

SO. CAL MIZUNO Tournament Rules

Divisions are based upon player's ages as of May 1st of that year, players may play up in age but may not play down. Players may play on only one team within their division in the same tournament but may play up a division within the same tournament.

SPORTING NEWS RULES SHALL APPLY ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING.

Pitching Rules: 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U 6 innings in a day 9 in the tournament; 13U, 14U- 7 innings in a day and 11 in the entire tournament. On a one weekend tournament, pitching does not recycle for the playoffs. Violation of pitching restrictions will result in automatic ejection of offending Manager and player. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he may not pitch again in that game. Please have pitching logs with you at all times. If you are asked to see your pitching log you are obligated to let the opposing team see it. Tournament director will make final decision if any discrepancies with pitching logs.

Batting: teams may elect to bat 9 players and/or bat 10 players with the 10th player being an EH. The EH is considered a defensive player and may switch in and out defensively. Teams may also bat their entire roster giving them free defensive subs. Only ages 15 & up may use a DH. Teams may start and play a game with 8 players unless it is caused by a player ejection, in the event of injury the player injured will take an out his first missed at bat and then will be removed from the game the rest of the way and may not re-enter. Ages 18u will bat 9 or use the DH and that's it.

Game lengths ages 12 & under will play 6 innings or no new inning after 1hr & 45min must complete Inning!!! Ages 13 & up will play 7 innings or no new inning after 1hr and 45min and must complete Inning!!! No time limit on Championship Games, but mercy rule is still in affect!!!

Ties count in pool play.

NO PROTEST WILL BE ALLOWED!!!

All conversations with an umpire should be conducted after a timeout has been called and be held in a calm and professional manner. Verbal abuse of an umpire will not be tolerated and may result in and ejection.

Any player, manager or coach ejected must sit the next game .

To intentionally walk a batter, a coach simply needs to inform the umpire and point to 1st base no pitch is thrown. **ONE OFFENSIVE TIMEOUT PER INNING WILL BE ALLOWED.**

15 run mercy rule will be in effect after 3 innings in all ages and an 8 run mercy at 3 ½ or 4 complete inning in ages 12 & under, ages 13 and up will have an 8 run mercy at the end of 4 ½ or 5 complete innings.

In an event of a forfeit the team who forfeited will be awarded the max 8 runs allowed and will be disqualified from any championship round. So please make sure you check the schedules frequently and carefully.

Home team will be determined by a coin toss, the winner of the coin toss will have the option of either being home or visitor or picking which dugout he wants to play out of. Higher seed Home Team in Playoffs!

NO METAL CLEATS ARE ALLOWED AGES 11 & UNDER. PLAYER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IF WEARING METAL CLEATS IN 11 & UNDER! COURTESY RUNNER FOR PITCHER CATCHER ANYTIME (CATCHER W/2OUTS MANDATORY)

8 Year Old Rules:

***6 innings or 1:30 min. No new inning starts after time has expired.**

***No lead offs, no stealing home. Runner may not leave the base until ball crosses the plate. Runner may advance to home only on hit ball or when forced in by a walk.**

***Bunting is NOT allowed.**

***The ball is dead when pitcher has the ball in the area of the mound.**

***Batter may not run to first on dropped third strike.**

***Entire lineup may bat. Last out may courtesy run for pitcher or catcher only.**

Any team caught using an illegal player shall be subject to discipline ranging from forfeiting a game, ejection from the tournament and suspension from all sanctioned events for 1 year.

In the event of Rain every effort will be made to complete the tournament, Half refund for 1 game played and no refund for 2 games played. Tournament director reserves the right to alter schedules or adjust time limits or number of playoff participants in order to complete the tournament.

In the event of Rain SO. CAL MIZUNO reserves the right to either move games or cancel and reschedule at a later date.