

Middle Point Ballpark Festival 15U Tournament Rules

1. Games are seven 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. Tourney 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 60' and bases are set at 90'.
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.
8. During pool play, the home team will be determined by a coin flip. During tournament play, the higher seed will be awarded home team.
9. Coaches – Please keep games moving by hustling on/off field, warming up pitcher between innings, etc.
10. Bats must be -5 or heavier.
11. No pitch limit per game. 7 total innings for the weekend per player.
12. A pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher, but not within the same inning.
13. 1 pitch thrown counts as a full 1 inning pitched.
14. Line-up will be 9 position players plus optional extra hitter or roster bat (not required).
15. Dropped 3rd strike rule and IF fly rules are in effect.
16. No Slash Bunting allowed.
17. Head first slides are allowed.
18. Re-entry: A player in the starting line-up who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game one time in the original batting order position.
19. Players are allowed metal spikes.
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 for the game. 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. 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.
22. Players must be 13, 14, or 15 before May 1 to be eligible to play in the tournament and be placed on a roster. A player who turns 16 before May 1 is not eligible. There will be 2 exceptions for a February 1st date.
23. 1 Ball will be supplied by each team at the beginning of each pool play game. During tournament play, we will supply game balls.
24. No protests of calls are allowed. All umpires decisions are final.
25. Please respect the umpires! Any disrespect towards them will not be tolerated.