



The Greatest Show on Dirt

CABA Colorado Rules

2018 RULES of play

Team Eligibility Requirements:

2.1 Team Composition

- Teams entered in any CABA Colorado tournament shall have a roster composed of a minimum of 9 players and a maximum of 20 players.
- For a CABA Colorado Event your roster must be composed of 70% of your original roster provided to the state office upon initial enrollment.

2.2 Rosters

- Team manager or Coach will be responsible for completing the CABA Colorado on line roster. Player's names on rosters must appear exactly as they are listed on their Birth Certificate.
- If the opposing team finds a player in a game that does not appear on the team's online roster and no revised roster was submitted using the procedures outlined below, the player must immediately be removed from the game or a forfeit will be declared. An out will be charged unless an eligible substitute is available.
- A player may appear on two CABA Colorado rosters during the tournament season (year) Refer to 2.6 Player Eligibility. A Player may not play on two rosters on the same event dates.
- CABA Colorado Directors reserve the right to review individual situations and make final decisions on roster rules. CABA Colorado also reserves the right to review player transfers and issue decisions on roster moves.
- Roster changes must be completed and submitted at least 24 hours prior to scheduled start of the tournament. A roster change will not be considered in effect unless all of the following have been completed. If a player is discovered not to have signed off on the online roster prior to the 24 hour cutoff, the player and head coach will be removed for the remainder of the game and the following game.
 - Add must be completed online @ www.cabacolorado.com
 - Parent/Guardian must accept terms online
 - Proof of insurance coverage is submitted for added player.

2.3 Proof of age

- During all CABA Colorado tournaments proof of age must be available onsite and immediately available throughout the entire tournament. The player must appear on the roster as an acceptable form of proof.
 - Acceptable forms of proof of ages are
 - A copy of a state issued or hospital birth certificate
 - Military Certificate of birth or passport.
- Failure to produce proof of age documentation upon request of the tournament directors will result in the player being declared ineligible for participation. Any further action including but not limited to forfeit and team removal from the tournament will be left to the discretion of the tournament directors.

2.4 Annual team registration

- A Coach/Manager may register their team with CABA Colorado at the appropriate level of play at the beginning of the season. Teams may request to re-sanction by emailing info@cabacolorado.com 14 days prior to the subsequent event they are enrolled in. Final determination of level is at the discretion of the CABA Colorado State Directors
- Following the completion of each tournament CABA Colorado State Directors will review ALL teams' rankings and tournament performance and at that time may require teams to move in the level of play. Final determination of level is at the discretion of the CABA Colorado State Directors

2.5 Age Divisions

- CABA Colorado offers competition in individual age levels 8-18. In the 8-14 year old age groups, the player's age and grade will be the guidelines for a player's eligibility. **Birth Certificates and required for all players, at all times. If a player is participating using the grade exception, they will also be required to have a current report card on site at all games.**
- April 30th of the current year is the birthday cut off used in all CABA age divisions. NOTE: A player's age on April 30th of the year of participation shall be the player's age for that season.

AGE DIVISION	PLAYER AGE ON APRIL 30	GRADE	PLAYER GRADE BASED AGE
8U	8	2	9
9U	9	3	10
10U	10	4	11
11U	11	5	12
12U	12	6	13
13U	13	7	14
14U	14	8	15

2.6 Player Eligibility

- Players may not play with two different teams in the same weekend.
- No roster changes may be made less than 24 hours prior to the start of the tournament (See 2.2) unless approved by the CABA Colorado State Directors.

2.7 Proof of Insurance

- All teams participating in any CABA Sanctioned event must upload to CABA Colorado proof of General Liability and Participant Accident Coverage. Coverage may either be through CABA Colorado or a similar policy that will cover the team for CABA events. It is required that all insurance certificates name CABA Colorado as additionally insured.
- Liability shall not be less than 1 million dollars.

