



2018 Greenville Griffins Summer Kick-Off

June 1-3, 2018

9U & 10U Tournament Rules

The tournament is June 1-3, 2018 and will be at Greenville Community Park at the corner of Highways 15 & 76 in Greenville, Wisconsin.

Fee - \$250 per team with no gate fee.

Format – 3 game guarantee with 2 pool play or random draw games (depending on number of entries) & bracket play-off, weather permitting. All teams will make it to bracket play.

Games will be 6 innings in length with an 80 minute 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 1 at-bat, but it is recommended. If you start with batting your whole line-up and lose a player for any reason, you will take the out when his time comes to hit unless the opposing coach agrees to allow the spot to be skipped without penalty. The umpire must be aware of this decision. 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 – **2 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 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.

The bases will be 60' and the mound 46'. No lead-offs.

Bat restrictions – Any USSSA stamped or USABaseball stamped bats will be legal for play.

Time limit – No new inning will start after 1:20, except championship game. Time is recorded at the 3rd out of the inning. The games will start early if possible.

Playoffs – All teams will make bracket play. Teams will be seeded by the following tiebreakers

1. Win/Loss record
2. Runs against (first 4 innings)
3. Runs scored (first 4 innings)
4. Coin flip

Age limit – May 1st, 2017 cutoff date will be used. Please provide birth certificate upon request

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

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. (tiebreakers may apply for 3rd place)

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.** If teams with the same seed match up in the playoffs, then use a coin flip.

Pitches do not need to be thrown for an intentional walk.

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

Pitchers must be removed on the second trip to the mound with the same pitcher.

Courtesy runners must be used for the catcher after 2 outs and only after 2 outs. The runner will be the last batted out.

There is no mandatory slide rule. The runner must attempt to avoid contact. If, in the umpires 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.

There are no protests. The umpire's decision is final. Appeals are allowed on missed bases.

Please no carry-ins.