



2018 WOOD BAT SUPPLEMENTAL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Babe Ruth League, Inc./Cal Ripken Baseball tournament rules will be followed unless otherwise noted.
2. **9U Minors, 10U Minors, 11U Minors & 12U Majors Divisions**
 - a. Each team must present a completed line-up card prior to the game. The original will be given to the official scorekeeper, the second copy to the home plate umpire, and the third copy to the opposing manager.
 - b. **Bats:** Belgrade Youth Baseball will supply each team with a minimum of 2 wooden bats for the tournament. Any team may also utilize their own wood bats provided that the bat shall not be more than 33 inches in length, nor have a bat barrel in excess of 2 5/8 inches.
 - c. **Shoes:** Shoes with metal cleats or spikes are not permitted to be worn by any player, coach, or manager.
 - d. **Contact Rule In Effect:** If a runner attempting to reach any base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player, the runner will be called out on the play and ejected from the game. The objective of this is to penalize the offensive team for deliberate, unwarranted, unsportsmanlike action by the runner for the obvious purpose of crashing into the defensive player, rather than trying to reach the base. Obviously, this is an umpire's judgment call.
 - e. **Home / Visitor for Pool Play Games:** Prior to the start of each pool play game, an umpire will conduct a coin toss with the managers and/or captains of the opposing teams to determine home team during pool play competition.
 - f. **Time Limits / Innings**
 - 1) Games shall consist of 6 innings. The 15 run rule is in effect through three innings and the 10 run rule is in effect through 4 innings.
 - 2) In pool play games, no new inning may start after 100 minutes (1 hour and 40 minutes).
 - 3) In the event of a weather delay, **the delay IS NOT counted toward the game time.** Once the game resumes, the length of delay will be added to the time limit.
 - 4) There will be no time limits for bracket play games. If a game goes beyond the scheduled time for play, the next game will immediately follow the completion of the extended game.
 - g. **Pitching**
 - 1) No pitcher in 9U, 10U, 11U & 12U Division tournament play shall be allowed to pitch in more than six (6) innings in any two successive tournament games. If a pitcher delivers one pitch in an inning the player will be charged for one inning pitched. **Balks will be called in 70' divisions.**
 - h. Teams may use a continuous batting order with open defensive substitutions.
 - i. Dropped third strike rule will be in effect in 11U & 12U Divisions.

3. **13U & 15U Division**

- a. Each team must present a completed line-up card prior to the game. The original will be given to the official scorekeeper, the second copy to the home plate umpire, and the third copy to the opposing manager.
- b. **Bats:** Belgrade Youth Baseball will supply each team with a minimum of two wood bats for the tournament. Any team may also utilize their own wood bats provided that the bat barrel shall not be in excess of 2 5/8 inches at the thickest part and shall not exceed 34 inches in length. Composite wood bats must BBCOR (Batted-Ball Coefficient of Restitution) certified and NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) approved.
- c. **Contact Rule In Effect:** If a runner attempting to reach any base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player, the runner will be called out on the play and ejected from the game. The objective of this is to penalize the offensive team for deliberate, unwarranted, unsportsmanlike action by the runner for the obvious purpose of crashing into the defensive player, rather than trying to reach the base. Obviously, this is an umpire's judgment call.
- d. **Home / Visitor for Pool Play Games:** Prior to the start of each pool play game, an umpire will conduct a coin toss with the managers and/or captains of the opposing teams to determine home team during pool play competition.
- e. **Time Limits / Innings**
 - 1) Games shall consist of 7 innings. The 15 run rule is in effect through 4 innings & the 10 run rule is in effect through five innings.
 - 2) In pool play games, no new inning may start after 120 minutes (2 hours).
 - 3) In the case of a weather delay, **the delay IS NOT counted toward the game time**. Once the game resumes, the length of delay will be added to the time limit.
 - 4) There will be no time limits for bracket play games. If a game goes beyond the scheduled time for play, the next game will immediately follow the completion of the extended game.
- f. **Pitching:** No pitcher in 13U or 15U Division tournament play shall be allowed to pitch in more than seven (7) innings in any two successive tournament games. If a pitcher delivers one pitch in an inning he shall be charged for one inning pitched.
- g. Teams may use a continuous batting order with open defensive substitutions.

