



**NORTH JEFFERSON JUNIOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**  
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**With 8U MAJORS TOURNAMENT**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION, COMMON RULES AND GUIDELINES**  
(Updated 12/13/2015)

**Tournament Rules**

- 1) It is the Head Coach's responsibility to inform your assistant coaches and parents of these rules.
- 2) The Head Coach is responsible for the behavior of his players, coaches and parents. Yelling, cursing, and bad attitudes will NOT be tolerated.
- 3) Common sense shall govern play.
- 4) **The tournament is meant to be a fun learning experience. Fun shall be the primary goal for the tournament.**
- 5) Game times: 1 hour and 30 minutes or six innings. New innings shall not be started after 1 hr and 15 minutes. Manage the game - start and end on time.
- 6) The dial settings on the machine for Majors are 46 - 50. A dial setting of 50 equates to about 40 mph.
- 7) Three (3) missed swings will constitute an out. If a batter has two strikes, he can keep fouling off balls until he strikes out or puts the ball in play.
- 8) Each batter can chose to not swing if the pitch is a ball, but each batter is allowed (7) pitches only. On the seventh pitch the batter either puts the ball in play, or strikes out whether they swing or not. A foul ball on the seventh pitch allows the batter another chance.
- 9) The offense will bat 9 batters or 3 total outs (swinging and/or fielding) per inning. The coach will announce "ninth batter" when he/she comes up.
- 10) The next batter in order will lead off the next inning, continuing through the entire roster before returning to the lead-off batter. Rotate your batting order from week to week to even out the plate appearances for all players over the course of the season.
- 11) The inning is over if a third out is made or the ball is controlled by a player within the infield, or inside of foul territory within the infield area.
- 12) Once the ball is within the infield, runners must stop at the next base.
- 13) Running on over throws is not allowed. Players Runners should advance on bases with hits, however, runners shall not advance more than one base on fielding errors if the ball stays in the infield. A second overthrow does not ever constitute extra bases. This rule encourages defense to throw the ball in an attempt to make outs without risk of an infield batted ball turning into an undeserved homerun.
- 14) Players shall rotate defensive positions, infield to outfield at least every two innings. The normal 9 positions will be on the field at all times. Extra players have to be rotated in every two innings and the coach needs to make sure
- 15) A hit ball that strikes the pitching machine is a dead ball and the player is awarded a single (regardless of whether the bases are loaded or not.)
- 16) A representative from each team shall keep score each game. If an inconsistency is found, the home score book shall take precedence.
- 17) A sample scorecard is shown on the next page.
- 18) Ties will be played out through the next complete inning.
- 19) Confer with opposing team's scorekeeper at the end of each half inning to insure accurate score. Winning team is responsible for returning score sheets to Tournament Director for official record.



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**8U KID PITCH TOURNAMENT**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION, COMMON RULES AND GUIDELINES**  
(updated 06/11/2011)

**Tournament Rules**

- 1) It is the Head Coach's responsibility to inform your assistant coaches and parents of these rules.
- 2) The Head Coach is responsible for the behavior of his players, coaches and parents.
- 3) Common sense shall govern play.
- 4) **The tournament is meant to be a fun learning experience. Fun shall be the primary goal for the tournament.**
- 5) Game times: 1 hour and 30 minutes or six innings. New innings shall not be started after 1 hr and 15 minutes. Manage the game - start and end on time.
- 6) Each batter will be pitched up to 7 pitches by the opposing pitcher. 3 strikes constitute an out. After 4 balls, the coach for the batting team will pitch the remaining pitches until the player strikes out, or puts the ball in play. If a batter has two strikes, he can keep fouling off balls until he strikes out or puts the ball in play.
- 7) An umpire will be provided to call balls and strikes and umpire the bases.
- 8) All teams will field the normal 9 positions. the coach shall make sure that No player shall sit out 2 innings consecutively. There will be a one-for-one mandatory sit and play rule.
- 9) Offense will bat 9 batters or 3 outs per inning; whichever comes first. The coach will announce "ninth batter" when he/she comes up. The inning is over if a third out is made or the ball is controlled within the infield, or inside foul territory within the infield area.
- 10) Once the ball is within the infield, runners must stop at the next base.
- 11) Running on over throws is not allowed. Runners should advance on bases with hits; however, runners shall not advance more than one base on fielding errors if the ball stays in the infield. A second overthrow does not ever constitute extra bases. This rule encourages defense to throw the ball in an attempt to make outs without risk of an infield batted ball turning into an undeserved homerun.
- 12) If a player is hit by a pitch, the coach should choose whether the player takes first base or not.
- 13) Award one base on an overthrow. A ground ball to the infield does not constitute a home run, no matter how many times the ball is thrown around.
- 14) In no case shall a pitcher pitch more than 2 innings in a single game.
- 15) A representative from each team shall keep score each game. If an inconsistency is found, the home score book shall take precedence.
- 16) A sample scorecard is shown on the next page.
- 17) Ties will be played out through the next complete inning.
- 18) Confer with opposing team's scorekeeper at the end of each half inning to insure accurate score. Winning team is responsible for returning score sheets to Tournament Director for official record.