

2026 Elk River 14A Invitational Tournament

Tournament Rules

The following rules and regulations will govern play in the Tournament. The official rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules except as modified by the MYAS Gopher State League Rules and except as modified below. Any situations not covered by the rules will be determined by the Tournament Director. **Coaches and Managers: It is your responsibility to read, understand and adhere to all rules.**

1) Rosters: Teams must turn in a roster form prior to their first game. Rosters can be emailed to the tournament director or can be turned into the tournament director prior to the first game. Players in their respective age groups must not reach the next age before May 1, 2024. Proof of age may be requested and must be available. Acceptable proof is a copy of a public record of birth (issued by State, County or City). Violation results in forfeiture of game(s) played.

2) Game Length: 7 innings

Pool Play: In pool play, games will be played until the time limit is reached per rule #3 and then ties will stand.

Bracket Games: All bracket games will be played until a winner is determined – no ties will be allowed. For the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place games, normal rules apply and there will be no time limit. For all other bracket games in a tie situation when the time limit per rule #3 is reached, extra innings will be played as follows until the tie is broken: The last two batted outs from the previous inning will be placed at 2nd and 3rd base. The inning starts from there with 1 out. The team that scores the most runs in that inning will be the winner of the game.

3) 2 hours / no new innings after 2 hours / 2 hours 15 minutes hard stop - score will revert back to last completed inning if inning isn't complete unless home team, in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run(s) and equals or exceeds the opponent's score. In that case, the final score will be recorded as the score when the game is called. (Umpires will keep time)

Note: The next inning begins immediately after the last out of the prior inning is made.

4) The game will end at the conclusion of 4½ innings if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs. The game will end after 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead by 10 or more runs.

5) A minimum of 9 players must be present to start the game. The 9 players must be present prior to 10 minutes past the scheduled start time. A game will be forfeited to the offended team when a team is unable to provide nine players to start the game or cannot provide eight players to finish the game.

6) Home teams shall keep the official score book & official innings pitched for both teams. Home team designation for teams will be determined by a flip of the coin in pool play. Home team designation for teams in bracket play will be determined by the higher seed.

7) Teams shall supply game balls-Including **1** new game ball per game

8) Seeding for bracket play will be determined by total points as follows:

2 points – win 1 point – tie 0 points – loss

9) Tie breaker format:

Results of the head to head competition (This only applies when all remaining teams in tie breaker have played each other).

Total run differential in pool play (Maximum plus or minus 10 runs per game)

Least number of runs allowed in pool play.

Most total runs scored in pool play.

Coin flip

* For a 3-way tie, first break the 3-way tie by these rules and then start all over with the 2 remaining teams.

10) Individual awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team players. Gopher State tournament berths will be handed out to the top two finishing teams.

11) Pitching rules are as follows: 14 innings/tournament

Only the starting pitcher may leave the game and re-enter again as a pitcher. This move may be made once a game. The starting pitcher can play on the field in another position at any time during the game. An appearance by a pitcher - even if only one pitch is thrown - counts as an inning pitched. 2 coach trips to the mound are allowed PER PITCHER PER GAME. On the 2nd trip the pitcher must be removed from the pitcher's position.

12) Pitching/Base distance: 60 feet 6 inches/90 feet

13) Batting: MYAS rules apply, which allow the following options: (1) free substitution and continuous batting; or (2) use of an Extra Hitter (EH) or a Designated Hitter (DH) – see MYAS rules for specifics. This must be declared to the umpire and the opposing head coach prior to the start of the game and will continue for the remainder of the game

14) No batting practice on infield of game fields. No soft toss against any fences.

15) All bats must comply with MYAS regulations.

16) Batting cages are on a first come first serve basis. Maximum time limit per team is 20 minutes.

17) A courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher and pitcher at any time. The courtesy runner will be the last player out.

18) We reserve the right to re-schedule and/or shorten games should inclement weather be pending or interfere with play. A game that is suspended due to inclement weather (or for any other reason) may be resumed from the exact point of suspension. If any portion of the tournament is deemed unplayable, the tournament director reserves the right to do whatever necessary to complete the tournament, including changing format, shortening games, etc.

19) Sportsmanship: It is required that all coaches, players and fans exhibit good sportsmanship. Zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior shall be strictly enforced. Any coach ejected from a game shall be suspended from the next game and must remain off campus.

20) Forfeits: A 10-minute grace period will be allowed before a forfeit is declared.

Forfeited games not started award 0 runs allowed and 7 runs scored to team awarded the win.

21) The Elk River Youth Baseball Association does not carry insurance on tournament participants or spectators. It is the responsibility of the individual teams to provide their own insurance.

22) The playing of music on a speaker must be kept to a reasonable volume.

23) Tobacco or Cannabis/CBD/Hemp use of any kind is not allowed at all baseball parks by any parent, coach or player.

24) Scooters and bikes are not allowed at any baseball park/field.