

Tri State Elite Tournament Rules

1. Only BBCOR certified or wood bats may be used in the tournament.
1. Game time is forfeit time under normal circumstances. Please have your team on time and ready to play.
2. All games in pool play will be 7 innings with a 2:10 time limit. No new inning will start after 2:10. A pool play game that is a tie AFTER the time limit has expired will result in a tie. A pool play game that is tied after 7 innings BEFORE the time limit expires will continue play into extra innings until the time limit expires.
3. Championship round games on Saturday evening and Sunday will have a 2:30 time limit. No new inning will start after 2:30. If a championship round game is tied after the time limit has expired, each team will begin an inning with the last two batted outs on 2nd and 3rd base and 1 out, and play will continue until a winner is determined.
4. There will be no time limit for the championship game.
5. The mercy rule will be in effect for all games – 10 runs after five innings, 12 runs after 4 innings.
6. The 9 pool winners and 3 wildcard teams will advance into the championship round which will begin on Sunday morning. All other teams will play a consolation game on Sunday. Head to head will always be used as the first tiebreaker when applicable. Run differential will be used as the 2nd tiebreaker, followed by runs allowed, and runs scored. In the event that 3 teams in a pool have the same record, the pool champion will be determined by run differential (unless one of the 3 teams have beaten BOTH of the teams they are tied with). Second and third place in the pool would then be determined by head to head with the two remaining teams.
7. There will be no pre-game infield.
8. There are no pitching restrictions for the tournament.
9. A pitcher must be removed from the game on the coach's second trip to the mound of the inning.
10. Teams may bat 9 players, use an EH, DH, or both. The DH can be for any defensive player. The re-entry rule will be in use. Any player who starts the game may be substituted for and may re-enter the game for that substitute in his original spot in the batting order one time. The sub would then be finished for the game.
11. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher at anytime. The courtesy runner must be someone who is not currently in the lineup.

12. Base runner must slide or attempt to avoid contact. Malicious contact can result in an ejection. This is at the discretion of the umpires as to whether contact is considered malicious.
13. There will be no protests. All umpires decisions are final.
14. Any coach or player ejected from a game must sit out the next game. A 2nd ejection for any coach or player will result in them being removed for the remainder of the tournament.
15. Each team must provide 2 new baseballs at the beginning of the game and throw in back up balls as needed.
16. Home team will be decided by a coin flip. Coaches may do this at anytime before the game (encouraged to do so early). In the championship round, the higher seed will be the home team.
17. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to re-format the tournament. If only one game is played before the tournament is cancelled due to weather, teams will receive a 50 percent credit toward next years tournament. There will be no refunds after the start of each team's second game. We want baseball to be played! We will make every possible effort to get games in!
18. If games are rained out, they may not be able to be made up. Winning percentage will determine standings if an uneven number of games are played within a pool.
19. Teams that do not advance to the championship round on Sunday will be scheduled to play a consolation game. Teams are expected to play their consolation games as this is part of the tournament and 4 games that you paid for!
20. Coolers **WILL NOT** be allowed in the West Chester Baseball Complex and the Florence Freedom stadium. Both of these facilities will have concessions available to purchase. PLEASE MAKE YOUR PARENTS AWARE OF THIS!!!!
21. **NO METAL SPIKES** are allowed at the Florene Freedom Stadium. The field is all turf, including the mound. Molded cleats, turf shoes, and gym shoes are all acceptable.
22. National Federation of High School Rules will be used for any rule not covered by these rules.

