

### Middle Point Ballpark Festival 12U Tournament Rules

1. Games are six innings in length. There is a 10-run rule in effect any time after 4 innings of play (or 3 ½ if home team is winning). **For pool play games only** – No new innings may start after 1:45 from official game time.
2. Lineups will consist of 9 players (3 outfielders). A team may play with 8 players but will take an out in the batting order. You have the option to roster bat or anything in between.
3. Official rosters must be turned in prior to your first game with a maximum of 15 players.
4. **Coaches – you are advised to have copies of birth certificates available in case of question.** Any player not having proof available if a question arises may be subject to suspension for the remainder of the tournament. If birth certificates are requested by one team, their team is subject to providing all certificates for their players in return.
5. Pitcher's rubber will be 50' and bases are set at 70'.
6. No infield on diamond prior to games. Pitcher warm ups from the mound prior to the game is ok. Ground balls may be taken in foul territory or fly balls in outfield.
7. 5 Warm-up pitches in between innings.
8. If a batter throws their bat, a team warning will be issued on the first offense. Any offenses thereafter result in automatic, dead-ball outs.
9. Stealing is allowed once pitch leaves the pitcher's hand. One team warning on leaving early, then an out.
10. Pitchers cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher if they are taken out of the game.
11. 1 pitch thrown counts as a full 1 inning pitched.
12. During pool play, the home team will be determined by a coin flip. During tournament play, the higher seed will be awarded home team.
13. Infield fly rule is in effect.
14. Coaches – Please keep games moving by having players hustle on/off field, warming up pitcher between innings, etc.
15. 2-1/4" diameter bats allowed for both Non-USA and USA Stamped Bats. 2-5/8" bats allowed but ONLY with USA Stamp. No wooden bats allowed.
16. Players cannot turn 13 years old before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. 2 player exceptions of March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
17. Pitching will be 2 inning MAX per game. No limit on total innings for tournament.
18. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule is in effect.
19. No Slash bunting allowed.
20. The Avoid Contact Rule applies. Runners do not have to slide, but they must avoid contact. Any aggressive contact may result in a player being called out and possibly being ejected. This rule is at the umpire's discretion. If there is going to be a play made, the coach should instruct their players to slide.
21. If eligible, players from the same town/district may play up or down respectively on rosters in a different age tournament.
22. Tournament seeding will be determined by overall record. In case of ties we will determine the higher seed by: (1) Runs Allowed (2) Runs Scored (3) Coin Flip
23. No protests of calls are allowed. All umpires decisions are final.
24. Please respect the umpires! Most of them are volunteers. Any disrespect towards them will not be tolerated.
25. 1 Ball will be supplied by each team at the beginning of each pool play game. During tournament play, we will supply game balls.