



## ***48<sup>th</sup> Annual Greenville Baseball Tournament – June 29 – July 1, 2018***

### **Official Rules**

1. Teams may have up to 15 players. The April 30<sup>th</sup> age date will be used. Birth certificates must be provided upon request. Ineligible players will result in a forfeit.
2. Your official roster must be turned in to the headquarters prior to your first game. No changes can be made after the first pitch of your first game.
3. Games will be 6 innings in length with a 90 minute time limit. The championship games 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 7<sup>th</sup> inning if the time limit has not been reached yet. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> base, 1 out, and a 2 ball 1 strike count. That runner will be the last out of the previous inning.
4. Teams will play 3 pool games and the top 3 teams in each pool will play in the bracket (subject to change based on number of entries). Tie breaker will be: **1)** record. **2)** Runs given up in first 4 innings. **3)** Runs scored in first 4 innings. **4)** Coin toss. Coin toss for home team in pool games. Higher seed is home team in bracket games. Coin toss if seeds match in the championship and third place games.
5. There will be a 12 run rule after 3 innings, 10 run rule after 4 innings, and an 8 run rule after 5 innings. There will be no per-inning run limit. The run rule will apply to the championship game as well.
  6. A traditional 9 batter lineup or bat your whole roster can be used. You do not have to play every player in the field for 2 innings and have 1 at-bat, but it is recommended.

If you bat the whole roster and a player can't continue in the game, an out will be issued when his turn is up unless both coaches agree to skip the position without penalty.
7. **ANY** USSSA or USABaseball bat may be used. (see USSSA or USA baseball rules for specifics)

8. The pitching limit is **4** innings per game and **6** innings for the tournament. One pitch thrown counts as an inning pitched. If the pitcher is removed from a game, he may not return to pitch in that same game. If a pitcher goes over the inning limit the team will forfeit.

Greenville Youth Sports takes the health of our young pitchers very seriously. We recommend following Pitch Smart guidelines with minimum days of rest based on how many pitches thrown.

9. A coach may visit the mound once per pitcher in a game. The second trip per pitcher will result in the removal of that pitcher.
10. The pitcher will get 8 warm up pitches upon starting or entering a game. He will get 5 pitches between innings.
11. Runners must avoid contact on a close play. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out at the umpire's discretion. No head-first slides unless it is to get back to a base, or the runner will be called out.
12. **Field Dimensions will be 50/70. Leading off and stealing IS allowed.** Balks will be called. Each pitcher will be given 1 warning. The umpires will be instructed to be as lenient as possible and will instruct and assist the pitchers.
13. **Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike will be in effect for 12U. 11U will NOT have dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule in effect.**
14. Runners may steal home.
15. No infield fly rule will be in effect.
16. A courtesy runner must be used for the catcher after 2 outs and only after 2 outs. The courtesy runner will be the last batted out.
17. The home team will be the official score-keeper for each game and in charge of keeping the game cards and turning them in to the director.
18. **There will be no infield practice prior to any game.**
19. Unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive language may result in an immediate ejection from the grounds without warning.
20. In case of rain, 3 ½ or 4 innings will be an official game, depending on which team is leading. If the game is not official yet, it will be picked up at the same spot it was suspended. The tournament committee reserves the right to modify the schedule/format should weather cause any delays.
21. There will be no protests. The umpire's decision is final.

22. No fake bunts allowed – will be called out. That means you can't square around and then pull back and swing away. You can square around and then pull back, as long as you don't swing.
23. Intentional walks – no need to throw the 4 pitches, just tell the umpire.
24. Any rule not mentioned here will be governed by USSSA rules. Any rules not covered by USSSA will be governed by NFHS rules.
25. Please no carry-ins. We have full concessions
26. Please clean up the dugout after your game. Thank you for coming and have a great tournament!