

2018 Tri County League Tournament Rules

A. All Tournaments will be conducted as double elimination tournaments. Age levels with more than 48 teams will have a single elimination brackets to determine 48 seeded teams.

B. Umpires and game balls will be furnished by the Tri County Fastpitch league.

C. The league tournament will be following the USA rulebook.

D. Tournament games are timed at 70 minutes or 7 innings. However, no new inning may start after 70 minutes. The tie-breaker rule shall be used after 7 innings or in the top of the first new inning after time expires. Starting with the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base (e.g., if the number five batter is the leadoff batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. A substitute may be inserted for the runner).

E. In the event of delays due to inclement weather or extenuating circumstances:

1. The tournament director is empowered to shorten game times to no less than 45 minutes.

2. Games suspended after 3 complete innings or 2 ½ innings if the home team is ahead, which are not tied, may be declared complete games by the tournament director.

3. Every effort must be made to complete the tournament however, if playing conditions are untenable, the tournament director is empowered to cancel the tournament. (see Article X for state seeding rules in this eventuality).

F. **ALL 10U & 12U** and at 14U, 16U and 18U at **B and C** levels bat the roster. At 14U, 16U and 18U at **A level** bat 9 (DP/Flex). If an age group is combined with A teams' then bat 9 (DP/Flex).

G. 10U Specific Rules: Tournament games are timed at **65 minutes** or 7 innings. However, no new inning may start after 65 minutes.

10U Specific: In league play and the Tri County qualifier, All levels of **10U** will play following the national rules (same as all age levels) and continue to play at 35' pitching distance, use an 11" ball, and be limited to 5 runs per inning. **The last batter to bat, if they were not out or were not a part of the 5th run, i.e. got a hit or walked then they will be first up to bat the following inning.**

H. Run rule applies. 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 and 8 runs after 5 innings.

I. Metal cleats are allowed at 14U, 16U and 18U

J. Pitching distance is 35' at 10U, 40' at 12U, 43' at 14U, 16U and 18U

K. Home team shall be determined by coin toss.