



2019 Greenville Griffins Summer Kick-Off

May 31-June 2, 2019

9U & 10U Tournament Rules

The tournament is May 31-June 2, 2019 and will be at Greenville Community Park at the corner of Highways 15 & 76 in Greenville, Wisconsin.

Fee - \$300 per team with no gate fee.

Format –

9U – 2 pool games. All teams will be seeded and will be single eliminate bracket play with a 3rd place game. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

10U – 2 pool games. All teams will be seeded. Top 6 will be in the “Gold” bracket and 7-12 will be in the “Silver” bracket. Both brackets will be single elimination. Awards for 1st and 2nd in Gold bracket and 1st place for Silver bracket.

Games will be 6 innings in length with an 1:30 time limit. Time is recorded at the 3rd out of the inning. The championship game will not have a time limit. If a pool play game is tied at the time limit, it will remain a tie. A tie game will continue to the 7th inning if the time limit has not been reached yet and will use the California tie-breaker. In the bracket style games, a tie game will continue with the California tie-breaker rule until there is a winner, except for the championship games, which will continue with normal baseball rules. The California tie-breaker is beginning with a runner on 2nd base. That runner will be the last out of the previous inning. The inning starts with 1 out and every batter will begin with a 2-1 count.

Run limit - 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, & 8 after 5 innings.

The lineup may be 10 players or bat your whole roster. You don't have to play every player 2 innings in the field or have an at-bat, but it is recommended. If a player is lost due to injury, their spot in the order can be skipped without penalty however they will not be permitted to re-enter the game. If you bat your whole roster, then it's open substitution for defense. 4 outfielders are used, so 10 defensive players are used.

Pitching rules – **3 inning limit per game. 6 inning limit for the tournament.** One pitch equals an inning. The home team will have the pitching cards. Please report pitching changes to the home team. The pitcher can have 8 warm up pitches to start his game, but limited to 5 thereafter between innings. **Greenville Youth Sports takes the health of our young athletes very seriously. Please use common sense and exercise caution with how many pitches your players are throwing. Not all innings are equal! High stress, high pitch count innings cause serious stress on the arm and the player should be treated with care. No game is more important than the health of our kids. Although not required, we do recommend Pitch Smart guidelines are used.**

The bases will be 60' and the mound 46'. No lead-offs until the pitch crosses the plate.

Bat restrictions – ANY USSSA or USA baseball stamped bats may be used. There is no additional restriction on weight drop or barrel diameter. Any bat deemed illegal by USSSA or USA baseball will be prohibited and removed from play (see USSSA or USA baseball websites for a list of banned bats).

Time limit – No new inning will start after 1:30, except championship game. Time is recorded at the 3rd out of the inning. The games will start early if possible.

Playoffs – Teams will be seeded by the following tiebreakers

1. Win/Loss record
2. Head to Head
3. Run differential (max 8)
4. Runs against
5. Runs scored
6. Coin flip

Age limit – We will use the April 30 age cutoff. Please provide a birth certificate upon request.

Roster limit – 15 players per team. 12 awards will be given.

4 innings, or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead is a complete game in case of rain. If the game wasn't official, it would be picked up where it was left off.

If an ineligible player (i.e. too many innings pitched or age) is discovered, his team shall forfeit the game or games in which he participated illegally.

Home team is the official score book. We will flip for the home team in pool play games. **Higher seed will be the home team in the playoff bracket.**

Pitches do not need to be thrown for an intentional walk, simply notify the umpire of the decision. You cannot intentionally walk 2 consecutive batters.

Pitchers cannot return to pitch in the same game once removed.

Pitchers must be removed on the second trip to the mound by a coach.

Courtesy runners may be used for the catcher at any time. The runner will be the last batted out.

There is no mandatory slide rule. The runner must attempt to avoid contact. If, in the umpire's judgment, a runner is not avoiding contact the runner will be called out. No head-first slides allowed unless it's to get back to a base. Umpires discretion.

No lead-offs before the pitch crosses the plate. Player will be called out if leaving too early.

Runners may steal home.

No infield fly rule or dropped 3rd strike rule in effect for this tournament.

No fake bunts or you will be called out. That means you can't square up, pull back, and then swing away. You can square and pull back, as long as you don't swing.

No pregame infield is allowed. Space will be provided for warm ups.

Missed bases will be an appeal play.

There are no protests. The umpire's decision is final.

Please no carry-ins. Our concessions are our biggest fundraiser.