2.8 Concussion Certification

- Certification certificates must be signed off online 24 hours in prior to the start of the event. When signing up and paying to participate in a CABA sanction event, you certify that you and all coaches on the field have completed a qualified concussion training course. Qualified courses would be Chase, Heads up, ASA, NFS, or comparable courses. All training must be updated annually and certificates produced upon request. By signing off, you are attesting that your coaches have concussion certification as outlined by Senate Bill 40 – The Jake Snakenberg Youth Concussion Act.

2.9 Tournaments

- CABA Colorado state tournament bids will be earned by any of the following methods.
 - Finishing in the top 4 or 25% (whichever is greater) of a CABA Colorado sanctioned tournament.
 - Finishing in the top 25% of League play
 - In the event a tournament is not completed due to weather: A berth will be based upon top 50% of seeding
 - At large berths may be awarded at the discretion of the CABA Colorado State Directors.
 - Pool Play/Tie breaker criteria
 - (1) Win/loss record
 - (2) Head to head. **(Only when 2 teams are tied)** if there are more than two teams tied we will move to #3 Head to Head.
 - (3) Average Runs Allowed (vs all teams played not just tied teams).
 - (4) Average Run Differential (against all teams not just tied teams) (maximum +/- 7 runs per game).
 - (5) Coin Toss -by site director and witness if team or team Representative has left the facility- Once you move from one tie breaker to the next you do not go back.

State registration will open after our first event. Your team will have 24 hours after the first CABA event to register to guarantee a spot with the exception of "Thin Air Classic" You must be registered prior and your registration will be confirmed concluding the event if not previously qualified. CABA Colorado will notify teams 30 days prior to CABA State if your team does not meet qualification parameters. An at large berth may be given upon review by the State directors.

CABA Colorado Rules of Play

- All CABA Colorado tournaments will follow the Official Rules of Professional Baseball (as published by the National Baseball Congress) and these rules of play.

3.1 Playing field and equipment.

- 3.01 A** The playing field dimensions for all CABA Colorado events shall be as follows:

AGE DIVISION	PITCHING DISTANCE	BASE LENGTHS
8U	40'	60'
9U	43'	65'
10U	46'	65'
11U	50'	70'
12U	50'	70'
13U	54'	80'
14U	60'	90'

- 3.01 B Metal Spikes**
 - In age divisions 8U-12U Metal spikes are **prohibited**
 - In age divisions 13U- 18 Metal spikes are allowed unless noted on portable mound or turf fields.
- 3.01 D** All players are to be fully uniformed in baseball pants, socks, baseball caps, shoes and team jerseys with non-duplicating numbers. Jerseys are not required to match.
 - The catcher shall wear appropriate protective gear including a catcher's helmet which fully covers their ears, with face mask and a throat guard, chest protector, shin guards and protective cup.
 - Offensive players and base coaches under the age of 18 must wear a double ear flap batting helmet at any time when outside of the dugout.
 - No visible jewelry of any kind will be allowed.(Exception: Medical Alert ALWAYS allowed)
- 3.01 E Bat restrictions-13U and Younger:** All bats -3 to -12 ratio must be stamped BPF 1.15. Bats can have either the USSSA stamp or a USA baseball stamp. Must be a baseball bat – no restriction on weight or length as long as bat has "BPF 1.15" stamp. All -3 bats must be stamped BBCOR. For **Ages 14** and up, a -3 BBCOR is a must. Wood bats allowed in all ages.
 - Any bat declared unsafe or illegal will be removed immediately from the field of play. If a bat is declared illegal and returns at any point to the game then the player and coach will be ejected for the remainder of the game and an additional game played with CABA Colorado.

3.2 Game Preliminaries

- 3.02A** Home team will be determined by a coin toss for pool games. For ALL bracket games higher seed will have the choice of home team or visiting team.
 - Home team will be the official scorebook and responsible for completion and return of score card to the home plate umpire. Electronic score books will be allowed as long as a printable copy is available at the request of the tournament director.
 - Upon completion of the game, both coaches must sign the game cards and verify the score and pitching. Once you sign a game card, you are stating that the information on the card is correct. Any objections to the game cards will require both coaches be present with their respective score books. Refusal to sign the game card will result in forfeiture. CABA Colorado state directors have the final say on any changes once score cards are turned in.

