

OC BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS
TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES 2013 – 2014 SEASON



STANDARD MLB RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

Player age for 2013 and 2014 season determined by league age on April 30th, 2014

1. PLAYER and TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- A. All teams must pay registration fee in advance
- B. 15 player roster maximum, must play in proper age group or play up
- C. Teams must have following items in their tournament book at all times:
 - 1. Roster of all eligible players
 - 2. Copy of birth certificates
 - 3. Copy of insurance policy (MV Pony teams are already insured)
 - 4. Copy of tournament rules
 - 5. Pitcher's Log
- D. A team cannot change, add or switch players once the tournament has begun
 - 1. Players can only play in one age division per tournament
- E. 8U Division is allowed to have 10 defensive players on the field
- F. A team must start with 9 players on the field, may finish with 8 or less
 - 1. If a player is injured and cannot finish a game, the team is allowed to have a substitute player replace them at NO penalty

2. SUBSTITUTION RULE

- A. Coaches may elect to play 9 players with substitutes, or bat 10 and use an Extra Hitter (EH) **OR** a coach may elect to bat all players with free substitution
- B. Courtesy runner for pitcher and catcher of record (last person out or a substitute player if there are no outs in the 1st inning)
- C. Coaches must discuss their option at the plate and stick with it during the game

3. PITCHING RULES and LIMITATIONS

- A. 8U Division – 2 innings per game maximum (6 innings per tournament)
- B. 9/10U Division – 3 innings per game maximum (7 innings per tournament)
- C. 11/12U Division – 4 innings per game maximum (8 innings per tournament)
- D. 13U Division – 5 innings per game maximum (9 innings per tournament)
- E. 14U Division – 5 innings per game maximum (10 innings per tournament)
- F. ALL LEVELS – Pitcher is allowed 1 extra inning per game, after the 4th complete game, pitcher must be replaced if they hit 3 batters in one game
- G. BALKS
 - 1. 8U Division – Will not be called
 - 2. 9U Division – Will be given one warning in pool play games only, balks will be called in playoffs and championship games
 - 3. 10U – 14U Division – Will be called in all games

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4. GAME TIMES

- A. 8U – 12U (6 inning games, no new inning after 1:50, drop dead at 2 hours)
- B. 13U – 14U (7 inning games, no new inning after 2 hours, drop dead at 2:15 hours)
- C. All Divisions
 - 1. If game is called, the score will revert back to the previous inning
 - 2. If a playoff game is called and game is tied, the game will revert to previous inning, if tied in previous inning, California tie-breaker will be played out
 - 3. Championship games will be played in full up to 10 innings, then a California tie-breaker will be played out

5. MERCY RULES (ALL DIVISIONS)

- A. After 3 innings, if team is leading by 15 runs
- B. After 4 innings, if team is leading by 12 runs
- C. After 5 or 6 innings, if team is leading by 10 runs

6. BASE STEALING and SLIDING

- A. 8U Division – Runner may steal 2nd, 3rd base or home (when ball crosses plate)
 - 1. 3rd base is open during tournament play
 - 2. Ball is dead when Pitcher receives ball (within 10' feet of mound)
 - 3. Bunts are allowed in 8U division
- B. 9U – 14U Division – Lead offs and stealing bases is in full effect
- C. Squeeze play is only allowed when batter attempts to bunt ball into play (safety rule to avoid injury and collisions)
- D. All Divisions - Players must slide to avoid contact on close plays
- E. All Divisions - No intentional spiking or malicious contact with another player (umpire may call player out at their discretion)

7. DROP 3rd STRIKE RULE

- A. 8U Division – Does not apply
- B. 9U – 14U Division – In full effect

8. SEEDINGS and BRACKETS

- A. Brackets will be posted after final game of pool play (usually Saturday night)
- B. Seedings will be based on the following criteria in this order:
 - A. Best Record, Runs against, Head-to-head, Runs for, TD and staff decision
 - B. Brackets will be posted at www.ocbaseballtournaments.com on front page of website and updated by Saturday evening when all scores have been tallied

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9. REPORTING SCORES

- A. Home team is the official scorekeeper
- B. Scores must be reported by **WINNING** team immediately following games to the Tournament Director, Rob Frias, at OSO VIEJO PARK (FIELD 5)
 - 1. You can email scores to: scores@ocbaseballtournaments.com
 - 2. You can text scores to: (310) 975-5407
 - 3. You can call scores in to: (310) 975-5407
- C. If emailing, texting or leaving a message, you must identify the following:
 - 1. Your team name, your age division, your game (i.e. Joes 14U vs. Schmoes 14U at 3pm on Gilleran Sr. field), then your game score

10. RAIN PROCEDURES and REFUNDS

- A. Rain and Field updates – Check the website on game day by 7:30am for update
- B. In the event of a complete rain-out, teams may apply 100% of their fee toward the rescheduled tournament (WE WILL RESCHEDULE UNTIL COMPLETE)
- C. Or, if a team does not wish to play in future tournaments, refunds will be offered in the following manner:
 - 1. Complete Rain Out – Refund of fees minus \$200 admin fee
 - 2. 1 game completed, 50% refund (25% credit applied on next tournament)
 - 3. 2 games completed no refund (25% credit applied on next tournament)

11. OTHER ITEMS

- A. Coaches **MUST** bring their Pitching log to every plate meeting with sign-offs
- B. Teams must supply 2 baseballs for each game (Diamond DPL1 or equivalent leather baseballs) game balls will be provided for all Championship games
- C. Awards will be given to all Runner-up and Championship teams
- C. Behavior of Coaches and Fans – This is a fun tournament, yet emotions may rise from time to time and coaches will be warned one time per game, then ejections may occur at umpire's discretion
 - 1. If a coach is ejected a second game, they will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament and possibly for one year or more
 - 2. Coaches are expected to keep their fans in order, if the umpire has to formally warn the fans twice, the coach could be ejected from the game at the umpire's discretion
- D. Any teams found cheating will be disqualified if proof is found
- E. There will be a small snack stand at most parks with candy, seeds, energy bars, chips, water, soda, and Gatorade. Some fields will have pizza and hot dogs.

Play fair, have fun and enjoy the games...