

Berlin Riverside Classic 2022
June 25
9U Tournament Rules

Tournament Rules: Little League Rules Apply With the Following Exceptions

Player Eligibility

- Team Roster may consist of 15 players. All rosters must be turned in before your first game.
- A player cannot reach his/her 10th birthday prior to April 30, 2022. Games played with an ineligible player will be declared a forfeit and be scored 6-0.

Game Rules

- Home team to be determined by a coin toss.
- Home team will be the official scorekeeper if one is not available
- 15-run rule after 3 innings (2 ½ innings for the home team) and 10-run rule after 4 innings (3 ½ innings for the home team).
- Maximum of six (6) runs per inning, except the last inning which is unlimited.
- No new inning will start after 1 hour and 20 minutes. There is 1 hour and 45 minutes between game start times. Official time will be kept by the umpires..
- Tie game after time has expired will go into an extra inning(s) with last out from previous inning starting at second base and one out. Full inning will be played. Additional innings will be played if the game remains tied at the end of the inning.
- The tournament committee reserves the right to shorten, alter, or cancel games if weather or time, do not permit completion in a timely manner.
- Teams must bat their entire roster with unlimited defensive substitutions. If a player is injured during a game we will skip his spot in the batting order and there will not be an out given.
- Teams will play 10 in the field with 4 players playing on the outfield grass when the ball crosses the plate.
- Infield fly rule will not be in effect.
- An intentional walk will be issued with no pitches being thrown. Just tell the umpire and the player will go to first base.

Pitching Rules

- Pitchers may pitch 2 innings a game. One pitch thrown in an inning is counted as 1 inning pitched. Pitchers are not allowed to return as a pitcher.
- No Balk rule in place.
- A manager or coach is allowed one trip to the mound per inning. A second trip shall automatically result in the removal of that pitcher for that game. Injury situation does not count as a trip to the mound.
- The fielding team will have one minute to warm up in between innings. This will allow enough time for (5) warm up pitches in between innings and (8) warm up pitches for a new pitcher. Coaches, please have someone ready to warm up your pitcher if your catcher is putting on the equipment. Please, no throwing around the horn after a strikeout.

Batting and Base Running Rules

- Base runners must avoid contact or slide on close plays. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out. Intentionally running into a fielder will result in disqualification for the game.
- Base runners must slide feet first into a base, but can dive head first back into a base.
- You can have a courtesy runner (optional) for the pitcher and catcher if there are two outs. Should be the player who made the last out.
- You can bunt. However, you cannot swing after squaring to bunt. If this is done the batter will be called out.
- All players must wear a batting helmet while on deck, batting, or running the bases.
- Leading off the base is not allowed until the ball crosses home plate. Leaving early will result in the runner being called out.
- Runners may advance at their own risk. Runners may come home on passed ball, wild pitch or throw back, at their own risk. (Please see the sliding rule above)
- Dropped third strike rule will NOT be in play.
- No appeal on a missed base or failure to “tag up”. It is an automatic out to be called by the umpire at the end of the play – no warning will be given.

General Rules

- There are NO protests. Umpire’s decisions are final. One coach may discuss the rules with the umpire, keeping in mind the intent and spirit of the tournament. Coaches are also responsible for their own parents and fans also keeping the positive spirit of the tournament.
- Approved Bats: Swing what you bring!
- A manager or a coach may not leave the dugout area except to confer with one of his players, or the umpire. This must be done by calling time-out that is granted by the umpire.
- A complete rain-out of the tournament will result in a 50% entry fee refund.
- A partial rain-out of the tournament will result in the champion being determined by the tournament committee.
- Berlin Youth Baseball & Softball (BYBS) and tournament sponsors are not liable for injuries occurring during or as result of this tournament.