

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. ***For pool play games only*** – No new innings may start after 1:45 from official game time. Tournament games will be played with no time limit.
2. Official rosters must be turned in prior to your first game with a maximum of 15 players.
3. ***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 (keep that in mind).
4. Pitcher's mound will be 50' and bases are set at 70'.
5. No infield on diamond prior to games. Warm ups for pitchers prior to game can be done in foul territory bullpens. Ground balls may be taken in foul territory or fly balls in outfield.
6. 5 Warm-up pitches in between innings.
7. Ohio High School Athletic Association Rules will be followed not specified on this list. Lead offs are allowed. Pitchers will each be given 1 balk warning before balk is instituted, however it will need to be blatant. Coaches should not get excited toward an umpire if a balk is not called.
8. 1 pitch thrown counts as a full 1 inning pitched.
9. 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.
10. Pitchers cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher if they are taken out of the game.
11. During pool play, the home team will be determined by a coin flip. During tournament play, the higher seed will be awarded home team.
12. Dropped 3rd strike rule and IF fly rules are in effect.
13. Coaches – Please keep games moving by hustling on/off field, warming up pitcher between innings, etc.
14. 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.
15. Pitching will be 2 inning MAX per game. No limit on total innings for tournament.
16. Line-up will be the 9 position players plus optional extra hitter or roster bat (not required).
17. No Slash Bunting allowed.
18. Head first slides are allowed.
19. Re-entry: A player in the starting line-up who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game once in the original batting order position.
20. If eligible, players from the same town/district may play up or down respectively on rosters in a different age tournament.
21. 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.
22. Tournament seeding will be determined by overall record. In case of ties we will determine the higher seed by: (1) Head to Head (2) Runs Allowed. (3) Runs Scored. (4) Coin Flip.
23. Players cannot turn 13 years old before May 1st of the current year. 2 player exceptions of Feb 1st of the current year.
24. 1 Ball will be supplied by each team at the beginning of each pool play game. During tournament play, we will supply game balls.
25. No protests of calls are allowed. All umpires decisions are final.
26. Please respect the umpires! Any disrespect towards them will not be tolerated.