



## 2017 Supplemental Recreation Tournament Rules - Mid Season Tournament

**All divisions will play by the same competitive game rules as you have been playing thus far for regular season games with the exception of the following:**

### **Time Limit**

- 8u pool and bracket play
  - Pool Play - time limit is 1:30 no new inning, 1:45 drop dead.
  - Elimination games until semi-finals - time limit is 1:20 no new inning with no drop dead.
  - Semi-finals - time limit is 1:30 no new inning with no drop dead.
  - Championship Game - time limit is 1:45 no new inning with no drop dead or 6 innings.
  
- 10U pool and bracket play
  - Pool Play - time limit is 1:30 no new inning, 1:45 drop dead.
  - Elimination games until semi-finals - time limit is 1:20 no new inning with no drop dead.
  - Semi-finals - time limit is 1:30 no new inning with no drop dead.
  - Championship Game - time limit is 1:45 no new inning with no drop dead or 6 innings

**Pool Play** - Pool play games may end in a tie. In the event of a tie in the first game of a 4 team pool, the a coin flip will determine which opponent the teams play next. The winner of the coin flip will move on to the "winner's game" in the pool but the game will still show as a tie for seeding purposes. All teams will be rewarded points based on their performance in pool play that will be used for seeding purposes. Every team will receive 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss (see Elimination Bracket Seeding below).

**Elimination Games must have a winner** - If a game is tied at the end of regulation or when the time limit has expired, the game will go to Tie Breaker Rule (TBR). For simplicity, the last batter from the previous inning goes to 2B and play resumes as usual until a winner is determined. If a game goes to TBR, all pitching, sitting out, and infield playing rules are suspended. **However, no player can sit out consecutive innings. Similarly, no player can sit out consecutively in the last regulation inning and then also the first TBR inning.**

**Elimination Bracket Seeding** - Since both the 8u and 10u divisions have an odd number of teams, all teams will be seeded together as one rather than in their pool. To determine the seeding for the elimination brackets, we will first look at total points earned in pool play (see Pool Play above), followed by Head-to-Head, Runs Against, Runs Scored, and finally a coin flip.

**Home Team / Dugout** - The team listed first or at the top of the bracket will occupy the 3rd base dugout unless playing a team that is already in that dugout from the preceding game. Home team will be determined by a coin flip before each game. Both teams are responsible for field prep and clean up. Please work together.

**End of Play Rule** - Once No New Inning is reached, the home team will not bat in the bottom half of the inning if they are leading. This is true for both pool and elimination play even though runs allowed and runs scored are tie breakers for seeding. However, if No New Inning is reached and a team is behind by more runs than they are allowed to score, the inning will continue until completed or until Drop Dead is reached.

Example 1: A game has reached No New Inning and the visitors are batting and behind by more runs than they are allowed to score. The visitors will continue to bat and finish the top half of the inning but the home team will not bat in the bottom half since they are ahead.

Example 2: A game has reached No New Inning and the visitors are batting and ahead by more runs than the home team are allowed to score. The inning will continue and both teams will bat and complete the inning unless Drop Dead is reached.

**No New Inning Rules:**

1) The home team will not bat in the bottom half of the inning if they are leading. If the home team is ahead and batting when no new inning is reached, the game over and all runs scored in that inning will count towards the final score.

2) If the home team takes the lead during their at-bat, the game is immediately over and any further runs scored during that play do not count towards the final score.

3) **Pool Play Only** - If the visiting team is batting and behind by more runs than they are allowed to score in the inning, the top half of the inning will continue until completed or Drop Dead is reached. If the home team is behind by more runs than they are allowed to score, then the entire inning will continue until completed or Drop Dead is reached.

**Sitting Out / Must Play Infield Rules** - Every player must play an infield position by the 3rd inning if you have 10 players or less for that game. Teams with 11 players or more for that game must play every player in the infield by the 4th inning. No player may sit out consecutive innings and no player may sit out for a 3rd time prior to every other player having sat out at least once.

**Pitching** - During tournament play, there will not be a weekly limit on pitching. The pitching limit for all games (except Championship Game) will be the same as the regular season (8u - 3 innings / 10u - 4 innings). A single pitch in an inning counts as an inning pitched.

**Pitching Exception** - In the 8u Championship Game, a pitcher may pitch as many as 4 innings. In the 10u Championship Game, a pitcher may pitch as many as 5 innings.

**Borrowing Players** - A team can play with as few as 8 players. Less than 8 will result in a forfeit. A team may elect to bring in a substitute player if they have less than 9 players for any game. There will be no substitute players allowed from the same division. If a substitute player is needed because a team has less than 8 players, you can contact your division representative and he/she will coordinate finding a substitute player if one is available. Coaches should not contact other coaches and/or families themselves for a substitute during the tournament.

Any substitute player must bat last in your lineup and may only play in the outfield. Special consideration may be given in the event a team is missing a main pitcher.

**Players arriving late** - If she misses her spot in the batting lineup, she should be moved to the very last spot in the order and will hit there once that spot comes up AND she is present. There is no penalty for skipping her spot in the order.

**Player leaving game early** - skip lineup spot with no penalty.

If a rule is not covered in this document, the rule used during the regular season within each division will be followed.