

St. Johns Youth Baseball Association Invitational Tournament 2010

Battle of the Bats

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11U Division, June 25, 26, and 27

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SJYBA 11U 2010 Baseball Tournament Rules

Eligibility: Eligible players must be born after April 30, 1998. **Birth Certificates Required at check-in.**

- A. A team roster will be a minimum of 9 players and maximum of 14 players on a team. ALL players on the roster must bat and play at least 2 innings defensively (unless the game is a mercy).
- B. Team roster must be turned in prior to your first game. Copies of birth certificates must be available for review at the time of registration. No exceptions will be allowed. The roster sheet must be filled in completely.
- C. Coin flip will determine home team for each game. You must have 9 players to start a game.
- D. Rules that govern this tourney shall be PONY BASEBALL RULES, with the exceptions included in this document.
- E. Games shall be 7 innings with the following exceptions:
 - Mercy Rule - There will be a 15 Run Mercy Rule after 4 innings of play and 10 runs after 5 innings.
- F. If a team scores 8 runs prior to three outs being made the inning shall end. Teams are limited to scoring a maximum of 8 runs per inning. Exception: The final inning will be played with unlimited runs. It is the umpire's responsibility to determine last inning and inform the coaches from both teams.
- G. The time limit shall be one hour and 45 minutes from the start of the game for all games. The start of the game will be determined at the end of the pre-game conference between managers, coaches and umpires and umpires have final say. It is suggested that all parties synchronize the game starting time to avoid later confusion.
- H. No new inning will start after one hour and 45 Minutes. Any inning started before the time limit has expired shall be completed. The third out constitutes the start of a new inning. Extra innings will be played to determine winner with the last out being placed as a runner at second base with one out to start the inning (International Tie Breaker). Play continues until a there is a winner.

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- I. The home team is the official scorekeeper. Please compare scores at the end of each inning.
- J. PITCHING RULES: A pitcher may not pitch more than 3 innings per game. As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch to a batter the pitcher shall be considered as having pitched in one inning. Any pitcher removed from the mound shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.
- K. Free defensive substitution will be used. Teams may put a player in or out any inning except for pitchers.
- L. All players on a roster and present must play a minimum of two innings in the field (six outs). If a game is called short because of the mercy rule, the two inning minimum rule will not be enforced.
- M. If a manager or coach goes onto the playing field while on defense to talk to a pitcher (or otherwise) more than once in an inning, a pitching change shall be made.
- N. Metal spikes are not allowed.
- O. Wooden, metal, graphite or ceramic bats, manufactured specifically for baseball play, which are round and not more than 2 and 3/4 inches in diameter at the thickest part, are acceptable.
- P. Runners may lead off and steal home. 70' Bases and 48' from Pitchers Mound to Home Plate. Batters may run on a dropped third strike when first base is unoccupied or there are two outs.
- Q. Any player, coach, fan or parent not displaying proper sportsmanship and conduct may be asked to leave the game site for the good of the game. Any player or coach ejected from the game will also be suspended for his team's next scheduled tournament games. No player or coach shall use any form of tobacco or alcohol on SJYBA Facilities. No foul language will be allowed. It will be the discretion of the umpires and tournament director on further game suspensions.
- R. Injuries and illnesses are unfortunate; however any player that needs to be skipped for ANY reason in the lineup once the game starts will be recorded as an OUT. We have had issues with this and feel that this is the fairest way.
- S. Champion and Runner-up (or those moving to playoff games – depending on format) will be determined by overall record. Tie Breakers:
 - a. Head to Head Competition
 - b. Run differential (maximum 10 per game)
 - c. Least runs allowed in Tournament
 - d. Most Runs Scored in Tournament
 - e. Coin Flip

Note: If three teams are tied and the teams involved beat each other, tie breaker number 1 is eliminated. Tiebreaker Number 2 is then put into effect. If two teams tie in the run differential, it goes back to head to head competition.
- T. Players must not reach the next higher age prior to May 1, 2010.
- U. A courtesy runner can be used for the catcher with two outs. The runner will be the last available out.
- V. On contested plays at second, third, or home all runners will slide or be ruled out. There will be no barreling. Violators will be ejected from the game. It will be the discretion of the umpires and tournament directors on further game suspensions.
- W. If a player is injured while on base, the player who was the last available out may replace him and the injured player cannot re-enter the game.
- X. Balks will be called – Each pitcher will be given 1 warning per game.

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