- **3.02 B** Teams may bat 9 players, 10 players using an extra hitter (EH) or bat their entire line up. A team's line up choice must be declared prior to the start of the game and must be used for the entire game. At no time is using a DH allowed for 8-14U. Lineup is established at the plate meeting.
 - **3.02 b1:** If a team uses a line up with substitutes, starters may return to the lineup once after being removed. Starters MUST return into the same batting slot which they started the game in.
 - Substitutes may not reenter the game once removed.
 - **3.02b2:** If a team uses a line up batting 10 players and the 10th player does not play a defensive position substitution rule 3.02b1 applies.
 - **3.02b3:** If a team bats their entire line up all players not playing defensive positions are extra hitters, free substitution is also allowed for all players when batting entire line up.
 - **3.02 b4:** In the 15U-18U divisions a designated hitter (DH) may be used in accordance with the NFHS rules.
 - **3.02 b5:** A team may play with 8 players; however an out must be taken each time the 9th position comes to bat.
 - a) If a player leaves the game due to injury or illness he/she may not return to the lineup once his batting position comes to bat. His batting position shall be skipped and an out assessed if no eligible substitutes are available to take his spot. Exceptions: If during a play it is determined by the head coach, or acting head coach, that a possible concussion has occurred, the player shall be removed from the game without penalty. Players removed for possible concussion must have a signed medical release prior to returning to any game the remainder of the tournament. In addition if a player leaves the game for a Communicable Disease Procedure reason, the player whom recorded the previous out assumes the runner's position on base and for all remaining at bats the players turn in the batting order shall be omitted for the remainder of the game without penalty.
 - b) A 9th player and all subsequent players may be added to the bottom of the line up if the player Arrives at any point after the game has begun.

3.3 Games

- Game time begins with the coin flip. Teams are allowed 15 minutes, during which time the game clock keeps running. Failure to field a team within 15 min will result in a forfeit. A forfeit will be recorded as a 7-0 win.
- **3.03a:** A regulation game shall be 6 innings or 1 hr and 45 minutes for 8U-12U and 7 innings or 1hr and 45min for 13U-14U. There shall be a 2 hour time limit for championship games. The run rule is in effect for all games.
- **3.03b:** Run Rule
8U-14U/ 15 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; 8 after 5 innings.
- **3.03c:** In case a game cannot be completed due to weather, light failure or an act of God the game, is considered a completed regulation game if:
 - 8U-12U for a 6 inning game 3 innings have been completed, or if the home team has scored more runs in 2 innings or 2 ½ innings than the visiting team has scored in 3 innings or if the home team scores 1 or more runs in its ½ of the 3rd inning to tie the score.
 - 13U-14U for a 7 inning game 4 innings have been completed, or if the home team has scored more runs in 3 innings or 3 ½ innings than the visiting team has scored in 3 innings or if the home team scores 1 or more runs in its ½ of the 3rd inning to tie the score.
- **3.03d:** Pool games will end in a time limit OR when the inning limit is reached. Elimination games that are tied at the end of regulation play (time or inning limit) will finish the game using California tie breaker.
 - California Tie-breaker- Each half inning will start with the one out and the last batter occupying 2nd base. The game will continue until a winner is determined. (Example: the game ends in a 3-3 tie. The visiting team determines the #8 batter is due up. The team will put the #7 batter on second and there will be one out in the inning and both teams will play like this until a winner is decided.
- **3.03e:** Courtesy runners will not be allowed (except where a player is removed from the game due to injury. Courtesy runner will then be the last recorded out)
- **3.03f:** An intentional walk may be issued by informing the home plate umpire. The 4 pitches need not be thrown.
- **3.03g:** When a close play is evident, the runner must either attempt to avoid contact (malicious contact intended to dislodge the ball in the catcher's possession which can cause injury) or slide. Failure to do so may result in the player being called out or ejected.
- **3.03h:** Tie Breakers will be determined by Win/Loss record, head to head (only if 2 teams are tied), runs allowed, run differential, and coin flip. The maximum differential will be +/- 7.
- **3.03i:** Mound Trips: Coaches may make one mound trip per pitcher per game, upon the second (2nd) mound trip the pitcher

must be removed from the mound.

