



# Fishers/HSE Youth Baseball

## 2017 Tournament Rules



### 13U Rules Overview/Amendments

Complete rules for this tournament are covered in a separate 8-page attachment. Here is a condensed version that includes an amended rundown of the pitching-limitation rules and an amended rule regarding injuries while batting the entire lineup.

Amended pitching rules:

- Pitching will be measured by third-innings. One out is considered a third of an inning.
- Four innings is the maximum a player can pitch in one day and still pitch the following day.
- Seven innings is the maximum a player can pitch in one day.
- 13 innings is the maximum a player can pitch in the entire tournament.
- No player may pitch more than three days in a row.

Amended lineup rules:

Teams may bat a lineup that contains either nine players, 10 players using an extra hitter, or a continuous lineup with all players. Coaches should familiarize themselves with all substitution rules. In an amended rule for this tournament, teams batting their entire roster will not be penalized with an out when a player is injured and unable to run the bases or bat. If a player is removed for an injury, he may not return to the game.

Bats: (see separate attachment): All bats must carry the USSSA certification mark, be a qualified BBCOR bat with the proper stamp, or be a wood bat.

Time limits: 1 hour 45 minutes for all games except the championship games, which will have no time limit. All games are 6-innings in length. No new innings shall start after the time limit. A new inning starts as soon as the last out of an inning is recorded. Time will start on the first pitch of the game.

Mercy rules: 15 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; and 8 runs after 5 innings.

Extra innings: Extra innings will be used in pool play only if the time limit hasn't expired. Otherwise, pool games can end a tie. In the elimination round, traditional extra-inning rules will be used to settle any ties.

Home teams: Determined by a coin flip in pool play or better seeding in elimination rounds.

Courtesy runners: May be used for the pitcher or catcher of record in the previous inning on defense. The courtesy runner must be a player not in the current lineup. When teams are batting their entire lineup or have no available non-lineup players, the courtesy runner shall be the player making the last batted out.

Protests: Must be declared to the umpire-in-chief and the tournament director prior to the next pitch following a dispute. A protest fee of \$100 in cash will be returned only if the protest is upheld.