

Girls 8U /9U/ 10U / 12U /14U Memorial Weekend Tournament Rules 2024 – updated 5/16/2024

Hosted by Bourbonnais / Evergreen Park / Palos

1. Rosters

Teams shall roster a maximum of 15 players. Teams may be selected in any manner according to your league guidelines, however all rostered players must have played the majority of their games within their recreational league during the regular season.

If any team is caught with an illegal player during the tournament, the entire team will be prevented from advancing and be removed from the entire tournament. If the player is determined to be illegal while a game is in progress, the game will be called and a forfeit loss given. All innings pitched during a game called will still apply against the pitcher's tournament limit. All games against the illegal team will be registered as a forfeit win of 7 to 0 for all the opponents with that team on their schedule (either played or still to be played) in the tournament. Managers bear full responsibility for being sure that all players are legal.

2. Birth Certificates

Team manager must present birth Certificates of each player to the host league prior to the start of the first game. Documents will be reviewed and immediately returned to the manager. We will use the December 31st as the cut-off for the 2024 tournament season. See Age Chart for ages

Age Cutoff & Softball Size

| Division | Birthday Cut-off | Softball Size |
|----------|--------------------|---------------|
| 8U | December 31st 2015 | 11" Hard |
| 9U | December 31st 2014 | 11" Hard |
| 10U | December 31st 2013 | 11" Hard |
| 12U | December 31st 2011 | 12" Hard |
| 14U | December 31st 2009 | 12" Hard |

Age Cutoff Details

- Because of the December 31st age rule, a player competing in the 14-year old division may be 15 years old when competing. This occurs because the baseball season follows the age cutoff date
 - A player's age as of December 31st determines the age in which the player is eligible to play
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3. Time limits

Time limits for ALL games will be as follows:

- No inning will start after 1 hours and 45 minutes. Once an inning starts, it must be completed. If the time limit passes and the game is tied in pool play, the result is a tie.
- There is a 2 hour time limit for the semi-final games and no time limit for the championship games.

4. Rain Delays

Games that are cancelled due to rain shall be considered complete games after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).

If the visiting team takes the lead after the 4th inning and the game is suspended due to rain, the game is not cancelled and the make-up game shall resume at the point of play stoppage. The score DOES NOT revert back to the score at the top of the inning. The visiting team would not be penalized after they have gained a lead and there is rain.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY a Host town Official has the right to delay or cancel a game due to inclement weather. Umpires and managers involved in the game do NOT have input on these decisions.

5. Roster Rules

In any Chicago Sunday Baseball Tournament, a player removed from the game may return to the game in any position. The batting order may not change and roster batting is in effect. All players must play a minimum of three defensive innings in the field. No late arriving player is allowed to enter a game after the end of the 2nd inning. If a player is expected to arrive late, the manager of the team with the late player must inform the opposing manager **prior** to the start of the game about the late player and insert the player in the last spot in the batting order. A player arriving late to a game must enter the game before the first pitch of the third inning. If the spot being held for the late players is up to bat prior to the player's arrival, the batting team will receive an automatic out every time the missing player is to have an official at bat. It is possible if a late player is added to the line-up and does not show up, that every time their spot in the batting order is up to bat that the affected team can receive multiple outs throughout the game for the no show. Any player that is not inserted into the lineup prior to the start of the game is not allowed to play in that game.

6. General Rules

Courtesy runners are allowed for catchers if there are 2 outs. If a catcher has a substitute runner, the player (catcher) who had a substitute runner must catch one full inning immediately following the substitute runner. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the 2nd out of the inning. The only exception to this rule is if there is a pitching change or an injury. This courtesy runner rule is in place to speed up the game and is not intended to provide the batting team an opportunity to use faster players for slower players.

7. TIES in standings

In the event of a tie in the final standings, the tie breakers will be as follows:

1. Head to head competition, if applicable (applies to only a 2 team tie)
2. Least amount of runs allowed
3. Run differential
4. If a tie still exist, then there will be a coin toss to determine who advances to the next level.

Please note, that if two teams are tied in the standings based on win %, if one of those teams has more wins than the other team, the team that has more wins will win the tie breaker. For example, there are two teams with a .500 win % that are tied, Team A finished with 1 win and 1 loss, and Team B finished with 0 wins and 2 ties, then the team that has the 1 win advances.

In tournament pools that have an odd number of teams, the Tie breaker rules will apply to the teams after their 1st two games. The team that is in last place after the first two games will be eliminated from the tournament and will receive a partial refund.

8. PROTESTS

A game may not be protested based upon an umpire's judgment decision.

When based upon an interpretation of the rules, a protesting manager must at the time the play occurs, notify the home plate umpire and the opposing manager that the game is being played under protest. The home plate umpire will then notify a Host town official of the protest. Host town officials will immediately consider the protest with the umpires and managers and render a decision before play is resumed. All decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

All protest rights are withdrawn if a manager withdraws a team from the field under any circumstances, prior to the game's completion.

