

Tournament format

We will use a round robin style format for our 5 day tournament schedule with each team guaranteed 3 games. The top 6 teams ranked by won / lost record and runs allowed/game will advance to Sunday's Championship Round.

- Ties will be broken by head-to head, run differential, runs scored and then a coin toss if needed.

Home / Visiting Team

This will be determined by a coin toss prior to all games during the Round Robin. During the Championship Round, the lowest seed is the home team and will be in the first base dug-out.

Pitching Rule Change

- Pitcher may pitch 6 innings per day and a maximum of 12 innings for the entire tournament. One (1) pitch will constitute an inning.
- Pitcher does not have to observe a day of rest if they pitch 3 or more innings in a game. Although we would encourage you to consider his arm.
- The four teams that make it to the Championship game and the Consolation game ONLY, may throw any player on their roster during these games, as pitching limits will be lifted.
- Please remember to use your BEST judgment regarding your pitcher's arm.

WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU HAVE A TERRIFIC BASEBALL WEEKEND AT OUR FIELD OF DREAMS TOURNAMENT, WITH YOUR PLAYERS AND FAMILIES!!

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