

Tri-Valley Baseball Association Tournament Rules

Crooks, SD- New Hope Park

10U Saturday May 8th

12U Sunday May 9th

\$125.00

Division Age Limit is determined by age on Jan 1

Teams: Teams are to be town teams or regular league teams not traveling teams (All-Star teams) as the purpose of this tournament is to get town teams extra games together early in the season.

No protest allowed:

The home plate umpire will settle all disputes on the field.

Equipment:

For the team batting, the batter, baserunner, bat boys and any player acting as base coach and any players out of the dugout must wear a helmet that covers both ears.

Catchers must wear a mask, helmet, chest protectors and shin guards. This includes catchers warming up a pitcher.

Bats may be no more than 2-5/8 inches in diameter and no more than 33 inches in length.

Bats will need to have the USA stamp

Any illegal bat is removed and the batter is out.

Sportsmanship:

This is a no tolerance tournament. Bad sportsmanship is subject to ejection from the game and/or the tournament upon the umpire's discretion.

Game Length:

All games in both divisions will be a maximum of 6 innings, but **no inning will begin after one hour and 20 minutes.**

Each inning will have a 5 run rule in effect. The final inning will not be open, a 5 run rule will still be in effect.

In both divisions, the 10 run rule will be in effect after 4 innings and 15 run rule will be in effect after 3 innings.

Games will go extra innings if needed to determine a winner, with the last batter of the previous inning starting on 2nd base.

Pitching Rules:

3 innings per game/7 innings per day.

1 pitch is considered 1 inning.

Any violation of the pitching rules (innings pitched) will result in a forfeit of that game.

Pitchers will be allowed 5 warm up pitches between innings.

There is no balk rule (there will be no balks).

If the pitcher is takes another position in the field he/she may not pitch again in that game.

Batting:

All players on the roster will bat with free substitution.

Base running:

12U and 10U: Stealing is permitted. However, 10U the runner cannot leave the base until after the ball crosses the plate. The runner is out if he/she leaves early.

12U baserunners will be allowed to leave the base after the pitch leaves the pitcher's hand

10U: The batter man **not** run on a dropped third strike.

10U: Home plate is closed unless the catcher makes a play on a base runner at 3rd base.

A courtesy runner is encouraged, but not required, for a catcher with 2 outs.

Slide rule in effect:

If a fielder has the ball before the runner reaches 2nd,3rd or home, the runner is out if contact is made without the runner sliding, umpire discretion will be applied and is final

Pool play tie breaker criteria to be applied only once:

1. Record
2. Head to Head
3. Runs allowed
4. Runs scored
5. Coin flip

Awards:

Each player on the championship team will receive an individual medal.

Each player on the runner up team will receive an individual medal.

Additional Information:

TVBA will have baseballs for the tournament play.

We will have concessions available. Please note that this is a fundraising tournament for us and we would appreciate your support and consideration by not bringing coolers into the field area.

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