No protest will be considered after one or more pitches have taken place

9. Rain shortened Tournament

In the event of rain, tournament director will make every opportunity to reschedule games and provide a revised schedule. In the event of inclement weather on Monday, tournament director reserves right to award trophies based on games played. NO games will be played beyond Monday 5/26. Once one game is played by a team, no refunds will be able to be awarded.

Rules for 2024 Memorial Day Weekend Tournament

Length of Games

Number of Innings

| Division | Number of Innings | Max Runs per Inning | Max Runs Per Inning (Last Inning) |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8U | 6 | 6 | Last Inning Unlimited |
| 9U | 6 | 6 | Last Inning Unlimited |
| 10U | 6 | 6 | Last Inning Unlimited |
| 12U | 7 | 6 | Last Inning Unlimited |
| 14U | 7 | 8 | Last Inning Unlimited |

Extra Inning Rule

- Additional innings will occur provided:
 - The game is tied
 - Time limit has not expired
- If the game is still tied after extra innings and the duration of the game surpasses the time limit, the game will end in a tie
- There are no special rules attached to extra innings (ex: California Rules)
 - Extra inning rules will be considered a continuation of the game

Slaughter Rule

- At the end of either of the options below mentioned innings, if a team is ahead by the below mentioned runs, the game is complete:

| Division | Option | Number of Innings Completed | Number of Runs Ahead |
|----------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 8U | 1 | 3 Innings | 15 runs |
| | 2 | 4 Innings | 10 runs |
| 9U | 1 | 3 Innings | 15 runs |
| | 2 | 4 Innings | 10 runs |
| 10U | 1 | 3 Innings | 15 runs |
| | 2 | 4 Innings | 10 runs |
| 12U | 1 | 4 Innings | 15 runs |
| | 2 | 5 Innings | 10 runs |
| 14U | 1 | 4 Innings | 15 runs |
| | 2 | 5 Innings | 10 runs |

Field Dimensions

| Division | Distance from Pitching Rubber to Home Plate | Distance Between Bases |
|----------|---|------------------------|
| 8U | 30' | 55' |
| 9U | 35' | 60' |
| 10U | 35' | 60' |
| 12U | 40' | 60' |
| 14U | 43' | 60' |

Fielding

| Division | Players on Field | Position of 10th Fielder |
|----------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 8U | 10 | Anywhere in Fair Territory |
| 9U | 10 | Anywhere in Fair Territory |
| 10U | 10 | Anywhere in Fair Territory |
| 12U | 9 | N/A |
| 14U | 9 | N/A |

Baserunning

| Division | Leadoffs/Runner Leave | Stealing Bases | Stealing Bases- Max Per Inning |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 8U | No/Cross Plate | Not Allowed | Not Allowed |
| 9U | No/Cross Plate | 2nd & 3rd Base Only | 3 |
| 10U | No/Cross Plate | 2nd & 3rd Base Only | 3 |
| 12U | Yes/Pitcher's Hand | All Bases including Home | Unlimited |
| 14U | Yes/Pitcher's Hand | All Bases including Home | Unlimited |

TOURNAMENT PITCHING

| | <u>Per Game</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 8 year olds | 3 innings |
| 9 year olds | 3 innings |
| 10 year olds | 3 innings |
| 12 year olds | 4 innings |
| 14 year olds | 4 innings |

Violations of the pitching rule will result in forfeiture of the game in which the infraction occurred.

One pitch constitutes an inning.

Miscellaneous

| Division | Bunting | Dropped 3rd Strike | Infield Fly Rule |
|----------|---------|--------------------|------------------|
| 8U | No | No | No |
| 9U | No | No | No |
| 10U | Yes | No | No |
| 12U | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 14U | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Substitutions & Batting Order

Pitcher Changes

- A pitching change must occur on a manager or coach's second trip to the mound
 - Exception: In case of an injury
- Once a pitching change occurs, the pitcher may not return to the pitching position for the rest of the game (Starting pitcher can reenter the game one time)

Defensive Substitution

- Once a position change occurs, the original player can return to their previous position in the game multiple times
 - Exception: Pitcher - see "Pitcher Changes" rule above

Batting Order

- CLSB uses continuous batting orders
- All players are required to be included in the line up and bat continuously
- Batting order may not change

Equipment

Bat Requirements

- USSSA Bats are NOT allowed
- Only USA/ASA bats are allowed
- CLSB will reassess bat rules on an annual basis

Failure to Meet Bat Standards

- Bats are to be reviewed by the umpire if a manager/coach calls a bat into question
- In the instance a bat is identified to not meet CLSB standards
 - Prior to player putting the ball in play
 - No penalty given to the player
 - Player's manager is required remove the bat from the playing field
 - Player continues her at bat
 - Ball is in play
 - Player is called out
 - All runners return to the bases they previously occupied
 - Player's manager is required remove the bat from the playing field

