



2015 Prep Baseball Report Tournament Rules

- 1) The official playing rules for Prep Baseball Report Tournaments will be the National Federation of State High School rules.
- 2) A player's age on April 30th of the season will dictate his age group for that season.
- 3) Bats
 - A) 9u-14u, all bats must have a 1.15BPF stamp and the barrel max diameter will be 2 ¾ inches.
 - B) 15u-18u, all bats must be NHSF approved and have the BBCOR certification mark with a weight to length difference not to exceed -3 ounces.
- 4) Base Paths
 - A) 8u: 60 feet
 - B) 9u-10u: 65 feet
 - C) 11u-12u: 70 feet
 - D) 13u: 80 feet
 - E) 14u-18u: 90 feet
- 5) Pitching Distance
 - A) 8u: 40 feet
 - B) 9u-10u: 46 feet
 - C) 11u-12u: 50 feet
 - D) 13u: 54 feet
 - E) 14u-18u: 60 feet 6 inches
- 6) Team Line Ups
 - A) Teams may bat a nine player lineup
 - B) Teams may bat a 10 player lineup using an Extra Hitter (EH)
 - C) Teams may bat a continuous lineup using all present players
 - D) Teams may bat 9 and use the Designated Hitter (DH)
 - E) Teams may NOT use both the DH and EH in the same game.
 - F) When batting 10 with the EH or continuous lineup, teams will have open defensive substitutions.
- 7) Length of Game
 - A) 8u-12u 6 inning games
 - B) 13u-18u 7 inning games
- 8) Run Rules
 - A) 8u-12u
 - a) 3rd inning 15 runs
 - b) 4th inning 10 runs
 - c) 5th inning 8 runs

- B) 13u-18u
 - a) 3rd inning 15 runs
 - b) 4th inning 12 runs
 - c) 5th inning 10 runs
- 9) At any time, the offensive team may use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or the catcher of record the previous inning. The courtesy runner must be a player not presently in the line-up. If all players are in the line-up, the courtesy runner will be the last batted out.
- 10) The slide rule will apply to all age groups. When the defensive player has the ball and attempting to make a tag, a runner must slide or seek to avoid contact. If the runner does not make an effort to avoid contact, he will be declared out. If the act is malicious in the opinion of the umpire, the runner will be ejected from the game.
- 11) All coaches and players that are ejected from a game, will sit out the rest of that game and their next game.
- 12) Pitching Limitations 9u-14u
 - A) 9 innings in a tournament regardless of how many days in the tournament
 - B) 6 innings in one day for 9u-12u and 7 innings in one day for 13u-14u
 - C) 3 innings is the maximum number a player can pitch in one day and still pitch the next day. If the player pitches three and one-third innings or more, the player is not allowed to pitch the next day.
 - D) In regards to innings allowed in a tournament or innings allowed in one day, if a double play or triple play takes a player over the innings allowed, this will not constitute a violation of the pitching limitations.
 - E) No pitching limitations for age groups 15u-18u
- 13) The fake to third and throw to first move will be prohibited and will result in a balk.
- 14) Protests of the official rules will be decided by the tournament director. There is a \$100 cash fee and is only returned if the protest is upheld.
- 15) Pool games that are tied after regulation play or time limit will result in a tie. Bracket play games that are tied after regulation or time limit will play one extra inning. If still tied after that, the game will proceed with each team starting with a runner on second base and one out. The runner placed on second will be the last batted out from the previous inning.
- 16) Tie-breaking procedures
 - A) Head to Head
 - B) Runs Allowed
 - C) Run Differential
 - D) Coin Flip