

Tournament rules

Teams must be at their assigned field and ready to play 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time if the game before them finishes early. **Failure to do so could result in a forfeit.**

- We will play OHSAA rules unless otherwise noted on this page.
- ONCE PITCHER IS REMOVED FROM THE MOUND IN A GAME, HE CANNOT RETURN TO PITCH IN THAT GAME
- ****GAME Cards must have Pitchers Names (NO NICKNAMES), pitch counts recorded for each pitcher, team names (Home and Away), age of teams – game time and field #.**
- A flip of a coin between the two teams determines the home team for each pool play game.

For bracket play games, the highest seed is home team, excluding the championship, where a coin flip will occur.

The official start time of the game must be recorded at the bottom of score card at the start of the game and agreed upon by both head coaches and Home Plate Umpire.

Game clock will stop in the event of an injury to a player on the field.

If there is a rules interpretation issue, the game must be stopped and the UIC and tournament director contacted. The game clock is stopped during this stoppage.

**RUN RULES: 7U-8U: 15 after 4 9U to 12U: 15 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5
13U-14U: 15 after 4, 10 after 5, 8 after 6**

PITCHING RULES:

Ages 9u to 12u - 18 outs in one day / 27 outs for the tournament.

Ages 13u and up – 21 outs in a day / 30 outs for the tournament

Pool Game and bracket game time limits for all games except the Semi-Finals and Championship game are as follows:

7U and 8U time limit is 1 hour 15 minutes. – No new inning after 1:15

9U to 12U will have a 1 hour 45-minute time limit. No new inning will start after 1:45

13U and up GAMES will have a 2-hour time limit. No new inning will start after 2 hours

WE DO NOT PLAY DROP DEAD

All Pool games tied at the end of regulation (innings) or at the end of the time limits will be counted as a tie in the standings. No extra innings will be played in the pool rounds.

All Bracket games will be played until there is a winner. If tied at the end of regulation (inning) or time limit, we will play one extra inning and if still tied, followed by the Ohio Sudden Death rule. **THIS APPLIES TO ALL BRACKET GAMES, INCLUDING SEMI-FINALS.**

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES WILL HAVE NO TIME LIMIT.

OHIO SUDDEN DEATH METHOD: The last 2 batters of record in the batting order the previous inning will be placed in order at 1st and 2nd base (the second last batter from the previous inning goes to 2nd base and the last batter from the previous inning out goes to 1st base) and the offense will have no outs. No pinch runners will be allowed for the last 2 batters that are being positioned during this process. ☐

BOTH TEAMS AND UMPIRES ARE TO AGREE AND RECORD THE OFFICIAL START TIME AT THE HOME PLATE MEETING. HOME TEAM WILL BE THE OFFICIAL SCORER AND TIME KEEPER.

I HIGHLY SUGGEST THAT AS THE TIME LIMIT APPROACHES, THAT BOTH TEAMS AND UMPIRES COMMUNICATE SO THERE ARE NO SURPRISES.

IF THERE IS A RULE INTERPRETATION – NOT A JUDGEMENT CALL – THAT PLAY STOPS, GAME CLOCK STOPS AND A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IS CALLED TO MAKE A RULING.

IF AN UMPIRE DEVIATES FROM THE POSTED RULES, DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE GAME IS OVER AND COMPLAIN. LET'S GET IT TAKEN CARE OF AT THAT TIME.

PROTEST FEE IS \$200 AND PAID IN CASH BEFORE THE PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. IF PROTEST IS UPHeld, THE \$200 GOES BACK TO THE TEAM THAT PAID IT. IF THE PROTEST IS NOT FOUND TO BE VALID, THE \$200 IS DONATED TO NATIONWIDE CHILDRENS HOSPITAL.

UMPIRES HAVE THE UIC NUMBER AND MY NUMBER IS 614-778-1391