



**Philadelphia Baseball Tournaments  
Rules & Information**



## **Tournament Information**

### **Check-In**

Coaches must report at least a half-hour prior to their first game of the tournament to check in with the tournament director. Coaches should be prepared to address any questions regarding tournament rules or policies.

### **Insurance**

Each team is required to submit proof of insurance before the start of the tournament. The Insurance certificate must have "Philadelphia Baseball Training" as the listed certificate holder and Newtown Edgmont Little League as additionally insured. If you are participating in multiple tournaments you will only need to submit proof of insurance at your first tournament of the year.

### **Rosters**

The roster size can be unlimited for the number of players on the team. Teams can add to their roster up to their first game. A player can be rostered for **two different age groups**, but not on multiple teams within a specific age group.

### **Baseballs/ Equipment**

Games balls will be provided by Philadelphia Baseball Tournaments for all games. Teams are required to use their own practice balls, helmets, bats, gloves, catchers gear, first aid, and other equipment that may be needed for your team.

### **Pre-game/ Batting Cages**

Use of the outdoor batting cages will be on a first come first serve basis. We ask that as a courtesy, only twenty minutes per team in the cages. The use of the Flanigan Center (Indoor Facility) will not be permitted unless approved by the tournament director. There is no pre-game infield/outfield.

### **Game Times**

Our goal is to start all games early or on time. If a field is running ahead of schedule, please be prepared to start your game 10-15 minutes early. If a field is running behind, please be prepared



to start your game late. The Tournament Director will notify the Head Coaches of each team if a game is going to be ahead or behind schedule.

## **Playoff Communication**

Bracket play will vary based on the number of teams registered but will be communicated at the beginning of each tournament. Pool play game scores will be entered into Tourney Machine throughout the weekend as games are completed to ensure the best possible forecast for games on Sunday. You can view how the bracket is broken down by utilizing the Tourney Machine App.

## **First Aid**

There will be first aid equipment on site for all tournament games.

## **Tournament Awards**

Champions of each division will be awarded a Team prize per tournament. Tournaments powered by sponsors may have different tournament awards

## **Protests**

Protests will be heard and ruled on by the tournament director. The team protesting a playing rule must make a cash payment of \$150 at the time of the protest to the tournament director. If the protest is ruled in the protesting team's favor the \$150 will be refunded. Teams will not be allowed to protest a play on the field if play has already resumed. If a team is protesting illegal equipment and the tournament director rules in your favor, then the equipment in question will be removed immediately and play will continue.

## **Suspension**

Any player or coach that is ejected from a game will be suspended for the team's next game. The player or coach who is ejected will not be permitted in the dugout during the next game.

## **Age Eligibility**

Players will need to abide by the Age Requirement chart below. Any age eligibility protests will be heard by the tournament rules committee. A team protesting must have convincing evidence that a player is not in compliance. If the committee feels that the evidence is adequate, then they will proceed to the team in question submitted roster. If the player's information is not in compliance with the tournament requirements, then that player will be removed, and all opponents will receive a forfeit win.



### 2021 Spring Summer Age Chart

Date of Birth	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
January	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u	16u
February	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u	16u
March	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u	16u
April	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u	16u
May	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
June	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
July	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
August	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
September	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
October	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
November	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
December	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u

### 2021 Fall & 2022 Spring Summer Age Chart

Date of Birth	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
January	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u	16u
February	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u	16u
March	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u	16u
April	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u	16u
May	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
June	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
July	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
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October	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u
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December	8u	9u	10u	11u	12u	13u	14u	15u



# Payment & Refund Policy

## **Payment Policy**

Philadelphia Baseball Tournaments require any team registering for a tournament to pay in full for all events prior to the start of the event. See registration pages for specific details regarding payment.

## **Refund Policy**

Philadelphia Baseball Tournaments requires all requests for a refund to be made in writing 30 days prior to the start of the event.

## **Tournament Cancellation Policy**

There will be no refunds for cancellations within 30 days of the tournament start date.

## **Inclement Weather**

If the weather comes into play, Philadelphia Baseball Tournaments will do everything to keep the original schedule. All games that are canceled due to weather may not be made up depending on the time constraints of the facility. Philadelphia Baseball Training will contact teams regarding any weather-related changes via email or text message.

## **Weather-Related Refund Policy**

3 Game minimum tournaments

Play 0 games- 100% credit

Play 1 game- 70% credit

Play 2 games- \$125 credit



# Philadelphia Baseball Tournaments Playing Rules

**Coaches:** Be aware of the rules and rule changes. Philadelphia Baseball Tournaments reserves the right to amend these rules at any time for specific tournament play. National High School Federation Baseball Rules will be enforced with the following expectations.

