

NAFA 10U National Rules 2024



As we support our local associations, a gate fee for the tournament entry of \$200 is payable to Cottage Grove Athletic Association (CGAA).

1. All games are 70 minutes or six innings for pool play; 75 minutes or six innings for bracket play. No new inning can start after time has elapsed. 35-foot pitching distance.
2. **Line-up rules:** at 10U, NAFA requires all teams to bat the active roster the entire tournament. In the event of an injury during the game, a player can be removed from the line-up without penalty. Once the line-up shrinks, and the player is removed from the batting order, the player is ineligible to return in that game. Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher or catcher.
3. Home team is determined by a flip of the coin for all pool and bracket games.
4. **Run rules:** At 10U, teams are limited to five runs per inning. Games are called due to the run rule if a team leads by 15 runs after three innings, 10 runs after four innings, and six runs after five innings. All bracket games tied at the end of the time limit will go to international tie-breaker with the last batter from the previous inning placed on second base with no outs.
5. Umpires handle all issues on the fields. Only tournament rules clarifications will be handled by tournament directors or UICs. Judgment calls come from the umpire on the field. Head coach is responsible for the conduct of players, other coaches and its spectators.
6. Tournaments are pool bracket play into three-double elimination bracket tournaments (Gold, Silver, Bronze). Brackets are determined by pool finish. First place to Gold, second and third places to Silver, and fourth place to Bronze.
7. On-deck batters will be placed to the back of the batter for safety purposes.
8. Coaches and parents who use profanity or other unwanted behavior will be directed by tournament directors or umpires to leave the park.

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