



Cary-Grove Youth Baseball and Softball

Tournament of Stars (TOS)

9U/10U Baseball Rules

General Rules and Field Dimensions

- 1) Base length: 60 feet
- 2) Pitching rubber: 46 feet
- 3) Game length: Six innings, no new inning after one hour and 45 minutes (*excludes the championship*)
- 4) If a game is called due to weather or darkness, it shall be considered a complete game after three innings (2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead).
- 5) Large-Lead Rule: 12 runs after three innings (or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is leading), 10 runs after four innings (or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is leading), 8 runs after five innings and any subsequent innings (or 4 1/2 innings if the home team is leading)
- 6) Metal spikes are prohibited.
- 7) Player age as of May 1
- 8) All pool-play games will start with a coin flip with the coach from the team who travels farthest making the call. The coin flip will determine the home team during pool play. The game clock will start when the home team takes the field in inning one. Bracket games will be seeded.
- 9) Pool-play games may end in a tie.

The current Official High School Rules published by the National Federation of the State High School Associations (Fed. Rules) apply unless specifically stated otherwise herein.

Please also see the TOS Newsletter found on Tourney Machine and the CGYBS website.

A. Batting

- 1) Every player shall bat. Each team will use a complete batting order.
- 2) A player that arrives after the game begins must bat at the bottom of the batting order.
- 3) Each team is allowed only four runs in each inning for the first five innings. After the fourth run crosses the plate and play has stopped, the team batting shall immediately take the field. If more than four runs cross the plate during the continuation of the play, only four runs will be counted. This rule is in effect regardless of how many outs (less than three) are actually made in the inning. There is no run limit in the sixth and subsequent innings.
- 4) Bunting is allowed, but the batter may not pull back and swing after showing bunt. If the batter swings after showing bunt, that batter will be ruled out.
- 5) The Dropped Third Strike Rule is not in effect.
- 6) All bats must conform to the following rules. All bats must be:

- USSSA 1.15 BPF stamped, 2 3/4" diameter or less, no weight restrictions

- USA Baseball (no weight or barrel restrictions)
- BBCOR
- Wood
- No bat may be longer than 33"

Any batter that enters the batter's box with an illegal bat (i.e. does not comply with the bat rules) shall be called out immediately upon discovery (via appeal or the umpire's call). The batter may also be called out after batting and reaching base so long as the illegal bat is discovered prior to the first pitch of the following batter. In this case, the defensive team has the option of taking the penalty (an out) or the result of the play. If the penalty is taken, all runners shall return to their original bases. A second use of an illegal bat by any player shall result in forfeiting the game.

B. Pitching

- 1) Pitchers shall be limited to **two consecutive innings per game, seven innings total in the tournament**. One pitch in an inning constitutes a full inning pitched.
- 2) Pitchers may pitch on consecutive days.
- 3) There are no balks and the Fed. Balk Rule 6-2-4 does not apply.
- 4) A pitcher must be removed after hitting two batters in one inning or three batters in a game.
- 5) The manager/head coach may make one visit to the mound per pitcher per inning. On the second visit, the pitcher must be removed. Visits to the mound due to injury do not count toward the two-visit maximum.
- 6) Intentional walks are not permitted.
- 7) Pitch-outs are not allowed.

C. Base Running

- 1) Open stealing is allowed. Stealing home is not allowed.
- 2) Base runners cannot leave their base until the ball has crossed home plate. Any runner leaving early shall be declared out.
- 3) There are no delayed steals allowed and attempts to taunt and draw throws from defensive players are NOT allowed. Stealing on routine throws back to the pitcher are not allowed.
- 4) There is a mandatory slide rule. All players must slide to avoid contact.
- 5) A courtesy runner (last batted out) is mandatory for the catcher and optional for the pitcher after there are two outs only. Courtesy runners may relieve only the pitcher and catcher of record.
- 6) If a defensive player is injured while attempting to field a ball, the base runner(s) will be allowed to advance only to the base(s) toward which he was headed at the time of the injury and time will be called to attend to the injured player.
- 7) All overthrows within the fence (excluding catcher back to pitcher) are in play and runners may advance.
- 8) The Infield Fly Rule does not apply.
- 9) No head-first slides are allowed. The runner will be declared out if sliding in this manner.