## **\*\*Rules Committee\*\***

In the event of a protest/rules objection, there is a committee in place by which the situation will be handled and decided by the committee in conjunction with the umpire on the field.

### **1. Pool Play Time Limit**

All games except the Championship game will be played with a strict one-hour and 50-minute time limit.

- a. No new inning can start after the one-hour and 50-minute time mark.
- b. Official game time will be kept by the umpires. The time will start immediately after the conclusion of the pre-game meeting.
- c. The home team will be determined by a coin flip for each pool play game.
- d. If the home team is ahead when the time expires, the game will be declared final immediately.
- e. The tournament director reserves the right to modify time limits at any time.

### **2. Innings**

- a. 8U-12U will play 6 inning games
- b. 13-15U will play 7 inning games

### **3. Tie Games**

All non-playoff games that are tied after the inning or time limit will end as a tie. There are no extra innings in pool play.

### **4. Forfeits**

All forfeits will be scored 7-0



## 5. Mercy Rules

### 6 INNING GAMES (8U)

- a. 16 runs after 4 innings
- b. 9 runs after 5 innings

### 6 INNING GAMES (9U-12U)

- c. 14 runs after 3 innings
- d. 10 runs after 4 innings
- e. 8 runs after 5 innings

### 7 INNING GAMES (13U-15U)

- A. 14 runs after 3 innings
- B. 10 runs after 4 innings
- C. 8 runs after 5 innings

## 6. Pitching Restrictions

There are no pitch count restrictions, however, Philadelphia Baseball Tournaments recommends MLB Pitch Smart Guidelines. A player removed from the pitching position may not return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game.



AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES)	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)				
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+

## 7. Trips to the mound

A second visit to the same pitcher in the same inning will result in removal from the pitching position. A player removed from the pitching position may not return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game.

## 8. Balks

- a. 8U-10U No balks
- b. 11U-12U One warning per pitcher
- c. 13U-15U Dead ball, no warning

## 9. Infield Fly Rules

- a. 8U-10U, No infield fly rule
- b. 11U-15U, Regular infield fly rule applies

## 10. Catcher Dropped 3rd Strike

- a. 8U-10U, The batter is automatically out
- b. 11U-15U, Regular dropped 3rd strike rule





## 11. Starting the Game

All games must be started with at least 8 players. The 9th position will be an automatic out until that position can be filled. If a team does not have a minimum of 8 players at the start of the game, then the team will be required to forfeit.

## 12. Batting Order and Extra Players

Lineup cards must be exchanged at the plate meeting prior to the start of a game. Substitutes must be listed on the lineup card. Below are three options for completing a lineup card.

- a. Nine players in the batting order. No designated hitter (DH). All other players are substitutes. Starters may re-enter once
- b. A coach may choose to bat his entire roster. A continuous batting order allows for free defensive substitutions throughout the game.
  - i. If a team decides to bat his entire lineup and a player has to leave a game early the coach must notify the umpire and opposing team which player is leaving early at ground rules. Once the player has left the game he or she may not re-enter the game. When the player's spot in the lineup comes up his spot will be skipped and an out will not be recorded as long as the coach has identified that player in ground rules.
  - ii. If a team decides to bat their entire lineup and a player is injured and cannot return, the injured player's spot will be skipped in the lineup, and an out will not be recorded. The injured player will not be able to re-enter the game.

## 13. Re-entry Rule

Starters must re-enter at the same place in the batting order. If a substitute is replaced by a starter then that substitute cannot re-enter.

## 14. Courtesy Runner

Courtesy runners are optional at any time for the pitcher and catcher only. The courtesy runner can be a player not currently in the lineup or the last batter out.



## 15. Intentional Walks

The batter can be awarded first base at the request of the coach. The pitcher is not required to pitch to the batter

## 16. Official Game

A game will be considered complete if weather, darkness, or field conditions prevent the game from being completed.

- a. 6 or 7 inning games- 3 innings or 2 ½ (if the home team is leading) will constitute a completed game.

## 17. Scoring

The official scorer of the game will be the head umpire.

## 18. Bat Restrictions

9U-12U	13U	14U-15U
All bats must have a branding, label, or stamp proving BPF 1.15  USABat, BBCOR and Wood bats are also allowed	All bats must have a branding, label, or stamp proving BPF 1.15  -3 or -5 (except if listed below)  BBCOR and Wood bats are also allowed	BBCOR -3 (except if listed below)

### Decertified Bats List Effective April 23, 2021

- 2015 Demarini CF7 (-5)
- 2015 Easton XL1 (-5)
- 2016 Demarini CF8 (-5)
- 2016 Demarini CF8 (-8)
- 2016 Demarini CF8 (-10)



- 2017 Demarini CF Zen (-5)
- 2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8)
- 2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10)
- 2017 CF Zen Zero Dark 2 3/4" (-10)
- Custom 2017 CF Zen 2 3/4" (-10)
- Custom 2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8)
- Louisville Slugger Blue Meta Composite (33/30 model only)
- Dirty South Kamo BB KA 8 (30/22, 31/21, 32/22, 31/23, 32/24 only)
- Easton Ghost X (30/20 only - USA Baseball Marked)

If a team is protesting illegal equipment and the tournament director rules in your favor, then the equipment in question will be removed immediately and play will continue. If the player is using an illegal bat and the opposing team notices after the outcome of the play, that player will immediately be ruled out and then play will continue.

