

2017 Eden Prairie Invitational

10, 11 and 12 Year Old Tournament Rules

(Adapted from the Metro League Rules as well as MBT Qualifier Rules & Regulations)

The National Federation of High School Associations rule book will govern play with the following exceptions:

- 1) Game Length: 6 innings (games are official after 4 innings). In pool play, games will be played until the time limit per rule #2 and then ties will stand. Bracket and Championship games will be played until a winner is determined.
- 2) No new innings after 1-3/4 hours in pool play only. (Umpires will keep time)
- 3) 10 run rule after 3-1/2 innings (home teams), 4 innings (visiting teams) for all tournament games.
- 4) Teams must start the game with 9 players. If due to injury or illness, a team may finish a game with 8 players. A team reduced to less than 9 players due to an ejection shall be disqualified and forfeit the game.
- 5) Home teams shall keep the official score book & tournament sheet.
Home team designation for teams will be determined by a flip of the coin.
Winning team must turn in the tournament score sheet to the designated tournament official (Game Score Runner).
- 6) Balls will be supplied by Tournament and need to be returned to the Score Runner.
- 7) At 10's & 11's on a dropped third strike, the batter is out. Runners may advance at their own risk.
- 8) In the 10 & 11 year old divisions no balks can be called, but a fake pitch will result in a dead ball with all runners advancing one base.
- 9) Pitching:

Innings Pitched Restrictions	
10-U , **Any pitcher may re-enter a game as a pitcher as long as they have not been removed by rule.**	3 per game, 4 per pool* 3 per game, 5 per bracket* (cannot exceed 5 in one day)*
11-U , **Any pitcher may re-enter a game as a pitcher as long as they have not been removed by rule.**	3 per game, 5 per pool* 3 per game, 6 per bracket* (cannot exceed 6 in one day)*
12-U , **Any pitcher may re-enter a game as a pitcher as long as they have not been removed by rule.**	3 per game, 6 per pool* 3 per game, 7 per bracket* (cannot exceed 7 in one day)*

A pitcher may leave the game and re-enter again as the pitcher. An appearance as pitcher - even if only one pitch is thrown - counts as an inning pitched. Two coach's trips to the mound are allowed PER PITCHER, PER GAME. On the SECOND trip the pitcher must be removed from the pitchers position.

VIOLATION of innings pitched restrictions will result in the Head Coach being ejected for the remainder of the tournament. The team will forfeit the game of infraction. The pitcher in violation of the rule will be ejected for the game of infraction and is prohibited from pitching the balance of the tournament. Coaches are responsible for verifying innings pitched with the umpire and opposing coaches after each game. Tournament Director will keep a running total throughout the tournament. This rule complies with MBT Tournament Rules and Regulations.

- 10) Batting: We will use a continuous batting order. All players must stay in the same batting position through the game. Players arriving late must be added to the bottom of the batting order. No player may be added to the batting order or the field once their team has hit through the order once.
- 11) Leading off:
 - 12's: The runner may lead off and steal any time that time is in.
 - 11's: The runner may lead off after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
 - 10's: The runner may lead off after the ball crosses the plate.
 Runners leaving the base early are out (no warning), the pitch is a no pitch and the ball is dead.
Stealing Home – stealing home is allowed at all ages and levels.
- 12) Slide Rule: The base runner must slide or attempt to avoid body contact when a tag is being attempted. This rule's intent is to avoid collisions and possible injuries. Violation results in the player being called out (No Warning). Note: A fielder may not block a base or home plate without the ball. If the base or plate are blocked without the ball, the runner is safe.

- 13) Overthrows that go out of play: When pitched, you get one base only from where the runners were at the time of the pitch. When fielding a ball in the outfield, you get two bases from the time the ball leaves the fielder's hand. When fielding a ball in the infield, the runner(s) get two bases from the start of play.
- 14) The fielder always has the right of way when fielding the ball - whether he is in the base path or not.
- 15) A player will be automatically ejected from the game for flagrantly throwing his bat or helmet or for displaying poor sportsmanship.
- 16) The infield fly rule is in effect.
- 17) Breaking balls (including curve balls, knuckle curves, sliders, etc) are not allowed at 10 & 11-U; breaking balls are allowed at 12-U.
 -First offense - dead ball warning
 -Second offense - dead ball and the pitch called a ball.
 -Third violation - offending pitcher not allowed to pitch for balance of the game.
- 18) Smoking or smokeless tobacco use is not allowed by umpires, coaches or score keepers. There is no smoking by anyone on park property.
- 19) All umpire's decisions are final. No protests will be allowed.
- 20) Pool winners & wild cards will be determined by total points:
 2 points - win
 1 point - tie
 0 points - loss
- 21) Tie Breakers:
 1. Results of the head to head competition
 2. Least number of runs allowed against tied teams.
 3. Run differential against tied teams (maximum plus or minus 10 runs)
 4. Least number of runs allowed in total pool play
 5. Run differential in total pool play (maximum plus or minus 10 runs)
 6. Coin flip
 * See examples in MBT Tournament Rules for 2017 Tournaments.
- 22) Individual awards will be presented to first, second & third place team players.
- 23) No batting practice or infield on game fields.
- 24) **No soft toss against any fences.**
- 25) Bat restrictions: 10U-12U big barrel bats must be stamped with USSSA 1.15 BPF, Babe Ruth Approved 1.15 BPF, BBCOR stamp or it can have any 1.15 BPF stamp.

All bats must be 36" or less in length.

10-under	Bats must be 2 ¼" with no restrictions or bats must be between 2 ½" and 2 ¾" and have a -10 differential or less (i.e. 30" – 20.0 oz.)
11-U, 12-U	Bats must be 2 ¼" with no restrictions or bats must be between 2 ½" and 2 ¾" and have a -10 differential or less (i.e. 30" – 20.0 oz.)

- 26) Molded cleats or tennis shoes. No metal spikes allowed.
- 27) Batting cage use is on a first come first serve basis. Maximum time limit per team is 20 minutes.
- 28) In case of rain, the Tournament Director at his discretion may change or modify the format of the tournament, whether pool or bracket play.
- 29) The Eden Prairie Baseball Association does not carry insurance on tournament participants or spectators. It is the responsibility of the individual teams to provide their own insurance.
- 30) Proof of age will be required at check in. Acceptable proof is a copy of a public record of birth (Issued by State, County, or City). Violation of this rule results in forfeiture of game(s) played.

31) A courtesy runner will be allowed for the current catcher anytime. This means the catcher must be the catcher of record before and after the at bat. The courtesy runner will be the last player that made an out. The player that is run for must catch the next inning of the game.

32) Coaches and spectators will be ejected from the game site due to foul language or disrespect directed to any umpire, opposing coach, spectator or player.

33) All rules interpretation will be made by the umpire and by the Tournament Director only if necessary.