

2015 Warren County Sports Baseball Tournament and Park Rules

1. The official rules will be governed by National Federation of State High School baseball official rules except where modified. ALL UMPIRES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
2. No pitching limit rules. Please don't abuse your pitchers. If we see a coach overusing a pitcher you will not be invited back.
3. Field distances – 14U: 60/90, 13U: 54/80, 12U: 50/70, 11U:50/70, 10U: 46/65
4. Bat Restrictions: Players in all ages must use the NFHS approved BBCOR or 1.15 BPF Bats. The BBCOR or 1.15 BPF must be embossed on the bats, stickers are not allowed. Penalties for violation of bat use rules will follow NFHS policy.
5. When sliding, players should try to avoid contact. The umpire will make final judgment on malicious contact.
6. Home team will keep the "official" book.
Flip for home team in all round robin games. Higher seed is Home team in Bracket play. Flip for home team if you have 2 of the same seeds playing each other.
7. Teams must supply baseballs for their Round Robin games, we will supply for the Bracket Games. We will have a limited supply of balls available at Mason Sports Park.
8. Game time is forfeit time. Please have your team warmed up and ready to play. Games WILL start 15 minutes early to help keep tournament on schedule if needed. **HAVE YOUR TEAM READY TO PLAY 15 MINUTES BEFORE OFFICIAL GAMETIME**
9. Age Limits: 14U: In 2015, players born on or after May 1, 2000
13U: In 2015, players born on or after May 1, 2001
12U: In 2015, players born on or after May 1, 2002
11U: In 2015, players born on or after May 1, 2003
10U: In 2015, players born on or after May 1, 2004
10. No glass bottles in the dugouts or park. No coolers will be allowed in the park. All coolers must be kept in the cars or parking lot. Outside food or beverage may not be permitted in the park. **NO ALCOHOL!!!** Fans caught drinking alcohol will be asked to leave the park and their team may have to forfeit the game. **NO TOBACCO** usage by players or coaches. Coaches will be asked to leave the park.
11. Please exchange line-up's at least 15 minutes before game time. **There will be no infield practice before the games. Teams may toss and warm up in outfield grass.**
12. Metal cleats are allowed for 14U-13U. No metal cleats for 12U-10U.
13. Continuous / Roster batting is optional. A team may choose to hit 9, or use a EH (Extra Hitter). The EH may hit anywhere in the line-up and be used as a defensive substitute while he is in the batting order. Once that player is removed from the game, he may not re-enter. If continuous/roster batting is not used, and a player is substituted for offensively, he may return to the batting order one time during the game in the same position. Free defensive substitutions may be used with continuous / roster batting. You can bat 9, 10 or full roster only.
14. Once a player is removed from pitching, that player may play any other defensive position, but they may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.
15. Courtesy runner for catchers and pitchers at the coach's discretion. A courtesy runner is a player currently not in the batting order, or if a team is roster batting, whoever made the last out recorded.
16. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of his team, coaches, parents and fans. Any player, coach or fan ejected from the game could be banned for a game or for the remainder of the tournament. The tournament directors will consult with the umpires on the incident and come to a decision after the game. **The umpire is in charge of the game. Excessive arguing or abuse will not be tolerated. The umpire's decision on any judgment call is final.** If there is a rules interpretation concern, it can be discussed with a tournament director. If a player is ejected from the game, his spot will become an automatic out any time his spot comes up. No substitutions can be made for an ejected player.

17. You must provide a "Certificate of Liability Insurance" for your team and turn in a completed Roster/Release Form before your first game. Please give this to the Tournament Director at the site of your first game.
18. Have your players birth certificates readily available at all times. If a player's age is questioned, you will have 5 minutes to provide proof of age. If you can not provide proof of age, the player will be removed immediately from the tournament and a forfeit will be awarded. There is a protest fee of \$100 cash for this and must be paid to file a protest. Money will be returned if protest is upheld. If the tournament director believes a coach has intentionally used an ineligible player, that team will forfeit all past and future games and will be asked to leave the tournament and will not receive a refund.
19. Innings – (7) for 14U-13U-12U, (6) for 11U-10U
20. Run Rule – (15) after 3 complete innings, (10) after 4 complete innings, (8) after 5 complete innings. The maximum run differential for a game is 15 for tiebreakers.
21. No new inning will start after 2 hours of play (round robin & consolation games only). You can start extra innings if they come up before the limit is up. No time limit in bracket games (unless notified before the game).
22. Teams will be given 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss.
23. Tiebreakers:
 - a. Most Points
 - b. Head to head record
 - c. Lowest Total Runs Allowed in All Games
 - d. Highest Total Runs Scored in All Games
 - e. Coin flip

If 3 teams are tied with the same record, Head to Head is thrown out completely. The lowest total runs allowed will seed all 3 teams. If 2 teams are tied after that, highest total runs in all games will be used between those 2 teams. If tied after that, a coin flip will be used.
24. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to reformat the tournament at their discretion due to any last minute changes in teams, weather, or any other unplanned event. The Tournament Directors may modify the number or length of games when necessary, due to field, weather or scheduling issues. All changes will be posted and communicated accordingly as soon as possible on the website.
25. If a player becomes injured during play (as ruled by the umpire), and is unable to continue playing, his spot in the batting order shall be skipped at no penalty. Once the player leaves the batting order, he is done for the remainder of the game.
26. Scores will be posted online throughout the day. Rain out information, rain out numbers and other items will be on the website.
27. The rain out number for the weekend is 513-445-8282. Updates will also be available on the tournament website. There is also an iPhone and Android App available with updates. Download Sports Phone Solutions app and add the phone number for updates.
28. Baseballs and t-shirts will be on sale at Mason Sports Park.
29. In the event of the tourney being canceled due to rain, the champions will be determined by the last completed full round of play (whether that is bracket or pool play). If it is in pool play, the final pool results will be used (most points, then head to head, lowest runs allowed, etc.) In bracket play, the last completed full round will be used. The winners of that round will then go to lowest runs allowed in that round, then most runs scored that round. If it is tied after that, co-champions will be crowned.

In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to re-format the tournament. If no games are played, you will receive a full refund (minus \$100 administration charge to help offset event costs). If only 1 game is complete, you will receive a 50% refund. Once you have completed two games, no refund will be given. Single game rain-out refunds could be given at the Tournament Directors discretion.

