

11U PLAYOFF RULES AND INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT FORMAT & SCHEDULE

- The tournament is double elimination. Play begins Monday August 11, and runs through to the weekend for the championship games.
- **There will be a mandatory meeting for all managers/coaches prior to the start of playoffs at Mornington Park concession booth. Date to be determined. There MUST be a representative from each team present.**
- The tournament brackets (attached) identify the date, time and field for each game.
- Top seeded team will be the home team. Once in the elimination bracket, **the last team to enter** will be the home team. In case of dispute, a coin flip will determine home and visitors. Home team takes the first base dugout. For the championship game, the undefeated team will be the home team. If a second game is necessary, home and away will switch (not dugout).
- No accommodations will be made for misinterpretation. If you are not sure about a rule, ask your convenor.
- There will be no protests allowed. A field supervisor will be stationed at the field area during the tournament to deal with problems.
- Medallions will be awarded to the Champion and Runner Up teams following the final game.
- Medallions will be awarded to the regular season champion at the start of the championship game or at the end of their last game played. Please ensure all players are present and in uniform to receive their medallions.

GAME LENGTH

- The regular season 5 innings or time limit shall apply unless the game is tied, in which case any subsequent inning past the time limit will be played using the Kansas City tiebreaker. Kansas City is defined as starting the inning with 1 out and a runner on second. Runner on second will be the last out of the previous inning.
- Managers and umpires should check the start time of the game. The game officially begins when the pitcher throws his first pitch. Synchronize the time with the plate umpire to avoid misunderstandings.
- A new inning begins when the third out is made. A new inning (up to 5) begins if there is any time left in the 1:45 hour. Any inning started will be completed. There will be no protests based on time calls. The umpires have the final say.
- Any game that has completed 1 full inning (6 outs) but cannot be completed due to weather and must be rescheduled, will be considered 'suspended' and will pick up at the point where weather caused the play to stop. If less than 1 inning was completed when weather halts the game, the game will be considered 'no game' and started from the beginning when rescheduled.
- The regular season mercy rule and 5 run per inning limit will be in effect for play-off games.
- The **championship** game(s) will be 5 innings with no time limit or mercy rule. Run limit per inning will be in effect. **Only the 2nd championship game (if necessary)**

will have unlimited runs in the 5th inning. The first game is technically still an elimination game.

PLAYERS

- Call-up players from 9U are allowed in order to roster 12 players.
- A minimum of 7 players is required. There will be an automatic out for the 8th and 9th batter.

SUBSTITUTION

- All players will play a minimum of 3 innings per game. The 3 innings cannot all be in the outfield unless the player wants them to be.
- **Players must rotate through different defensive positions, as per the 2 inning participation rule.**
Pitchers and back catchers are excluded from the participation rule. Pitching guidelines dictate pitcher eligibility.
- **AS AN OPPOSING MANAGER OR SCOREKEEPER IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE UMPIRE OF ANY BATTING OUT OF ORDER, ILLEGAL PITCHER OR OTHER RULE INFRACTION PRIOR TO IT HAPPENING RATHER THAN WAITING AND HOPING TO GET AN OUT. THE RULE IS CLEAR THAT NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY UPON REALIZING THE INFRACTION.**
- **Failure to follow proper substitution rules will result in the game being forfeited.**

PITCHING

- Pitching records continue through and including the championship game.
- **A pitcher may not pitch more than 70 pitches in a calendar day.** If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may pitch to the earlier of: (i) the completion of that batter or (ii) the end of the inning
- **Regular season pitching rules apply.**
- If a pitcher throws more than 25 pitches in a calendar day he/she cannot pitch the next day – the player must have 2 nights (1 calendar day) rest.
- Where a team has multiple games on the same day, if a pitcher throws more than 45 pitches during a game or in combination of one or more games, the pitcher may not pitch again in a subsequent game that day.
- **Once a pitcher is removed from the mound he cannot return as a pitcher or a catcher. Once a catcher is removed from behind the plate he cannot return as a pitcher.**
- Pitching an illegal pitcher **shall result in the game being forfeited.**

PITCHING LOGS

- Pitching logs are very important. To avoid controversy, the managers will exchange pitching logs before the game, fill them out **in pen** for the opposing team during the game, and return them at the conclusion of the game. When you receive your pitching log at the end of the game, be sure to verify its accuracy. **Both Managers must sign off on both teams pitching logs.**
- Players must be identified by their last name and jersey number.
- **Failure to abide by these rules will result in a forfeit.**

SCORES

- The winning manager **must** notify the attending field official and enter the scores in SportsEngine.

RAINOUTS

Rainouts will cause the scheduling of **all** further games to be shifted. All rescheduling will be distributed through your Convenor.

DECORUM

- Proper decorum must be maintained at all times. A Code of Conduct will be enforced.
- Only the manager or his designate may approach the umpire regarding a call.

Essentially, all regular season rules are in effect. IF unsure of anything, ask your Convener. Clarify anything necessary at plate meeting with umpire and opposing coach

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!