

CFSA TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES HIERARCHY

Play governed by Official Baseball Rules (Sporting News), unless modified by Nations Baseball shall apply unless otherwise specified herein or amended by Tournament Director. Please ask for clarification of any rule/situation prior to game time. Rulings and/or interpretations by Tournament Director shall be final once any situation is addressed during a game.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- A Maintenance Fee of \$100.00 per team will be collected prior to scheduling teams.
- A \$15 convenience fee will be collected for all online payments. **This charge is non-refundable when refunds are provided back.**
- No pets or livestock allowed!!!!
- Coaches are responsible for collecting and keeping with them throughout the tournament a copy of the game results recorded by the umpires. This will show all pitching for each team. If a team asks to see your pitching records you must be able to show them or that pitcher will not be allowed to pitch. The umpires will also turn a copy into the tournament director for verification. Coaches have 15 minutes after the game to protest a pitching record. No appeals will be accepted after time period. The umpire, coach and scorebook must be present.
- **Teams will not be scheduled if team is not registered and paid, including maintenance fee, by 5:00 PM on Monday prior the start of the event. Teams that withdraw from the tournament by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before a tournament will be refunded 100%. Any team that withdraws after 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before a tournament is subject to NO refund.**
- Schedules will be posted late Tuesday.
- Players' may use any length and weight bat provided the barrel does not exceed 2¾ inches in diameter (no wood bats allowed).
- All Game balls will be provided.
- Metal cleats may be worn in 13U and up, only.
- Pool play round robin with a single game elimination playoff in each age division (3 game guaranteed). The Tournament Director reserves the right to change the format or brackets to ensure the overall competitiveness of the tournament due to weather or other circumstances. **Friday games may begin as early as 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday games may begin as early as 7:30 a.m.**
- The Home team provides the official score keeper (must be an adult) and must be seated convenient to home plate umpire. (May not be in dugout or up the fence line) Visiting team shall provide someone to operate the scoreboard (must be an adult).

- There will be no team check in. If information is required, please contact the tournament director prior your first game. Only the tournament directors' rulings are final.
- All team pre-game warm-ups will only be allowed in designated warm-up areas, or in the outfield of a ball field. Soft Toss of any kind **IS NOT** allowed into any fencing. Batting cages are available on a first come first serve basis. No infield warm-ups will be allowed between games.
- **ALL PROTESTS WILL BE HANDLED ON THE FIELD AT THE TIME OF THE INFRACTION!!!** The Umpire and Tournament Director will handle any disputed rules violation immediately and decision of Tournament Director is final.
- Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their fans and will be expected to address any inappropriate behavior. Razzing, heckling, chanting or making disparaging remarks towards opponents in any manner is prohibited and may result in ejections. **SPORTSMANSHIP PENALTY: The umpire may begin calling balls or strikes every 10 seconds on the team not complying. UNTIL CORRECTED. PROFANITY WILL BE CAUSE FOR EJECTION.**
- Ejections: Any manager, coach, player, or fan ejected from the game must leave the park immediately and will be permitted to return only after a ruling of the Tournament Director and a \$100 **CASH** Sportsmanship retainer is posted. Retainer will refunded in full with no further interference by individual at the end of the tournament If the same individual is ejected a second time in tournament, he or she will forfeit retainer and not be allowed into any CFSA facility until written request is made by Coach of that team and the written request is approved. Failure to comply will result in a team forfeit.
- Use of ALL tobacco products is prohibited at all CFSA facilities. Coaches please make your parents aware that this will be enforced under the Sportsmanship part of our rules. The use of Tobacco products shall be deemed a sportsmanship issue. Coaches please make your parents aware of this rule. A tournament official may enforce the Sportsmanship Penalty to get the umpire to call ball or strikes until the situation is corrected.
- Concessions are provided so we ask that no food, beverages or personal coolers be brought into the park. Water coolers for the players and coaches will be provided in each dugout. Players can bring in individual coolers. **NOTE:** Coaches please make your parents aware of this policy. Concessions helps pay for our facilities so we hope you can respect this policy.
- Team and individual Awards for 1st place, 2nd place and individual awards for the Consolation winner. MVP will be awarded for the championship game. Consolation bracket may be included for a division that exceeds 8 teams. The bracket will be split such that a minimum of 50% of the teams will advance to the championship bracket.
- Teams must register on our website, www.cy-fairsports.org or Nations Baseball to be officially entered. Payment may be submitted by check or by credit card online. Teams will be entered based on receipt of payment. If division fills up a

wait list will be started and backfilled if a team pulls out. Should an age not make the teams will get a full refund.

- Tournaments cancelled or shortened due to weather:
 - No games played - Entry Fee less \$50 from maintenance fee
 - 1 game played – Entry Fee less \$100 (maintenance fee) divided by 3 equals cost per game times 2 games equals refund amount
 - 2 games played - Entry Fee less \$100 (maintenance fee) divided by 3 equals cost per game times 1 game equals refund amount
 - 3 or more games played – NO refund
 - What constitutes a game – if the outcome is recorded in the standings, it is a game.

