

2017 Bauerstown 9U Boys Tournament Rules

152 Koehler St, PGH PA 15223

*****Little League Baseball Rules prevail with the following changes*****

Roster: Each team must submit a roster prior to the first game played. Each organization may roster up to 13 players. Each player must be aged 9, as per baseball age. No player is allowed to participate if their 11th birthday was on or before 4/30/17.

Game Length: Each game will be played to the completion of 6 innings. There is a 10 run rule in effect after 3 ½ or 4 innings, Semifinals and Championship will not have any run limits, they will be played to the completion of 6 innings. Pool games will have a 2 hour time limit. No new inning is to be started after the 2 hour mark. Extra innings in pool play will happen if within the 2 hour limit. Pool games can end in a tie.

Home Team: Home team will be determined by a coin flip in all pool games. The team that traveled the farthest will call the toss. In bracket play, the higher seed (#1 being the highest) will be designated home team

Defensive Team: Each team may field 10 players (4 infielders, pitcher, catcher and 4 outfielders). No rovers permitted. You must have 8 players to start the game.

Pitching Limits: Pitchers are limited to 2 innings per pitcher, per game. There is no pitch count for the tournament or max on innings. One (1) pitch thrown constitutes an inning pitched. Once a pitcher has been removed from the game, hem may not re-enter as the pitcher in that game.

Hit Batsman: Any pitcher that hits (2) batters in one inning or (3) in a game must be replaced.

Batting Order: All players in attendance must bat in continuous order. If a player is injured or cannot take their place in the order, and OUT will be recorded the first time through the line up, then skipped every at bat, thereafter, with no penalty.

Courtesy Runner: To speed up play, a courtesy runner will be granted for the catcher when the catcher reaches base. The catcher must be the catcher that caught the previous inning. The runner will be the player that made the last out.

5 Run Inning Limit: Each team may score a maximum of 5 runs an inning. The play will be played to completion. All runs that score count. There is no run rule in the 6th or extra innings.

Stealing Bases: Base stealing is permitted once the ball has crossed home plate. All runner must remain on the base until the ball crosses the plate. Each team will receive a warning for leaving early. Once warning is received, all other offenses will result in the runner being called out. NO STEALING OF HOME. NO DELAYED STEALS. NO TAKING 2ND BASE ON A WALK. NO STEALING WHEN THE BALL IS POSSESSED BY THE PITCHER

3rd Base: Runners are frozen on third base. They can only advance on a batted ball or walk/HBP if bases are loaded.

Bunting: Bunting is allowed. No “slash – bunting” allowed. Slash-bunting is defined as a batter showing bunt, then pulling back and swinging fully.

NO INFIELD FLY RULE

NO BALKS

NO DROPPED 3RD STRIKE

Player Safety:

- All batters must wear a protective helmet
- All catchers must wear a protective cup
- NO BIG BARRELL BATS (Max Diam 2 ¼”)
- Players must avoid contact when they can, any player deemed to have intentionally initiated contact will be warned once, called out 2nd and ejected from the game upon the 3rd offense.
- Feet first sliding is encouraged on all close plays. Head-first sliding is not permitted except when diving back to a base.

Conduct:

- The only people permitted to talk to the umpire or Tournament Director is the head coach.
- No alcohol, no open flames and no grilles permitted. This will result in being ejected from the complex.
- No swearing, verbal or physical abuse will be tolerated towards anyone.
- If the umpire or Tournament Director ejects:
 - A player – the player will be ejected from the next game
 - Asst Coach – the coach will be ejected for the next 2 games
 - Head Coach – the coach will be ejected for the next game
 - Fans – the fan will be ejected for the entire tournament
 - Anyone ejected must leave the facility immediately of their team will be forced to forfeit.

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