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## **Baseball Tournament Information**

### **Proof of Insurance/Team Roster**

Teams must submit proof of insurance along with their player rosters no later than 7 days prior to the start of the tournament. Teams that have not submitted valid insurance will forfeit all games and tournament fees.

### **Cleats**

Players must wear Rubber Cleats or rubber tennis shoes on all Turf playing surfaces at The Rock Sports Park. **Metal cleats are prohibited. Note: Field #3 is a dirt playing surface.**

### **Tunnel Time / Pre-Game**

Use of batting tunnels will be assigned to each team for batting practice before their game. Pre-game infield/outfield will be allowed on the outfield playing areas. Teams are to bring their own practice balls for the batting cage and warm up.

### **Foul Balls**

We would ask for all players, coaches, fans, and parents to be aware of foul balls at all times. There will be more than one game going on at a time, which can cause foul balls from different fields.

### **First Aid**

There will be first aid equipment on site for all of our tournament games. We will be able to provide basic first aid and determine the severity of the injuries. Ice will be available at the concession building. In case of a serious injury players will be sent to Arden Hill Hospital, located in Goshen, NY.

### **Concessions**

Our concession stand will be open during all games at The Rock. The concession staff is willing to work with your teams. If you want to place an order for a team lunch, dinner, snack, or drinks please pick up an order form from the concession building and we can have an order ready at any specified time.

### **Protests**

Protests will be heard and ruled on by the tournament committee. The team protesting must make cash payment of \$100 at the time of the protest. If the protest is ruled in the protesting team's favor the \$100 will be refunded. The

ruling made by the committee will be final. Protests must be filed and ruled on before the next pitch if during game, or before umpires leave field if after a game.

## **Suspensions**

Any player or coach that is ejected from a game will be subject to a 1 game suspension.  
NO EXPECTATIONS.

## **Age Requirements**

Summer/Fall 2010

18U Born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> 1991

17U Born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> 1992

16U Born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> 1993

15U Born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> 1994

14U Born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> 1995

13U Born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> 1996

12U Born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> 1997

11U Born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> 1998

10U Born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> 1999

9U Born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> 2000

# **Payment & Refund Policy**

## **Payment**

Teams can register for tournaments at <http://www.therocksportsark.com/home/tournaments.aspx> . Payment in full will be due at the time you register. The last day to register is 7 days before the start of the tournament. Visa, Master Card and Amex are accepted online or by phone. Checks can be sent to:

Frozen Ropes  
24 Old Black Meadow Road  
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## **Refunds**

Frozen Ropes requires all requests for refunds to be made 30 days prior to the start of the event. There will be absolutely no refunds within 30 days of the tournament start date.

## **Inclement Weather**

If rain comes into play, we will do everything we can do to stay close to the original game schedule. The TURF fields will limit rain outs and delays. If we need to change the schedule because of the inclement weather, we will do our best to try to maintain the original tournament format schedule. All rain out games may not be made up depending on time constraints. In case of scheduling changes it is the team's responsibility, not the tournament committee, to make sure they are aware of the new schedule or any scheduling changes. This information will be posted at [www.therocksportsark.com](http://www.therocksportsark.com) when it becomes available.

## **Refund Policy - Weather Related**

3 game minimum tournaments

Play 0 Games- 100% credit or refund

Play 1 game – 50% refund or 70% credit

Play 2 games – \$100 credit only (no refund)

4 game minimum tournaments  
Play 0 games-100% credit or refund  
Play 1 game – 50 % refund or 70% credit  
Play 2 games – 25% refund or 40% credit  
Play 3 games – \$100 credit only (no refund)

## **Baseball Tournament Playing Rules**

### **Rosters**

The roster size can be unlimited for the number of players on the team. There can be no more than 4 coaches (*1 manager, 2 coaches, and a scorekeeper*) allowed in the tournament. A team can add to the roster all the way up to the first game. A player can be on the roster for two different age groups in a tournament, but not on multiple teams within a single age group.