4. DETERMINATION OF POOL PLAY STANDINGS

Pool play standings will be determined as follows:

a. **WIN – LOSS RECORD**

The tie breakers are used in order to advance or seed ONE team at a time. Each time a tie is broken to advance one team, leaving a tie between two or more teams, the situation reverts to criterion b. (Head-to-Head results)

b. **If still tied: RESULTS OF HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION**

Example: Three teams are tied with identical records for the first place at the end of pool play. Teams A, B, and C played against each other once in pool play. Team A won all of its games against Team B and Team C during pool play. Result – Team A advances, which then creates a two-way tie between Team B and Team C. That tie then is broken by reverting to criterion b. (Head-to-Head results)

c. **If still tied: FEWEST RUNS GIVEN UP**

If the results of the head-to-head matchup(s) of the teams that are involved in the tie cannot break the tie (because no team defeated each of the other teams in the tie each time they played, or because no team has defeated all of the other teams involved in the tie or because the teams involved in the tie did not play one another during pool play), then the tie is broken using criterion c. (Fewest Runs Given Up results) The remaining teams' tie is broken by reverting to criterion b. (Head-to-Head results)

d. **If still tied: RUN DIFFERENTIAL WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10 PER GAME**

In the event a tie is created by virtue of a forfeited game, and the tie cannot be broken by criterion b (Head-to-Head results), the order of criteria c (Fewest Runs Given Up results) and d (Run Differential results) will be reversed and applied to the tie. Since the number of runs which might have been scored during the game may have affected the fewest runs allowed standing (and the awarding of the forfeit give the "winning team" no additional runs given up), this order will better adjust for that event.

5. BRACKET PLAY

a. **9U, 13U & 15U Divisions**

- 1) Teams will be seeded at the beginning of single-elimination competition according to the position they finished in pool play. Supplemental Tournament Rule 4 will be used for determination of seeding.
- 2) The highest seeded team will be the home team in all bracket games.
- 3) Medals will be awarded to the first & second place finishers.

b. **10U, 11U & 12U Division**

1) **Gold Bracket**

- i. Based on pool play standings, the top four teams shall advance to the Gold Bracket for single-elimination competition.
- ii. Teams will be seeded at the beginning of single-elimination competition according to the position they finished in pool play. Supplemental Tournament Rule 4 will be used for determination of seeding.
- iii. Medals will be awarded to the first and second place finishers in the Gold Bracket.

2) **Silver Bracket**

- i. Based on pool play standings, the bottom four teams shall advance to the Silver Bracket for single-elimination competition.
- ii. Teams will be seeded at the beginning of single-elimination competition according to the position they finished in pool play. Supplemental Tournament Rule 4 will be used for determination of seeding.
- iii. Medals will be awarded to the first place finisher in the Silver Bracket.

- 3) The highest seeded team will be the home team in all bracket games.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. All conversations with an umpire should be conducted after a time-out has been called and be handled in a calm and professional manner. Verbal abuse of the umpire will not be tolerated and may result in ejection from the game.
- b. Any manager or coach ejected from the game is required to sit out the next game also. After being ejected, a manager or coach must vacate the premises of the current game and the next game in which he is suspended. Any manager caught continuing to coach after being ejected or suspended will be suspended for an additional period of time. Any player ejected from a game is subject to a one game suspension at the tournament director's discretion.
- c. Managers are responsible for the conduct of his/her players and fans at all times. Managers are subject to ejection if his/her players or fans are out of control.
- d. To protest a game, the umpire must be informed that the game is being played under protest. A \$100 cash protest fee must be submitted at the time of the protest. Once the protest has been made, you must get a ruling from a tournament director immediately. Do not continue the game under any circumstances. Once the next pitch is thrown, both teams have lost the right to protest. If the protest is successful, the protest fee will be refunded.
- e. Any team forfeiting a game may not advance to playoff round if it is determined that it is beneficial to that team with regards to runs allowed/differential etc.
- f. All substitutions MUST be reported to the plate umpire, and the official book.
- g. Your lineup must include the NAMES & NUMBERS of the players.
- h. **BROKEN BAT POLICY** – If a bat is broken or cracked during play, the bat is to be immediately removed from the game & given to the score keeper's table. The bat may be retrieved by a parent/guardian during the game. If the bat is not retrieved during the game, the broken bat will be given to the head coach at the end of the game. **DUE TO INJURY RISK, BROKEN/CRACKED BATS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES.**
- i. MVP Pins will be awarded at the end of each game. The coaching staff will determine the MVP from their OWN team and then inform the opposing coaching staff of the selected player. The opposing coach will present the award to the selected player.
- j. Score Sheets & Pitching sheets will be signed prior to the MVP presentation. Once the pitching sheets are signed, they are final and cannot be disputed – pay attention when you sign.
- k. Belgrade will occupy the third base dugout during all the games on Bandit/Medina Field. Home vs Away will still be determined by a coin toss.
- l. In the event of a weather delay with schedule changes, all information will be posted on our website.