

2018 Coppell & Southlake All Star Tournament

09U-14U Tournament Rules & Special Rules

1. Home Team; Dugouts; Official Scorekeeper; Scoreboard; Game Balls:
 - a. Pool Play Home Team – determined by “Coin Flip” (may elect home or visitor)
 - b. Bracket Play Home Team – determined by “Better” seed (may elect home or visitor)
 - c. Dugouts – First Come, First Serve
 - d. Official Scorekeeper – Home Team
 - e. Field Scoreboard – Visitor Team
 - f. Game Balls – Each Team to Provide All Necessary Game Balls for Each Game

2. Minimum 8-Players at Start – May Finish with Less Than 8-Players:
 - a. In all situations, teams batting less than 9, must take an out in each vacant batting position
 - b. Player leaving game due to illness or injury, just skip batting position, no out recorded, unless batting less than 9
 - i. 13-14U Specific, if batting entire roster, and more than 9, no out will be recorded if player leaves game, and you still have 9 or more in the lineup (skip batting position)
 - ii. 13-14U Specific, if batting 9+, but not entire roster, no out recorded (skip batting position, or replace with sub player)
 - iii. 13-14U Specific, if batting 9, either replace with a sub player, or take an out if batting less than 9

3. Time Limit, Inning Limit, Run Rule, Tie Breaker:
 - a. 9U-12U - Time & Inning Limits
 - i. Pool Play - 1 Hour & 30 Minutes or 6-Innings
 - ii. Bracket Play – 1 Hour & 30 Minutes or 6-Innings
 - b. 13U-14U - Time & Inning Limits
 - i. Pool Play – 1 Hour & 45 Minutes or 7-Innings
 - ii. Bracket Play – 1 Hour & 45 Minutes or 7-Innings
 - c. 9U-14U - Run Rules for All Games
 - i. 15-Runs, after 3 Innings
 - ii. 10-Runs, after 4 Innings
 - iii. 08-Runs, after 5 Innings
 - d. 9U-14U – Half Inning Rule Limit
 - i. 7 Runs Max Per Half-Inning, no exception
 - ii. Mathematical Elimination applies in all games
 1. Once a game is mathematically over, then the game ends immediately, do not finish the current at bat, or half-inning.
 - e. 9U-14U – Forfeits will be recorded 7-0
 - f. 9U-14U - Tie Breaker
 - i. Pool Play – End with a Tie Score
 - ii. Bracket Play – “California Tie Breaker”
 1. Last Scheduled Batter Starts on 2nd-Base with No Outs (courtesy runner rule applies)
 - iii. Championship Game – Time & Inning & Run Rule Limits Apply. No Tie Breaker. Finish.

4. Bracket Play Seeding Determination:
 - a. Won – Loss Record
 - b. Head-To-Head Record (if more than 2 teams have same record, head-to-head not used)
 - c. Runs Allowed
 - d. Runs Scored
 - e. Coin Flip

5. Team Batting:
 - a. 9U-12U – Must bat entire official game roster
 - b. 13-14U – May bat their entire official game roster, or may bat 9 or 10 (EH) and follow standard eligible substitute player rules
 - c. 9U Only – Dropped 3rd strike rule and the infield fly rule are NOT in effect. 9U plays “loose bases”, so lead offs and steals are allowed at any time.

6. Fake Bunt Slap / Slash:
 - a. 9U-12U - Not Allowed. Batter will be declared out.
 - i. If batter shows bunt, or squares to bunt, and swings, the batter will be declared out. It does not matter if the batter makes contact or not.
 - b. 13-14U – this is allowed

7. Courtesy Runner: Allowed for both catcher and pitcher. Required for catcher with 2-outs
 - a. 9U-12U bats entire roster, so last batted out is the courtesy runner. If not out recorded, then last batter due up at that time.
 - b. 13-14U – If not batting entire roster, then any eligible substitute
 - c. Same courtesy runner may not run twice in same inning

8. Defensive Substitutions:
 - a. If Batting Roster – “Free Substitution” for fielding positions at any time (other than pitcher)
 - b. 13-14U – if not batting roster, follow standard eligible substitute player rules

9. Pitch Limits: No Pitching Limits. No Innings Pitched Limits. No Pitch Count Limits.
 - a. Coaches are strongly encouraged to use sound judgment & keep player health as a top priority
 - b. **Winning a 9U-14U Game is NOT More Important than Player Health**
 - c. Pitcher Substitutions – Pitcher may not return to the mound in the same game once removed