### **Time Limit**

All games except the CHAMPIONSHIP game will be played with a strict one hour and forty five min time limit. No inning can start after two hours. Time will be kept by the umpires. For each team's pool games the home team will be predetermined by a coin flip. Games ending in a tie after 6 or 7 complete innings (12 and under 6, 13 and up 7) will go to the California Rule until winner is determined. In CHAMPIONSHIP game, teams will continue normal innings until game is completed. Mercy Rule is in effect for all tournament games. If home team is ahead as 2-hour time limit exceeds, game will end at the 2-hour mark. Pitchers are allowed 8 pitches in the first inning to warm up and 5 pitches between innings after that.

### **Innings**

9U-12U will play 6 inning games. 13U-18U will play 7 inning games.

### **Sliding**

10 and under feet first slides to all bases, head first only when coming back to a base. Shoulder roll or coming up high, runner is automatically out. 11 and older may slide head first into any base. Should roll or coming up high, runner is automatically out.

### **Dropped Third Strike**

The dropped third strike rule will be enforced in all age divisions.

### **Leading/Stealing**

11U and 12U division leading and stealing allowed. 9U and 10U division no leading runner may steal on the release of the pitch. If runner leaves early warning will be issued to player, second time runner leaves early player will be called out. (10 and under divisions only)

### **Intentional Walks**

10 and under no pitches needed, inform the umpire of your desire to walk the batter. 11 and over pitcher must pitch out.

### **Shrink Rule/Playing with 8**

When a player is injured and a team is roster batting that team will be forced to take an out the next time the player comes to bat. After the out is recorded the batting roster will shrink to one less hitter. If a player is ejected a team is forced to take an out each time that player steps to the plate.

All games must be started with at least 9 players. A game can be finished with 8 players. Once a team establishes it has 8 players it must finish the game with 8 players.

### **Mercy Rule**

15 runs after 3

12 runs after 4

8 runs after 5

### **Trips to the Mound**

The pitcher must be replaced on the 2nd trip to the mound in any inning, or on the fourth total trip in the game.

### **Balks/Illegal Pitches**

First time warning will be issued to pitcher, second time dead ball with runners advancing, 11U and 12U division only, and only in pool play rounds. 9U and 10U division, Pitcher stops in the middle of his delivery and illegal pitch will be called, resulting in a ball being added to the count. Pitcher will be warned once.

### **Pitching Restrictions**

Players may pitch a total of seven innings during pool and playoff rounds. No pitching restrictions in championship games. One pitch thrown equals one inning pitched. If a pitcher leaves the game he may not re-enter to pitch again.

### **Starting Line Up**

Teams can roster bat in any tournament round, unlimited substitutions.

### **Courtesy Runner**

Courtesy runners are required for both the pitcher and catcher when there are two outs only. The last recorded out in the batting line up will be required to run. If the player is the pitcher or catcher the next recorded out in the line will be the runner.

### **Scoring**

Teams playing at The Rock Sports Park will be required to keep a score book to help handle scoring disputes. Each team manager will also be responsible for filling out a post game score card, which will be filed by the tournament director for use in determining points and seeding.

### **Bat Requirements**

Players ages 13 and under may use any size bat. Players ages 14 and older will be required to use -3 size bats. Designated wood bat tournaments at The Rock must use wood, bamboo or wood composite bats.

### **Determining The Home Team**

Pool Play: Home team determined by coin flip.

Play Off Round: Home team determined by higher seed.

Championship Round: Home team determined by higher seed.

### **Tie Breaker Rules**

1. Pool play overall record (winning percentage)

2. If two teams are tied - Head to Head winner
3. If three teams are tied – If one team has defeated both other teams, that team advances. If not go to #4.
4. Total runs allowed in pool play to determine pool winner. Then the two teams tied refer back to head to head to determine second place. If there is no head to head between those two teams go to runs allowed for those two teams to determine second place.
5. If still tied – Total runs scored in pool play
6. If still tied – Total runs allowed subtracting game with most runs allowed in pool play
7. If still tied – Total runs allowed minus two games with most runs allowed in pool play
8. If still tied – Runs scored inning by inning starting with first game until one team has more runs after a complete inning starting with pool games

### **Not Covered In The Rules**

In the event any item is not covered in the rules, the tournament committee will make the fairest possible ruling and that ruling will be final.