

Athletes In Action

2011 Tournament Rules 13U

1197 S Detroit Street - Xenia, Ohio 45385

Coaches:

1. Review all tournament information with team and parents.
2. Complete roster form as well as AIA Liability Release Agreement for all players and submit to tournament director prior to opening ceremony. Prefer to have rosters turned in a pre-tournament draw. A team may not begin play until these forms are turned into the tournament director.
3. Birth certificates do not need to be submitted, but should be available in the case of a dispute.
4. Contact Tournament Director, Dave Walton at (937)510-4698, if you have any questions.

Player Eligibility

No player may turn the age of 14 before May 1, 2011 NO EXCEPTIONS. Once the opening ceremony begins no player may be added to a roster. No player may participate on more than one (1) team during the tournament. Any violation of using an ineligible player will result in automatic dismissal of that player, the head coach and possibly the entire team for the remainder of the tournament. A protest of a player's eligibility must take place either prior to the start of a game or afterwards. Play should never be stopped due to a protest. All protest must be heard and decided on by the tournament director.

Equipment

1. Metal spikes are allowed.
2. The catcher must wear all appropriate protective gear: protective catcher's helmet with face mask, chest protector, shin guards and protective cup.
3. There are no glove or bat Restrictions.
4. All bat boys must wear a batting helmet when outside the dugout.

Game Length

All games shall be 7 innings in length, unless any of the following occur:

Time Limit: no inning shall start after 2 hours

Mercy Rule

10 runs after 5 innings,

Weather/ Act of God

If a game is called due to rain, darkness, or other acts of God and cannot be resumed, it will be considered a complete game if five (5) innings have been completed; or if the home team has scored more runs in four and a half innings than the visiting team has scored in four innings; or if the home team scores one or more runs in its half of the fifth inning to take the lead.

Game Rules

1. OHSAA will be followed unless otherwise noted in these rules.
2. Game time is forfeit time. Please have your team warmed up and ready to play.
3. No infield practice.
4. For all games prior to championship game(s), a flip of the coin between two managers will determine the home team. Winner's bracket team will be the Home team when bracket gets to that point.
5. The home team shall keep the official scorebook and report score.
6. A continuous batting order may be used. If a continuous batting order is used, manager must report that to opposing coach and umpire prior to the game starting.

A DH may be used if opting not to use continuous batting order.

If a team is using a continuous batting order and an injury occurs resulting in a player being unable to continue NO penalty will be assessed and the player's spot in the order will be skipped. If a player is removed for any other reason, his spot will be considered an out.

There is free substitution for continuous line ups.

If using a traditional line up (9 players), a starting player may be removed and re-enter only in the position in the line up they previously occupied.

7. A player will be called out if he throws his bat again after one (1) warning per game.
8. Whenever a tag play is evident, runners must seek to avoid contact with the fielder. Malicious contact shall supersede all obstruction penalties. PENALTY: Runner shall be declared out and may be ejected from the game at the umpire's discretion.
9. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of players, coaches, parents, and fans. If a player, assistant coach, or family member of a team is thrown out, head coach will also be removed. Additionally, if a player or coach is ejected from a game, they must sit out the remainder of that game, as well as the following game (exception: if a coach is removed due to one of his players, assistant coaches or family members being removed, the coach may return for the following game). Finally, both coaches are to report the incident to the tournament director immediately.
10. The umpires are in charge of the game. Arguing or abuse WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. The umpires' decision on any judgment call is final.
11. No warnings for Balks.

Pitching Limits

Pitchers may pitch 7 innings max for the tournament.

Protests

No protest shall be allowed. All issues must be resolved on the field, before the next pitch is thrown. Coaches may ask for a conference with the umpire, at which time they are expected to show the umpire what rule is in question, and explain why they feel the incorrect call was made. Judgment calls are never subject to discussion. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the protesting coach to have a OHSAA Rulebook and a copy of these rules on hand for reference regarding the rule in question.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER AND OTHER UNFORSEEN SITUATIONS, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RE-FORMAT THE TOURNAMENT. NO FEE REFUND WILL BE ISSUED FOR GAMES MISSED.