

H.A.K. Youth Baseball

Tournament Rules

**** H.A.K. League Rules Apply with the following additions. If a rule isn't addressed here or in our league rules, The Official Rules of Little League Baseball will apply.**

1. Games are six (6) innings long. In case of a tie at the end of six (6) innings, the game will continue until one team has scored more runs than the other team in an equal number of innings.
2. There shall be no time limit on tournament games. They will be played until a winner is determined.
3. Games that are cancelled due to rain or adverse weather conditions will be rescheduled at the discretion of the local tournament director. After four (4) innings a game is officially completed if the game is not tied. Otherwise, it shall be resumed at the exact point at which it was stopped. The game is also over after three and a half (3 ½) innings if the home team is leading.
4. A game will be declared a forfeit due to a shortage of players. The game must be started with nine (9) or more players and may end with eight (8) due to injury or illness. If a game is started with (9) players and (1) is lost during the game, then that player's spot in the batting order will be considered an out when it is their turn to bat. This only applies when a team goes down to (8) players. If a game is started with (10) or more players and (1) is lost, then no out is recorded for that lost player when it is their turn to bat.
5. The higher seeded team will be the home team. For the Championship game(s), the winner's bracket champion will be the home team. If the 2nd Championship game is played, a coin flip will determine the home team.
6. Mercy Rule - If a team is winning by ten (10) or more runs after the 4th or 5th inning, the game is over.
7. Every player on the roster must play at least two (2) complete innings in the field each game (Note: a full inning in the field will consist of three (3) outs or five (5) run limit if applicable). Games shortened by weather or mercy rule are exempt. If the home team does not have to bat in the last inning, players playing the first half of the inning will be considered to have played a full inning. Before the start of the fifth inning, the managers may consult to make sure every player present has played or will play their two (2) innings and have batted or will bat at least once. Violation of this rule will result in a forfeit of the game.
8. The team's entire roster will be placed in the batting order and remain in their spot in the batting order for the entire game. Each player will bat in that order for the entire game (continuous batting order), but only nine (9) defensive players are allowed on the field at a time. 8U will still play with 4 outfielders.
9. In all divisions except 12U, there will be a run limit of five (5) runs per inning or three (3) outs, except in the sixth inning, when three outs are required. 12U will have no run limit per inning.
10. The H.A.K. Youth Baseball Board will settle any protested game. That ruling is final.
11. Unless addressed here, all league rules apply.
12. Pinch runners will only be permitted due to injury. The last out will be the pinch runner.

12U / 10U division

1. A pitcher is allowed to pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game. If a pitcher throws one pitch in an inning then that is considered an inning pitched for that player. Every player that pitches in an inning will be charged with an inning pitched. There will be no weekly limit on number of innings pitched by a pitcher during tournaments.
2. Once a pitcher is removed, they cannot return to the position of pitcher in the same game.

8U division

1. Umpires will be used for tournament play.
2. **Beginning in 2020 we will make a 30 foot line from home plate, in line with the pitchers rubber. Coach pitchers will pitch behind this line.**

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