



AABC 15u Ken Griffey Jr. World Series - Rules of Play

**** Very IMPORTANT – On all turf fields in this event – NO Seeds or Gum. Violations can be assessed with a Team Fine of up to \$500. Please monitor and announce this to your team and help us with leaving the dugout area cleaner than you find it**

The event is monitored by the AABC 2024 Official Handbook – and the following Rules and Regulations.

1 – Each team should be using a Gamechanger Account for this event.

2 – Pitching Regulations. We will be using, per AABC rules, the Pitch Smart program in this modified way. Each player has 95 TOTAL PITCHES FOR THE WEEKEND. This is a DROP DEAD number (NOT FINISH A BATTER). NO PLAYER CAN THROW 3 CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN A ROW. **If an opposing coach warns an umpire of a player from the other team approaching the pitch limit, and the umpire warns said coach and he still exceeds the pitch limit, the player will be removed after breaking the limit and his coach will be ejected from the game.

3 – Present an official lineup card to the Umpires at the pre-game meeting. You may bat up to 10 batters in a lineup, including an EH (which is an interchangeable defensive position). Reentry rules are as follows: each player in the starting lineup may reenter 1 time. Upon reentry, the substitute player is ineligible for return. You may use the Ohtani Rule, it must be labeled on your lineup card as the “P/DH” and you must inform the umpires at the plate meeting of your intention to use the rule.

4 – AABC is providing ONE DOZEN game balls to each team. After that first dozen balls teams are responsible for providing their own game balls for the duration of the event.

5 – Home Team for pool games and consolation games will be determined by Coin Flip. Bracket Play - home team will be the highest seed for that game on the bracket. All pool games, bracket games until the championship game, and consolation games will consist of 7 innings with a **2 Hour time limit**. No new inning will occur after this time limit. See below for ties/extra innings. **No time limit for the Championship Game.**

FORMAT: Teams will play TWO pool games. After completion of those games we will rank ALL teams 1-17 REGARDLESS of pool and the top 8 teams from that list will make up an 8 team bracket starting on Saturday. Remaining 9 teams will play 2 more consolation games between Saturday/Sunday.

POOL PLAY TIE BREAKERS:

TWO WAY TIE: Head to Head (Or Run Diff, Runs Allowed, Runs Scored - in that order - if head to head doesn't apply)

THREE WAY TIE: Run Diff, Runs Allowed, Runs Scored, then Coin Toss - in that order)

7 – For pool play, TIES CAN OCCUR after the time limit has been reached. For BRACKET PLAY a tie game (either after 7 or the time limit) shall be finalized using the MLB modified extra inning rule. The last batter from the previous inning begins on 2nd base with zero outs to start each half inning.

8 – All games will be played by MLB rules with AABC modifications. NCAA slide rule – direct to base or evade. A courtesy runner for the Catcher may be used with the last recorded out (if all players are in the lineup) or a player not in the lineup (who will be the designated runner for the entire game). **NO COURTESY RUNNER FOR THE PITCHER.**

PROTEST:

By AABC rules in order to officially protest a game you must contact a Tournament Director AND NOT LEAVE THE FIELD OF PLAY. Next, in order to officially protest you must pay \$100 (non refundable unless the protest is won). If a team protesting leaves the field of play the protest is automatically DENIED.

IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES ON A FIELD, PAUSE THE GAME and ASK THE UMPIRES or the COACHES CAN CALL A DIRECTOR. DO NOT CONTINUE THE GAME, once a game continues we will not go back to correct any issues.

9 – **NO METAL CLEATS ON ANY PLAYER for ANY of the turf fields in this event – Flats, Turfs or Molded ONLY on all turf fields. Penalty is a team warning and beyond that - an individual ejection.**

10 – All ejections will result in that game + 1 penalty for the first offense. The game when the ejection occurred + the next game. If there is not another Coach in the dugout at the time of an ejection, the game is a forfeit. A 2nd ejection is an Event/Park dismissal for the remainder of the Event. These penalties are reviewable by the Event Committee – John Hartley, Tyler Hartley, Trey McDaniel and Shannon Enfield. Any Parent/Fan ejection could range from a one plus one game dismissal to dismissal for the remainder of the Event pending review by the Event Committee.

11 - **Run rules are 12 after 3 / 10 after 4 / 8 after 5.**

12 – Any weather/in-game delays that have not reached the 4.5/5 inning conclusion are suspended games. However, this rule is at the discretion of the Event Committee and can be overruled.

14 - **Bat Regulations: WOOD BAT -3. NO COMPOSITES. BAUM BATS ARE ALLOWED.**

15 – **Please text your completed score of each game & pitchers that threw in each game for your team - and their pitch count to Trey McDaniel at 417-988-1309.**