

9U Cincy Flames Summer Classic

Tournament Rules

1. Tournament specific rules are covered below. Rules not specifically outlined below are covered by the NFHS Baseball Rules.
2. No infield before games.
3. Base paths will be 65 feet and the pitching distance is 46 feet.
4. All teams will play four (4) games in pool play. Seeding for the Championship Round will be determined by 1) Record 2) Head-to-Head 3) Runs allowed 4) Runs Scored 5) Coin Flip. Pool winner will be seeded #1. *When 3 or more teams are tied, tiebreaker priorities are used to select or seed the first team. Subsequent team selections and seeds start back at tie-breaker priority #1 (win-loss record). This process repeats itself until all necessary teams are selected or seeded.*
5. All games in pool play will be six (6) innings with a 1 hour & 50 minute time limit. Tie games (after 6 innings) in pool play are rendered a tie **unless time limit has not been reached**.
6. There is no time limit in the Championship round. However, the run rule still applies in the Championship round. Run rule is as follows: eight (8) after five (5) innings, twelve (12) after four (4) innings, and fifteen (15) after three (3) innings. No run rule in Championship game. Also, if any Championship round game reaches the 9th inning, the California tiebreaker will take effect. At the beginning of each half inning, a runner will be placed on 2nd base and the inning will then be played out from there. The runner placed on 2nd base is the player **WHO MADE THE LAST OUT IN THE PREVIOUS INNING**.
7. Pitching Rules: A pitcher may throw a maximum of 6 innings in one day and a maximum of 10 innings during the tournament. A pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning. Each team must turn in the pitching form provided in your coach's packet after each game to the tournament director, and both coaches must sign the form. **This is not a "Gotcha! Rule"**. There is no forfeit with this rule unless a coach refuses to remove a pitcher that has exceeded his innings limit. Any parent, coach, field director, or tournament director can alert a coach that a pitcher has reached his limit.
8. You may bat 9, use an EH and/or a DH. You may also roster bat. Free defensive substitutions if you roster bat. If you roster bat and a player becomes sick or injured, you may skip that spot in the order without penalty.
9. Courtesy runner for the catcher at any time but with 2 outs is mandatory. The courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the lineup. If no player is available you may run your last out.
10. We will only permit 1.15 BPF bats of 2 3/4" (2 5/8 is the standard) diameter for tournament play.
11. \$50.00 cash protest fee. Protest decided on the field by umpire and Tournament Director. Protest fee returned if protest upheld.
12. Flip for home team. Higher seed will be home team in Championship round.
13. No glass containers allowed in the dugout. **NO COOLERS OR PETS ALLOWED IN THE BALL PARK.** I repeat: **NO COOLERS OR PETS ALLOWED IN THE BALL PARK.** Please make your parents aware of this rule. All players are allowed their own personal cooler.
14. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of coaches, parents, and fans.
15. The umpires are in charge of the game. Excessive arguing or abuse will not be tolerated. The umpire's decision on any judgment call is final. Rule interpretation can be discussed with the tournament director.
16. All participants are competing at their own risk. By participating you agree to hold the Tournament Director, Tournament Officials, Tournament Hosts, and Tournament Sponsors harmless from any liability resulting from participation in the tournament. Team insurance is mandatory and must be available upon request.
17. RAINOUTS: Whether or not to cancel games due to weather is NOT the choice of the Tournament Director. It is solely on the shoulders of the person running the fields we are using, or the umpires. There are NO makeup games unless the Tournament Director feels the integrity of the tournament will be compromised without such makeup games. Championship Round: If there are rainouts in the Championship Round, the higher seed will move on. If pool play games are cancelled due to rain, we will use a tiered approach with .500 winning percentage being the benchmark. For teams OVER .500, we will look at total number of losses. For teams under .500, we will look at total number of wins. Tiebreakers will then be AVERAGE runs allowed and AVERAGE runs scored.
18. **IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RE-FORMAT THE TOURNAMENT. NO FEE REFUND WILL BE ISSUED FOR GAMES MISSED.**