



2021 INDOOR

## BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

Teams must be Registered at the Champions Events website through Exposure Events by creating a coaches account.  
Rosters must be online in your Exposure Events Coach account.

### 1. TEAMS:

- a. Teams must Check In – One (1) hour prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Game.
- b. Champions Provides Tournament Insurance.
- c. Teams must bring Official Rosters from their Coach account (Exposure Event) and carry Birth Certs.
- d. Players are only permitted to play for one team in any given division.
- e. A team can-not start a game with less than nine players.

### 2. GAME RULES – *Defer to USSSA*

- a. Both teams are required to turn in scores to the Tournament Director Tent following each game.
- b. Batting:
  - i. Use a continuous batting order with free defensive substitutions
  - ii. Bat 10 + 1 AH; substitute players must receive one defensive inning and one at-bat.
  - iii. Teams must declare their intentions to the opposing manager and Umpire prior to each game.
- c. Each team will play with 9 players in the field of play.
- d. Distances: 10U: 46/60 | 11U-12U: 50/70.
- e. Bats: USA or USSSA Bats allowed. All Bats must have BPF 1.15 / 10U - 2 5/8 max barrel.
- f. If a batted ball hits the netting in foul territory in the air on a hit, it is a foul ball.
- g. Openings in the outfield netting at the emergency exits are a ground-rule double.
- h. Any ball that hits the ceiling in fair territory will be considered a foul ball.
- i. In-field fly rule is in effect.
- j. Players must wear molded cleats, turf shoes, or sneakers.
- k. One on deck batter is allowed on the field down the baseline past the either first or third base coach.
- l. Use the same area for bullpens.
- m. Pitchers are allowed a maximum of 3 innings per game and 6 innings per tournament day.
- n. Pitchers are allowed a maximum of 3 warm-up pitches prior to the start of each inning.
- o. A pitcher replaced during a game cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher.
- p. One live pitch to a batter will be considered as an inning pitched.
- q. Balks; One (1) warning per pitcher in 11U & 12U Divisions. No balks 10u Divisions.
- r. A runner must slide, give up or avoid contact with a defensive player on close plays.
- s. Malicious contact is grounds for ejection from the game and/or the tournament at umpire discretion.
- t. Baserunners may lead off and steal (11U-12U) any base during live play.
- u. Courtesy runner for Catcher and Pitcher (last batted out or bench player).
- v. Dropped third-strike rule will be in effect for 50/70 age Divisions only.

### 3. GAME TIME:

- a. Coin flip at Home plate prior to each game to determine the home team during pool play.
- b. Playoffs: Higher seed is home team.
- c. 1:15 time-limit (finish Inning) is in effect for Pool Play, Playoffs and Championship Games.
- d. No New Inning can start after 70 minutes.
- e. New inning starts after 3<sup>rd</sup> out provided the buzzer has not sounded.
- f. Mercy Rule: 12-runs after 4 innings.
- g. 6-run max per inning rule will apply except in the last inning (designated by Homeplate umpire and agreed to by both head coaches) therefore teams can score unlimited runs.
- h. Outfield warm-up only if game is on-time. Please use outdoor fields, weather permitting.
- i. Conferences: One defensive per Pitcher. Pitcher replaced upon second conference.

### 4. PLAYOFF SET UP

- a. Tie breakers are as follows:
  - i. Head-to-head, unless 3 or more teams are tied at the end of pool play.
  - ii. Least Runs Allowed
  - iii. Runs Scored
  - iv. Run Differential
  - v. Coin Flip
- b. Tournament Format
  - i. Higher seeds are designated the home team. Dugouts not assigned.
  - ii. There are NO protests.

### 5. MISCELLANEOUS RULES

- a. No sunflower seeds or gum are allowed in the facility.
- b. COACHES- Please have your players clean out their dugouts at end of games.
- c. Spectators viewing area UPSTAIRS only. No one allowed on running track. All Guests must stay behind the blue ropes. MAX THREE COACHES/SCOREKEEPER INSIDE DUGOUT, NO EXCEPTION.

### 6. PARTICIPANT MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE:

- a. Pinnacle Athletics and Champions Events has a Zero Tolerance Policy towards unsportsmanlike behavior for coaches, players' and spectators.
- b. The umpire has the right to eject players, coaches and fans and maintain a safe environment.
- c. Any player/coach who is ejected will incur a minimum one-game suspension from play. A second offense will result in the individuals' suspension for the winter season.

*Champions Events reserves the right to add, modify or change the rules of play at any time to ensure fair play and the safety of all teams and players.*

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