## **19. Leading/ Stealing**

- a. 8U-10U must wait until the ball crosses the plate to leave the base. The first violation will be a warning. Following a warning, the runner will be called out.
- b. 11U-18U, regular rules apply

## **20. Not covered in rules**

In the event that anything is not covered in the playing rules, the tournament committee will do their best to make the fairest possible ruling.

## **Base/ Pitching Dimensions**

- a. 8U-10U, 46' pitching, and 60' bases
- b. 11U-12U, 50' pitching, and 70' bases
- c. 13U-18U, 60'6" pitching, and 90' bases

## **8U Gameplay Rules**

To improve the game flow of the 8U tournament the following rules will be implemented during gameplay



- d. Three outs or a maximum of four runs per inning. No runs beyond four will be scored unless a player hits a home run over the fence, in which all runs will count.
- e. There will be unlimited runs in the designated last inning determined by the umpire before a new inning can start.
- f. During the playoffs and the championship, unlimited runs will be during the 6th inning due to no time limit.
- g. Stealing (As the ball crosses the plate)
  - i. Maximum of five steal attempts per inning.
  - ii. Runners may advance to 2nd and 3rd on a passed ball.
  - iii. Runners cannot steal home on a passed ball or wild pitch.
  - iv. If runners are on 1st and 3rd, and a play is made at 2nd base on a steal, the runner from 3rd may not advance.
  - v. If a play is made on a runner stealing 3rd on a wild pitch, the runner may not advance home.

## Playoffs

### Pool Play Tie Breaker Rules

1. Pool play overall record
2. If two teams are tied- Head-to-head
3. If three teams are tied and if one team has defeated both teams, that team will advance.  
If not skip to number 4
4. Total runs allowed in pool play
5. If still tied- Total runs scored in pool play
6. If still tied- Coin flip

### Championship Game Play

The higher seed will be the Home team for the championship game. There is no time limit for championship games. If teams are tied following 6/7 innings, teams will continue to play until a winner has been crowned. Any championship game that enters extra innings will play the tiebreaker format below.

- a. If teams are tied at the end of regulation, the game will go into the tie-breaker rule.



- i. Last batted out on second base
  - ii. No outs, no count on the batter
- b. If the teams are still tied after the first tiebreaker inning, base runners will be placed as follows:
  - i. Last batter from the previous inning on second base
  - ii. Second to last batter on third base
  - iii. No outs, no count on the batter.
- c. If the teams are still tied after the second tiebreaker inning, base runners will be placed as follows:
  - i. Last batter from the previous inning on first base
  - ii. Second to last batter on second base
  - iii. Third to last batter on third base
  - iv. No outs, no count on the batter.

## Playoff Time Limit

- a. No new inning can start after the one-hour and 50-minute time mark.
- b. PLAYOFFS, THE HIGHER SEED HAS THE CHOICE OF HOME AND AWAY AS WELL AS WHICH DUGOUT TO USE.**
- c. If the home team is ahead when the time expires, the game will be declared final immediately.
- d. If teams are tied at the end of the time limit, the game will go into the tie-breaker rule.
  - i. Last batted out on second base
  - ii. No outs, no count on the batter
- e. If the teams are still tied after the first tiebreaker inning, base runners will be placed as follows:
  - i. Last batter from the previous inning on second base
  - ii. Second to last batter on third base
  - iii. No outs, no count on the batter.
- f. If the teams are still tied after the second tiebreaker inning, base runners will be placed as follows:
  - i. Last batter from the previous inning on first base



- ii. Second to last batter on second base
- iii. Third to last batter on third base
- g. No outs, no count on the batter.
- h. The tournament director reserves the right to modify time limits at any time.



# Off-Site Locations

**Gable Park (TURF, NO METAL SPIKES)**

Elis Ave, Newtown Square, PA 19073

**Thomas Field (Grass)**

2480 Highland Ave, Broomall, PA 19008

**Delaware Community College (Grass)**

901 Media Line Rd, Media, PA 19063

**Valley Forge Military Academy (Grass)**

820 Radnor Rd, Wayne, PA 19087

**Eastern University (Grass)**

1300 Eagle Rd, Wayne, PA 19087