

**FLANDREAU BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

**10U & 12U Divisions  
Flandreau City Park**

**Tournament Information**

1. All registrations must be paid in full to be considered registered. Accepted forms of payment are via check.
2. Once your registration has been received, there will be no refunds for teams dropping out of a tournament.
3. Refund Policy due to inclement weather:
  - No Games Played- Entry minus \$25.00
  - 1 Game Played- 50% Refund
  - No refunds after a team has started its second game of the tournament
4. In case of inclement weather, it is up to the discretion of the tournament director to change any rule or modify brackets so the tournament can be completed.
5. Tournament rules are attached.
6. Awards will be provided to the top two places for 10U and 12U divisions.
7. Games will start 15 minutes following the final pitch of the previous game. Please be at the field prior to your start time.
8. Tournament Gate will be collected.

## Tournament Rules

1. Division age limit is determined by **January 1<sup>st</sup>** Birth Date.
  - Birthdates must be supplied to tournament director for entire roster.
2. Rosters
  - Players are only allowed to be rostered on one team.
3. No Protest Allowed
  - The home plate umpire will settle disputes on the field.
4. Equipment
  - Batter, base runners, bat boys, any players 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 players warming up a pitcher.
  - All defensive players must wear a cap while playing on the field.
  - Metal cleats are not allowed.
  - 2018 Transition Year – 2 ¼” 2017 USSSA/Little League stamped bats and 2018 USA Baseball stamped bats with a barrel diameter 2 5/8” or less will be allowed. Any illegal bat will be removed from the game and the batter is out.
5. Sportsmanship
  - This is a no tolerance tournament. Bad sportsmanship is subject to ejection from the game and/or tournament upon the umpires discretion.
  - Coaches are responsible for parent and fan behavior. If parents or fans are out of line, the umpire will instruct the coach of that team to address the problem.
6. Game Length
  - All games will be 6 innings.
  - **No new inning** may begin after **1 hour and 30 minutes**. The home team will receive their turn at bat if the time limit has been reached during the top ½ of an inning if they are behind. The Home Plate Umpire is the official time keeper. The time limit begins on the first pitch of the game. In addition, after the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning, an inning is considered to begin once the team takes the field. No game can stop during the middle of an inning due to the time limit. The time limit may be adjusted by the tournament director.
  - The 10 run rule will be in effect after 4 innings and 15-run rule will be in effect after 3 innings including the championship game.
  - There is NO inning run limit.
  - Games cannot end in a tie.
  - The Championship game will play a full 6 inning game regardless of the time.
7. Pitching/base distance
  - 12U pitching mound 49’ bases 65 ft
  - 10U pitching mound 46’ bases 60 ft

## 8. Substitution

- Teams play the field with 9 players.
- Teams must have at least 8 players to start a game.
  - If the team only has 8 players the 9<sup>th</sup> spot in the batting order will be an out.
- Teams must bat 9 players but can bat 10 players or the entire roster if they choose. DH and EH are allowed.
- **During pool play, a team may substitute freely to encourage getting players at bats and playing time in the field. During “tournament” play, the substitution rule will be enforced.**
- You may replace starters during the game, but if he/she re-enters the game, he/she must go into the game for the player he/she was replaced by and also in the same spot in the batting order.
- When the sub comes out, he/she is out of the game.
- With the time constraints of each game courtesy runners are encouraged for catchers and pitchers at any point of an inning.
  - Please run for catchers with two outs in an inning.
  - A courtesy runner may be any player who is not currently in the lineup.
  - If all players are entered into the game, then use the last batter from the previous inning as the courtesy runner.
  - A courtesy runner may later enter the game at any position or position in the batting order.

## 9. Pitching Rules

- Pitchers are allowed to pitch **a maximum of 3 innings per game, a maximum of 6 inning in a given day and no more than 9 innings for the tournament.**
  - This may be adjusted once final brackets are set up based on number of games played.
- Coaches are **encouraged** to manage their own pitching staffs to protect the young pitchers. There will not be a day/tournament limit due to the bracket structure.
- 1 pitch is considered 1 inning
- Any violation to 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 for either division (there will be no balks)
- A coach's second trip in the same inning to the same pitcher shall automatically result in the removal of that pitcher.
- Once pitcher is taken out he may not return as a pitcher.

## 10. Base Running

- Stealing is permitted in all divisions. However, the runner cannot leave the base until after the ball crosses the plate. The runner is out if he leaves early.
  - Runner may not advance if the pitcher has possession of the ball.
- In the 12U division, the batter may run on a dropped third strike if first base is not occupied. If there are 2 outs in an inning then the batter may run on a dropped third strike no matter if first base is occupied.
- In the 10U division, the batter may not run on a dropped third strike.
- **Home base is open in both levels.**

## 11. Slide Rule

- **The slide rule is effect** - if a fielder has the ball before the runner reaches 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or home, the runner is out if contact is made, umpire discretion will be applied and decision is final.

## 12. Bunting

- Bunting is allowed in all divisions.

## 13. Scoring

- The home team will be the official book.
- The umpire will be the official scorer. The umpires will report the final scores to the tournament director. Each team should verify final score with the umpire.

## 14. Other Issues

- The tournament director will resolve any situation that arises that is not covered by these rules and has discretion of the rules.