10. Mound Visits: 3 Charged Visits Allowed Per Game. No Limit on Visits Per Inning.
 - a. Teams allowed 3 charged visits per game without pulling the pitcher
 - i. A Charged Visit is any coach visit to the mound that does not result in pulling the pitcher
 - ii. An Uncharged Visit is any coach visit to the mound that results in pulling the pitcher
 - b. Any & All Coach Visits to Mound After 3 Charged Visits – must result in pulling the pitcher
 - c. There are NO Restrictions on coach visits to the mound per inning

11. Steel Cleats:

- a. 9U-12U – not allowed. Rubber cleats or soles only
- b. 13-14U – allowed. Steel cleats allowed

12. Defensive Coaches:

- a. Restricted to the dugout area only. Not permitted on the field. No roaming the foul lines.

13. Pre-Game Warm Ups:

- a. No Pre-Game Warm Up on the infield. Only allowed to warm up in the outfield or designated warm up areas.

14. Game Balls: Both Teams Required to Provide All Game Balls Necessary to Complete All Games.

- a. Usually, 2 “new” games balls are sufficient.
- b. Teams are required to provide additional game balls if necessary to complete any / all games

15. Scorecards & Protests: A Signed Scorecard is Deemed Accurate, Accepted, & Final

- a. Coaches – the Scorecard is Deemed Accurate, Accepted, & Final if One of the Following Occurs
 - i. Scorecard Signed, and / or Scorecard Not Signed and Not Protested Immediately after Game
 - ii. If you Leave without Protesting, the Scorecard will be Deemed Accurate, Accepted, & Final
- b. Coaches - **DO NOT** Sign a Scorecard if you Think It Misrepresents the Result of the Game
 - i. If Coaches are Unable to Agree, Immediately Protest the Result to the Tournament Director.
- c. Tournament Director will make a Final Determination

16. Tournament Director reserves the right to alter, or change the tournament format, when necessary, to complete the tournament (typically weather related). Tournament Director decisions on all issues / questions / disputes are final.

17. USSSA Rules will apply unless otherwise noted above.

SPECIAL NOTES

1. All teams must check in with Tournament Director & provide team roster and copy of insurance prior to first pool game. Team roster must include player first name, last name, date of birth, and be signed by coach. In event of a protest, birth certificates may be required upon request.
2. All coaches must remain in dugout area, except for 3rd-Base Coach, 1st-Base Coach, and “Dugout” Coach. Any coach not occupying one of those positions must remain in the dugout area. No roaming up & down the foul lines allowed.
3. Coaches will be held accountable and responsible for all team coaches, parents, guardians, family, fans, and players. Unsportsmanlike Conduct will be determined in the Umpires and / or Tournament Directors Sole and Absolute Discretion. Umpire may give a 1-time warning. The Umpire has the authority to resolve any and all issues, including, but not limited to Unsportsmanlike Conduct.
4. Malicious or Intentional Contact is NOT allowed. If a Player is judged to be guilty of malicious or intentional contact, that Player will be declared out, and disqualified from competing in the current game, and the Tournament Director will determine further penalties.
5. Umpires are instructed to start games early if the field is clear and ready for play. All Teams are advised to be prepared to play 15-minutes prior to scheduled game start time.
6. A Homerun will be declared only if the ball clears the fence.
7. All Bats -5 or Greater Must be Stamped BPF 1.15. All Bats Must be Baseball Bats. No Restriction on Weight or Length, if the Bat is Stamped BPF 1.15. All -3 Bats Must be Stamped BBCOR. Wood Bats are Allowed.
8. Players may play up an age division. Players may NOT play down an age division.
9. Field Dimensions:
 - a. 9U & 10U: 46’ Mound & 65’ Bases
 - b. 11U-12U: 50’ Mound & 70’ Bases
 - c. 13U-14U: 54’ Mound & 80’ Bases
10. Refund Policy: See tournament registration and website for details.
11. No Show: Teams that no-show will forfeit 100% of entry fee
12. Adverse Weather: Tournament may be played in adverse weather conditions. The format may be changed to lesser time limits / fewer innings to complete the tournament. Teams accept these conditions when entering the tournament.
13. Water is NOT provided in the dugout. Players must bring their own personal water jugs.
14. NO JAM BOXES, NO NOISE MAKERS OF ANY KIND & NO SHAKING OR RATTLING THE FENCE.