



2018 West Seattle 9U Mustang Shootout Tournament Rules Updated May 31st, 2018

Welcome to West Seattle Pee Wee Baseball's 2018 9U Junior Shootout. Thank you for entering this year's tournament. Our goal is host a fun, competitive baseball experience.

Registration

Check in begins at 4:30 pm on Friday June 22nd, 2018. The coaches meeting will begin at 5:30. Coaches who do not play on Friday will meet with the tournament officials 30 minutes prior to play on Saturday. To register you will need:

- Team roster and birth certificates
- Player medical release forms
- Team or league insurance affidavit
- Tournament payment - \$525

You will be required to keep the above documents accessible throughout the tournament.

Each team is required to produce one new ball and one like new ball per game.

Pool play, seeding, and brackets

We will start with pool play; each team will play 3 games in their pool. The top eight teams will play in the Gold Bracket on Sunday. The remaining teams will play in the Silver Bracket. Four games are guaranteed. Seeding criteria is as follows:

1. Win/loss record
2. Head to head play
3. Defensive runs allowed
4. Run Differential (7 runs max per game)

5. Coin flip.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place winners in the Gold bracket. Trophies for first and second place winners in the Silver bracket.

Tournament Rules

PONY tournament rules for Mustang league play will apply, with the following clarifications:

- Players must be league-age 9 or younger. Based on Players age on April 30, 2018
- 60' bases. 46' pitching distance.
- During pool play, the home team will be determined by coin flip. During bracket play, the higher seed will be home. The home team will be required to keep the official book and will report scores to the Tournament Director at completion of the game. The higher seeded team in bracket play will be the home team.
- Dugouts are first come, first served. Only players and coaches will be allowed in the dugout during games. It is the team's responsibility to keep the dugouts clean, removing all litter after the game.
- No pre-game warm up on the infield is allowed.
- Games are six innings in length. The ten run mercy rule is in effect after four complete innings, or three and a half innings if the home team is ahead.
- No new inning will start after 1:45 hours of play. Games will terminate after 2:00 hours of play. Ties will be allowed in pool play. In bracket play, the final score of a tie game will revert to the last completed inning with a clear winner. If there is no clear winner the outcome will be determined by a coin flip. Semifinal and championship games will have no time limit.

At the plate...

- Bat the entire roster.
- Only bats approved for youth baseball may be used. Softball bats are not allowed.
- **Bats must be USABat certified with the USABat licensing stamp.** Head coach and player will be ejected for using a bat not USABat Baseball certified.
- Thrown bat - one warning per batter. On the second offense the batter shall be called out and ejected for remainder of game.
- No dropped 3rd strike
- No slug bunting. Any player who squares around to bunt and then swings at a pitch will be called out.

On the base path...

- Lead offs are NOT allowed.
- No metal cleats.
- No headfirst sliding. Diving back to base headfirst is allowed. Penalty for headfirst sliding: runner is out.
- Runners are required to slide or avoid when there is an impending play at a base (rule of thumb: when in doubt, slide!). A runner will be called out for not sliding in this situation. In the field...
- Unlimited defensive substitutions.
- Pitchers may not pitch more than two innings per game, nor more than 6 innings in one calendar day. There is no rest requirement for pitchers in this tournament. One pitch thrown in an inning counts as an inning pitched.
- A pitcher removed from the pitcher's position may not re-enter as pitcher.
- No balks will be called on pitchers.

Sportsmanship...

- Protests will not be acknowledged. No arguing of balls and strikes or judgment calls is allowed. Only the Head Coach may address an umpire. The home plate umpire will be the final decision-maker.
- Umpires are empowered to eject any player, coach or fan for unsportsmanlike behavior or disruption of the tournament. Anyone ejected must leave the ball fields and have no contact of any kind with their team until the tournament is completed. Failure to comply may result in team's forfeiture of remaining games.
- Profanity will not be tolerated.
- Use of tobacco or alcohol products is not allowed at the ball fields.
- Radios, portable stereos ("boom-boxes"), or other amplified audio devices may not be played at any time during games. Use of such devices by teams or spectators associated with a team will result in forfeiture of the game by the offending team.

***Please support our new snack shack! The families in our league have worked extra hard to make it fully operational for our tournaments. We now have grilled items and an expanded snacks and drink selection!**

Local Attractions

Family Friendly Restaurants (click links for directions, menus, etc)

- Proletariat Pizza
- Husky Deli
- West 5
- Wildwood Market
- Burger Boss
- Full Tilt Ice Cream
- Easy Street Records and Cafe
- Pecos Pit BBQ
- Counterbalance Brewing
- Zippy's Giant Burgers
- Endolyne Joe's
- Elliott Bay Brewery
- Pecado Bueno

Fun Stuff

- Alki Beach
- West Seattle Water Taxi
- Safeco Field
- The Highline Bears semi-pro baseball
- West Seattle Bowl
- Lincoln Park