



Greenville 9U and 10U Tournament Rules

Player/Team Eligibility

1. Players cannot turn 11 (10U) or 10 (9U) years old before May 1st. Have copies of birth certificates upon request. If an ineligible player (i.e. too many innings or age) is discovered, his team shall forfeit the game or games in which he participated illegally. Forfeited games will be scored 6-0.
2. ROSTERS- with Birthdates are to be turned into the tournament director or emailed to the GYS Tournament Committee at least 30 minutes prior to your first game.
3. Roster limit – 15 players per team. 12 awards will be given.
4. The lineup may be 10 players or bat your whole roster (must be declared before the game). Every player must play at least 2 innings in the field. If you lose a player for any reason, you will take the out when his time comes to hit unless you are still left with at least 10 players. If you bat your whole roster, then it is open substitution for defense. 4 outfielders are used, so 10 defensive players are used. If a player's at bat is skipped due to injury, they cannot re-enter the same game.

GYS Rules

1. No Protests on judgement calls. Umpire decision will be final. In the event of a misinterpreted rule, play should stop immediately and a discussion should occur between both head coaches and the umpire. If no agreement on the rule can be reached, please immediately find a member of the tournament committee. The tournament committee member decision will be final. Please be respectful at all times. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the park.
2. Please no carry-ins. Our concessions are our program's biggest fundraiser.
3. No pregame infield warmups allowed. Space will be provided for warmups.
4. Home Team is responsible for operating scoreboard.
5. Please clean up the dugout after your game.
6. Format to be determined based on the number of entries, 3 games guaranteed
 - a. 0 games played – full refund due
 - b. 1 game played – ½ of entry fee refund due
 - c. 2 or more games played – no refund due
7. INJURY WAIVER – Baseball involves an element of risk and/or danger for all participants and may cause serious injury, death, or property loss. Greenville Youth Sports does not provide medical or hospital insurance for participants in this event. All persons participating in this GYS event must provide their own insurance and assume risk of all injuries. Limited medical treatment may be administered as the result of an injury. GYS, its employees and agents shall be held harmless

and indemnified from any and all losses, claims, costs, expenses and/or judgements arising in any matter from the participation in this GYS event.

Game and Length

1. Games will be 6 innings.
2. The time limit, per game, will be 1:20. No new innings will start after the 1:20 time limit has been reached. Plate umpire will announce the start time before the first pitch. Inning ends with the 3rd out. Official start time will be kept by the home plate umpire.
3. Home team will be determined by a coin flip for pool games. Home team responsible to run the scoreboard and is the official scorekeeper for the game. Home team is responsible for turning in the game cards.
4. Mercy run limit - 12 run rule after 3 innings, 10 run rule after 4 innings, and an 8 run rule after 5 innings. There will be no per-inning run limit. The mercy run rule will apply to the championship game as well.
5. The championship game will not have a time limit. If a pool play game is tied at the time limit, it will remain a tie. A tie game will continue to the 7th inning if the time limit has not been reached yet and will use the California tie-breaker. In bracket style games, a tie game will continue with the California tiebreaker rule until there is a winner, except for the championship games, which will continue with normal baseball rules. The California tie-breaker is beginning with a runner on 2nd base and 1 out. That runner will be the last out of the previous inning.
6. 4 innings, or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead is a complete game in the event of weather. If the game wasn't official, it would be picked up where it was left off when play is safe to resume. The tournament committee reserves the right to modify the schedule, format, or game lengths should weather cause any delays.
7. Please keep the games moving. Stalling, as deemed by the umpire, may result in the forfeiture of the game.

Bracket Seeding and Awards

1. Bracket – Teams will be seeded by the following tiebreakers
 - a. Win/Loss record
 - b. Head to Head (only if two teams tied)
 - c. Run differential (max 8 per game)
 - d. Runs against
 - e. Runs scored
 - f. Coin flip
2. Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers.

Age Specific Rules

Field Size

1. The bases will be 60' and the mound 46'.
 - a. 9U – Pitchers will throw from flat ground.
 - b. 10U – Pitchers will throw from portable mount.

Pitching

1. The pitching limit is **6** innings for the tournament. One pitch thrown counts as an inning pitched. If the pitcher is removed from a game, he may not return to pitch in that same game. If a pitcher goes over the inning limit the team will forfeit that game.
2. The home team must fill out the pitching cards and have the visiting coach sign and turn into tournament director or concessions stand. Please report pitching changes to the home team.
3. A new pitcher can have 8 warmup pitches to start his game but is limited to 5 thereafter between innings.
4. Pitchers must be removed on the second trip to the mound by a coach in the same inning.
5. Pitches do not need to be thrown for an intentional walk, simply notify the umpire of the decision. You cannot walk 2 consecutive batters.
6. Greenville Youth Sports takes the health of our young pitchers very seriously. We recommend following Pitch Smart guidelines with minimum days of rest based on how many pitches thrown. Please allow for proper days rest!

Batting and Base Running

1. ANY USSSA or USA baseball stamped bats may be used. There is no additional restriction on weight drop or barrel diameter. Any bat deemed illegal by USSSA or USA baseball will be prohibited and removed from play (see USSSA or USA baseball websites for a list of banned bats).
2. No fake bunts allowed – batter will be called out. That means you can't square around and then pull back and swing away. You can square around and then pull back, as long as you don't swing.
3. Sliding is required if a play is being made on a runner. Runners who do not slide will be called out. It is the umpire's discretion as to whether a play is being made and if a slide is necessary. No head-first slides allowed, unless returning to previous base.
4. No leading off or stealing before the pitch crosses the plate. Player will be called out if leaving too early. Runners may steal home.
5. Infield fly rule WILL NOT be in effect.
6. Dropped 3rd strike WILL NOT be in effect.
7. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher after 2 outs and only after 2 outs. The courtesy runner will be the last batted out.

Remember... the games are for the kids to have fun, learn fundamentals, and display sportsmanship at all kinds. Greenville Youth Sports thanks you for your participation and support!