GAME RULES

- A flip of a coin between the two teams determines the home team for each pool play game. For bracket play games, the championship game and “if” game, the highest seed is home team.
- 4u, 5u & 6u T-Ball
 - No Courtesy runners are allowed.
 - Teams must have 8 players to start. No outs for less than 10 players to start the game.
- 9u
 - The Modified Stealing Rules and Regulations in Nations Baseball will not be used.
 - All other Nations Baseball Rules will be in effect.

PLAYER & TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- All teams must be registered with Nations Baseball. Register at www.nations-baseball.com
- Birth Date requirements. Player’s age will be determined by age as of April 30, 2008. If unable to produce a copy of a player’s birth certificate upon request, the player will be removed from the tournament until such document is produced.
- . Once a team's first game time occurs, no roster changes or additions will be permitted.
- CFSA will not review rosters prior to play. All players added prior to first game will be deemed legal for the purposes of being on the roster.
- Coaches: Your opponents’ rosters are available at the Nations Baseball website for your review. Please verify the legality of your opponent’s game roster before you take the field to begin play. Commencement of play designates your acceptance of your opponent’s roster and game results will not be changed. Any coach or team guilty of fraud in regards to a roster will immediately be suspended from play and reported to the Nations Baseball State Director.
- A coach must have in his possession at the tournament proof of a player’s age for any who might be questioned. Failure could cause removal of a player and or team forfeit. It is a good idea to have proof of age for all your players.

GAME TIME LIMITS

Age	Time Limit	Inning Limit
5U	1 hour 15 minutes	6 innings
6U	1 hour 15 minutes	6 innings
7U	1 hour 15 minutes	6 innings
8U	1 hour 15 minutes	6 innings
9U	1 hour 40 minutes	6 innings
10U	1 hour 40 minutes	6 innings
11U	1 hour 40 minutes	6 innings
12U	1 hour 40 minutes	6 innings
13U	1 hour 40 minutes	7 innings
14U	1 hour 40 minutes	7 innings
15U	1 hour 40 minutes	7 innings
16U	1 hour 40 minutes	7 innings
17U	1 hour 40 minutes	7 innings
18U	1 hour 40 minutes	7 innings

INFIELD DIMENSIONS

Age	Bases	Mound
5U	60 Feet	40 Feet
6U	60 Feet	40 Feet
7U	60 Feet	40 Feet
8U	60 Feet	40 Feet
9U	65 Feet	46 Feet
10U	65 Feet	46 Feet
11U	70 Feet	50 Feet
12U	70 Feet	50 Feet
13U	80 Feet	54 Feet
14U A/AA	80 Feet	54 Feet
14U AAA/Major	90 Feet	60 Feet 6 Inches
15U	90 Feet	60 Feet 6 Inches
16U	90 Feet	60 Feet 6 Inches
17U	90 Feet	60 Feet 6 Inches
18U	90 Feet	60 Feet 6 Inches

FIELDS

Field	Age	Fence Length
Bear Creek - Located between Clay Rd and I-10 on Eldridge Pkwy.		
Field #1 - B1	9U & 10U	220 Feet
Field #2 - B2	11U & 12U	220 Feet
Field #3 - B3	13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U & 18U	295 Feet

Field #4 - B4	14U, 15U, 16U, 17U & 18U	305 Feet
Field #5 - B5	5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U	135 Feet
Field #6 - B6	5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U	145 Feet
Field #7 - B7	5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U	165 Feet
Field #BCLL5 - L5	13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U & 18U	300 Feet
Field #BCLL6 - L6	11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U & 18U	285 Feet
Cy-Fair - Located behind Cy-Fair High School at the corner of Hwy 290 and Telge		
Field #1 - C1	5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U	140 Feet
Field #2 - C2	9U, 10U, 11U & 12U	210 Feet
Field #3 - C3	11U, 12U, 13U, & 14U	230 Feet
Queenston - Located between West Little York and Keith Harrow on Queenston Blvd.		
Field #1 - Q1	5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U	150 Feet
Field #2 - Q2	5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U	150 Feet
Field #3 - Q3	13U & 14U	250 Feet
Field #4 - Q4	9U & 10U	195 Feet
Field #5 - Q5	5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U	150 Feet
Field #6 - Q6	5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U	150 Feet
Field #7 - Q7	9U & 10U	185 Feet
Field #8 - Q8	13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U & 18U	250 Feet
Field #9 - Q9	5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U	135 Feet
West Little York - Located 1 block North of Hwy 290 on West Little York		
Field #1 - W1	9U & 10U	165 Feet
Field #2 - W2	11U & 12U	220 Feet
Field #3 - W3	5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U	140 Feet
Field #4 - W4	9U & 10U	200 Feet
Field #5 - W5	11U & 12U	220 Feet
Field #6 - W6	Coming Soon	Coming Soon