



TOC Rules

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Host sites will need to make sure there is a rule book at the score box, pitching tracked by GAMECHANGER. Pitching data must be entered into GAMECHANGER the day of the game. You must tell the umpire who is not eligible to pitch based on prior days pitch count. Please make sure you have someone to keep score via GAMECHANGER. Only the people keeping score are allowed in the scoring area (box). Pitch count is only to be given to the manager and/or coach. It's not to be given out to the parents. Please keep a copy of these 2026 Rules and the rule book at the box.

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TOURNAMENT RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED

For all divisions, the 2026 Baseball & Softball Rule Book will be followed, unless dictated by the following rules:

*Baseballs/Softballs- each team will supply the umpire with at least one NEW LL baseball or 1 NEW LL softball

*Coin toss before beginning of game to determine home and away. The HOME team MUST occupy the dugout indicated on the scoreboard. *Line-up cards. Make sure you have at least (3) copies to give to the umpire. First initial and last name is a must! Please indicate the pitcher (LEAGUE AGE) on your line-up card as we must track the pitch count.

*No on-deck batters unless it's for 50/70-Juniors/Seniors and must be on your side.

*Every player must be in a uniform. (Optional hat/visor)



***Every Jersey must have a number and no duplicate numbers.**

***Please have your team there 30 minutes before game time as we might want to start your game a few minutes early.**

***We will be playing with continuous batting order in all divisions.**

***Pitch count is the manager's ultimate responsibility. If a manager uses an ineligible pitcher, they are subject to 2 game suspension.**

***Pitch count must be documented every half inning on the PITCH TRACKING FORM-Print it off of the website.**

***Do not approach the scoreboard.**

***You must go through your umpire for everything unless the umpire tells you otherwise.**

***Every TEAM must carry their signed PITCH TRACKING FORM (copy off from the D18 website (fla18.com) to each game.**

***You must go to the scorekeeper at the end of the game and sign the PITCH LOG, wherever they keep the pitch count. They are the official scorekeeper of the GAMECHANGER/book, and the pitch count MUST be the same and signed off on. If you don't sign it, the GAMECHANGER COUNT is official.**

***Tournament format is noted on each tournament schedule page.**

***Sportsmanship trophy awarded to each division of play. This will be determined by the umpire staff, and tournament administrators.**

MANAGERS KNOW YOUR RULES!

*If you have any questions during the tournament, please look for your site director, he or she will be more than happy to explain any rules or procedures used during the tournament.

*Time limits will be in effect for Major baseball and Major softball 1 hour and 30 minutes, with a **drop-dead** time of 1 hour 45 minutes. (Rule 4.11) (d). No NEW inning may begin once the 1hr 30min time limit has been met. An inning has been completed, once the final out has been made in the inning. If the **drop dead** time is reached in the inning the game may revert to the last completed inning.

*Juniors and Senior Baseball and Senior Softball, 2 hours with drop dead time of 2 hours and 30 minutes. (Rule 4.11) (d). No NEW inning may begin once the 2-hr. time limit has been met. An inning has been completed, once the final out has been made in the inning

*Coaches may be allowed to warm up pitchers.

*A manager and two coaches will be allowed in this tournament regardless of how many players you have.

*Managers/Coaches must stay in the dugout on defense. **No sitting on buckets/chairs outside the dugout.** There must always be an adult in the dugout.

When the completion of six innings and the score is tied, starting in the top of the seventh inning and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base. Example: If the number five batter is the lead-off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. An eligible substitute or special pinch runner may be inserted for the runner.

*If after three (3) innings, two and one-half innings three and one-half if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after four (4) three and one-half innings four and one-half innings, if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after five (5) four and one-half innings, if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of eight (8) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

NOTE: (1) If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (15), ten (10) or eight (8) runs or more respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning. A game determined by the 15-run rule, 10-run rule, or 8-run rule, shall be considered a regulation game



Managers, please pass on to parents that any outburst is being witnessed by their child, they are watching you! Let's all have good sportsmanship and praise all players, not just your own!

Miscellaneous rules and host site add-ons

1. Please make sure you have a GAMECHANGER person and a PITCH COUNT person. Please fill out the tracking form for the pitchers and who is ineligible to pitch in the next game, that must be given to the umpire. Each team must present a TEAM pitch tracking sheet to the scorers table.
2. Have a rule book, tracking FORM and these rules at the scoreboard.
3. Line ups to become official at the official umpire plate meeting.
4. Continuous Batting order used for ALL divisions. Mandatory play not required on defense.
5. Walk up music to be used ONLY for batters approaching the plate. Must stop before pitcher is ready to address the batter.
 - a. **NO MUSIC** used between innings other than what the HOST league uses.

Thank you and have fun and enjoy the tournament!

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