3.4 Pitching

- **3.04a:** A pitcher may NOT return to pitch in a game once removed from a game as the pitcher.
- **3.04b:** Innings pitched will be recorded by 1/3 of an inning. 1 out = 1/3 inning pitched, 2 outs = 2/3 of inning pitched, and 3 outs = 1 full inning pitched. If no outs are recorded the pitcher is not charged with any innings pitched. If a pitcher has 1/3 inning left and a double play is turned the pitcher is not in violation due the continuous play.
- **3.04c:** Each pitcher is allowed the following innings pitched. There are no per day restrictions for number of innings pitched. Innings may be used at the coaches' discretion. There are no additional innings awarded a pitcher for 3 day events or championship games.

Age	Total Innings	Age	Total Innings
8	7	12	8
9	7	13	8
10	7	14	8
11	7		

- **3.04d:** Any violation of the pitching rules may result in but are not limited to:
 - Player and/or coach ejection/. Further penalties are at the discretion of the CABA Colorado State Directors.
 - In case of a pitching violation, tournament director/site director must be advised of the violation while the pitcher in violation is on the mound and the game must be stopped.
 - If a pitching violation is determined at any time, the coach and player will be ejected immediately and for an additional full game following.
- **3.04e:** Ages 8U-10U 1 balk warning per pitcher, per game. For ages 11U-18U there will be no balk warnings.

3.5 Sportsmanship & Ejections

- **3.05a:** All players, coaches, managers, and spectators will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
 - Abusive language or cursing shall not be tolerated under any circumstances and may result in immediate ejection
 - Throwing of equipment may result in automatic ejection.
- **3.05b:** At the discretion of the Umpire, site director or tournament director, any player, coach, manager or spectator whose conduct is unsportsmanlike or abusive shall at a minimum be given a warning. If warranted the offending party shall be ejected from the game and or additional future games.
- **3.05c:** Any non-player ejected from a game shall immediately remove themselves from the vicinity of the fields and/or stands for the remainder of the game. Ejected persons may be asked to leave the park or venue at the discretion of the site director or tournament director. Additional penalties may be assessed at the discretion of the site director/tournament director.

Additional Rules

- Ages 15U-18U will play National Federation of High School Rules
- 9's will play straight baseball at all divisions.
- Infield warm-ups: NO pre-game infield warm ups are allowed.
- Dugouts are first come first serve.
- No Show: If a team fails to show up for a registered event will forfeit their entry fee in its entirety and may be suspended from any future CABA Colorado events.
- No awards will be given if an event does not complete in its entirety.

8U Level Only:

- No leadoffs, no stealing home- a runner *starting a play* at 3rd base may *only* advance home on a batted ball or when *forced* home by a walk, hit batter, or other force play (bases loaded) For 8U note that a walk is considered a dead ball situation, the batter may take only 1st base and any forced runners may only advance one base. A runner starting at 1st or 2nd base may advance home as a continuation of a play. Runner may leave base only after the ball crosses plate: 1st offense=dead ball/warning; 2nd offense= dead ball /offending runner is called out, other runners return to previously occupied bases, no ball/strike charged to batter) Batter may not run on dropped 3rd strike, bunting is allowed. 1 balk warning per pitcher, per game.

Games WILL be played in adverse weather conditions. The tournament format may be changed to complete the tournament. Format changes may include but are not limited to: Shortening of game times or innings, schedule changes and shortening of brackets. Teams and coaches accept this policy by entering the tournament. All teams must be prepared to play starting at 8am each day of the tournament.