



This tournament will follow the SWOL league rules (can be found at [swobaseball.com](http://swobaseball.com) under the forms section of the particular age group) with a few modifications / exceptions noted below:

**Pitching Rules/ Pitch Count:**

- a. A pitcher cannot pitch more than 6 innings in any given day. Delivery of one pitch is considered a full inning.
- b. For six-inning games, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 8 innings, regardless of game guarantee.
- c. For seven-inning games, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 9 innings, regardless of game guarantee.
- d. Pitching limitations stop for the day when the park is shut down for the night and the teams leave.
- e. In the event of an extra inning game, a pitcher who has left the game, may not re-enter to pitch in the same game.

**Head coaches responsible for players, fans and team conduct:**

Head coaches are held responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches and fans. Game personnel (including spectators) shall not use language or gestures that will, in any manner, refer to, or reflect negatively toward opposing players, coaches, umpires, or spectators. In the case of unruly fans or unsportsmanlike conduct from fan(s) the team's head coach will be given the opportunity to inform fan(s) that their behavior is subject to that fan(s) being ejected from the game and from the park. If once fan(s) is warned by manager and behavior persists fan(s) will be ejected from park. If head coach does not warn fan and behavior continues both head coach and fan will be ejected. Conduct is at the discretion of the umpire and tournament director.

Umpires have the full support of the tournament director. The tournament director will fully support them and will defer to their discretion as game managers.

**Rosters** - Rosters must be filled out and turned in to the tournament director before the start of your first game. A copy of your players' birth certificates must be available and should be with your coach at all times. Any team using illegal players (i.e. – players being too old for division) shall be subject to discipline ranging from forfeiting a game, or possible ejection from the tournament.

**Game Time** - Teams are strongly encouraged to be at the field at least 30 minutes before game time as we are on a very tight time schedule. There will be NO infield practice allowed prior to game time.

**Baseballs** – The umpire or umpires at each field will be given 2 baseballs for each game. Please have a backup ball or two available in the event that one or both of the baseballs are lost. Please also designate someone on the team or a supporter of the team to chase down foul balls and return them to the umpire.



**Game Length** - All games are 6 innings (7 innings for 13U and up) or 1 hour and 50 minutes, whichever comes FIRST. No inning can begin after 1 hour and 50 minutes has elapsed. Ties will only be broken in Single Elimination games – Pool play games CAN end in a tie. Championship games will go the full 6 (or 7 for 13U and up) innings – no time limit.

**Standings Tie Breaker Rules** – will go in the following order – Head to Head, Run Differential, Runs Allowed, Runs scored, Coin Flip.

**Game Tie Breaker Rules** – For all single elimination games excluding championship games, we will use a modified tie breaking system. The first batter due up in the inning will be awarded a walk and will begin the inning on first base. From there we will adopt a modified one pitch rule. The remaining batters in the inning will come to the plate with a 1 ball 1 strike count against them. Foul balls are just foul balls – not outs. As stated earlier, a pitcher who has pitched previously but has been taken out is ineligible to re take the mound in extra innings. Championship games will not be subject to the modified rules. Championship games will go extra innings until a winner is determined.

**Run Rule** – 12 run rule after 3 innings, 10 run rule after 4 innings, 8 run rule after 5 innings.

**HOME Team** – will be decided by a coin flip in all pool play games. The higher seeded team will be home team in all Single Elimination games.

**Score Sheets** - Both teams are responsible for filling out the score sheets and turning it in to the tournament director – located at the Pavilion by the concession stand. BOTH team managers must sign off on score and innings pitched.

**Rain out policies:** In the event of bad weather – proceeding with the tournament will be entirely at the discretion of the Tournament director. Refund policy will be as follows: - 0 games played refund 75% 1 game played – 50%, 2 games played – no refund.

**Gate Fee** - There WILL be a Gate fee – please pass this along to your parents to avoid surprises. The fee is \$7 per day. Once gate fee is paid there is re-entry with a stamp.

**Contact** - The tournament director will be on site for the entire tournament. If you can't find him please have him paged or call / text him – contact details are as follows – James Vance 513-295- 4527.