2016 Wasco Pride Over Prize 14U Tournament

General Tournament Rules

General Rules:

- Teams will have proof of insurance at the game
- Players will be no older than 14 years of age as of April 30, 2016
- Illinois High School Association (IHSA) rules shall apply with the exception of playing rule modifications stated herein
- Playing field shall be 60'-6" from the pitching plate to home plate and 90' base dimensions

Playing Rules:

1. Game Length
    - Games will be scheduled for 7 innings
    - Time limit of 1 hour and 50 minutes. An inning can be finished, but a new inning cannot be started after the time limit as determined by the last out completed. Time limits may be changed by Tournament Director in order to conclude the tournament.
    - Extra innings are allowed if the time limit has not been reached by the end of 7 innings using the extra inning tie breaker rules.
        - In the first extra inning and every 1⁄2 inning thereafter, each team will start with:
            - a runner on second base
            - 1 out
            - 2 -1 count on every batter
            - The runner on second will be the last official hitter from the previous inning.
    - Games will be considered official if 4 innings (3-1/2 innings if home team is winning) have been completed. This will apply to weather or darkness shortened games.
    - In cases of weather or darkness shortened, an official game will be decided by the score of the last completed inning (or half inning if the home team is winning)
    - Mercy Rule will be 12 runs after 4 innings, or 3 1/2 if home team is ahead, and 10 after 5, or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead.

2. Batting Order and Substitution

- A continuous batting order of all present, eligible, uniformed players will be used.
- Line-ups and roster shall be exchanged between the teams prior to the game starting
- All players other than the nine (9) defensive position players are Extra Hitters and may move freely in defensive positions with the exception of the pitching position. Any player(s) arriving after the game has begun, shall be added to the bottom of the batting line-up.
- When using the continuous lineup and a player has to leave the game early, their place in the lineup will NOT be counted as an out, unless the total number of players drops to 8, at which time an out will be called in the position vacated.
- Games may start when both teams have a minimum of 8 players present. If only 8 players are present for a team, that team must take an out for the ninth position in their batting order.

3. Equipment

- No bat restrictions will be enforced
- Metal spikes are allowed

4. Batter Rules

- Fake Bunting/Slashing (pulling back and swinging away) is not allowed

5. Baserunner Rules

- Managers have the option of using a courtesy runner for the Catcher for the next inning at any time. A courtesy runner for the Catcher is mandatory with two outs in the inning.
- A courtesy runner for the Pitchers is discretionary with 2 outs. The courtesy runner must be the last batted out and may only run once that inning.
- The Catcher and Pitcher being replaced must be the player who will be taking that position in the next inning. Also, the Pitcher must pitch at least 1 complete at bat and the catcher must catch for at least 1 defensive out.

6. Pitcher Rules

- No pitching limitations, but teams are recommended to know the Pitch Smart Guidelines pertaining to pitch counts and rest periods
    - 95 pitches maximum in one day
    - 21 35 Pitches = 1 Day Rest
    - 36-50 Pitches = 2 Days Rest
    - 51-65 Pitches = 3 Days Rest
    - 66+ Pitches = 4 Days Rest
- Coaches are allowed one visit with each pitcher during an inning after the first official pitch of an inning is thrown by that pitcher. Upon the second visit in an inning, the pitcher must be replaced. A visit will not be charged in health concern situations.
- No pitches need to be thrown for Intentional walks

- No balk warnings

Tournament Format:

- Tournament Game Schedule will be posted on the Wasco website
- Bracket Schedule will be updated throughout the tournament

Conduct:

- Managers and coaches are responsible for the behavior of the entire team, including fans
- Warm-ups must be done outside the playing field, but teams can play catch in the outfield if time allows before their scheduled game
- No hard ball, soft- toss into fences
- Protests of an umpire's call are not allowed. The umpire shall interpret game rules. Any disputes shall be settled immediately and are considered final.

Refund and Cancellation Policy:

- Every reasonable effort will be made to complete the tournament
- In the event of inclement weather, games length may be shortened and/or rescheduled, but they will not extend beyond Sunday
- In the case of game cancellations due to weather, the refund policy will be followed:
    - Zero games played: $275 refund
    - One game played: $175 refund
    - Two games played: $75 refund
    - Three games played: No refund

Thanks for playing and let's have fun!