

Bay Independence Day Classic Baseball Tournament

Official Rules

(Revised June, 2025)

- ◆ Tournament will follow American League Rules except for the following tournament rules:
- ◆ Age Cutoff is May 1st
- ◆ Base coaches are not required to wear helmets.
- ◆ Tie Breakers determined in order of the following priority:
 - 1) Tournament Record
 - 2) Head to Head (only two teams)
 - 3) Runs allowed
 - 4) Runs Scored
 - 5) Run Differential
 - 6) Coin Flip
- ◆ Games will be 6 innings. For Pool games no new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. Semi-final and Championship games will play to conclusion without a time limit.
- ◆ A continuous batting order with free substitutions is permitted at each Manager's discretion. A starting player may re-enter the game once in a game but only in his original spot in the batting order. Once a sub is removed, he may not re-enter the game. Optional Additional Hitter (AH) may be used. The AH may bat in any spot in the lineup, but must be in the batting order at the start of the game. The AH may enter the game as a position player.
- ◆ A 12 run "mercy" rule will be in effect after 4 innings, 10 run rule after 5.
- ◆ The no malicious contact rule is in effect.
- ◆ No infield practice
- ◆ Teams must report to their respective fields at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled start time and must be prepared to start games early or risk forfeiture. **Games will start 15 mins following the end of the previous game.**
- ◆ **13U-14U-- Pitching - Coaches Discretion-Please keep in mind this is youth baseball.**
- ◆ 10u-12u Pitchers may not pitch more than 4 innings a game, 7 innings per day and no more than 12 innings for the tournament (including playoff/ championship games). One pitch thrown counts as an inning. A violating team must remove the pitcher from the pitching position (he may stay in the game) the game reverts back to prior to the 1st pitch of the ½ inning and the 1st batter advances to 1st base, and play resumes.
- ◆ U9 Pitchers may not pitch more than 4 innings in a game, 6 innings per day, and no more than 10 innings for the tournament.
- ◆ U8 Pitchers may not pitch more than 3 innings a game, 5 innings per day, and no more than 9 innings for the tournament.
- ◆ Home team determined by flip of coin prior to Pool Games. Higher Seed is Home team for all Bracket Games.
- ◆ Home team turns in Tournament Score sheet to the Division Coordinator or at Concession stand.
- ◆ Rain delay/suspended game procedure: If an incomplete game is suspended due to rain or darkness it will resume where it left off. (A game with the home team ahead after 4 ½ innings or the visitors ahead after 5 innings is a complete game). Both coaches need to agree with the game

situation and put it into writing with a signature from the home plate umpire. The signed written agreement should then be turned into the tournament representative at the field or concession stand. If a regulation game is called due to weather or darkness when the teams have not had an equal number of completed terms at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run (or runs) which equal or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called.

- ◆ Tournament rainout: If no games are played all fees (less a \$100 registration fee) will be refunded. If at least one game has been played, there will be no refund.
- ◆ Coaches may place the last player that made an out as a courtesy runner for the catcher and pitcher when there are two outs.
- ◆ Metal spikes are ONLY allowed for U13 and above.
- ◆ Balks: One warning per pitcher for U10, U11, U12. No warnings for U13 and up.
- ◆ 8U and 9U Leagues: NO balks. There is NO leading off the bases. There is NO infield fly rule. Batter cannot run on dropped 3rd strike

(a) 8U league is NOT permitted to steal any base.

(b) 9U league will play by Little League rules for stealing bases (stealing occurs after ball crosses home plate). Runner can steal home only on a pass ball. The ball is dead once the pitcher has it on the mound. If the pitcher misses a throw from the catcher or fielder (live ball) runners can advance. First time base runner leaves the base early, umpire will return runner to base and issue a warning. Each following instance base runner(s) will be declared out.

- ◆ A hit ball must clear the outfield fence in order to be ruled a Homerun, hitting the yellow and landing in the park does not constitute a Home Run.
- ◆ A player, coach or fan may be ejected for foul language, abusive behavior, or malicious contact. The ejection is for the remainder of that game. A second ejection will result in dismissal of that person from the tournament. If ejected, that person must leave the field area. Failure to comply will result in forfeit of the game. Managers are responsible for the conduct of themselves, their coaches, players and fans. Only the manager should communicate with the umpires during the game.
- ◆ **All rules are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director. Rulings by the Tournament Director are final.**