

Southlake All-Star Tournament
Bicentennial Park
June 25 – 27, 2021

Eligibility

This tournament is designed for recreational, advanced rec and premier teams. No select players allowed. Final eligibility would be at the discretion of the tournament director and Southlake Baseball Association.

Registration

Registration fee per team is \$400. Each team must provide team roster and proof of insurance at time of registration or upon check in prior to first game.

Refunds

- 100% 0 games started (less \$5 nonrefundable admin fee)
- 50% 1 game started
- 0% 2 games started

No refunds for teams wanting to cancel once schedules have been posted unless spot can be filled by another team.

Game Rules

- SBA will provide pitching and scorecards to registered teams and umpires for each game.
- Each team must provide 2 new “game quality” balls for each game.
- DFW Interlock Rules will be followed for each age group along with exceptions noted below.

<https://www.leaguelineup.com/miscinfo.asp?menuid=40&url=interlockbaseball>

Game Lengths and Times

- 6U, 7U and 8U games shall be 6 innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- 9U, 10U and 12U games shall be 6 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- 14U bracket games shall be 7 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes. 14U pool play games shall be limited to 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- Games can start up to 15 minutes early if the field is clear and ready to play.

Run Rules

- All games, including tournament championship games, will be played with a “Run Rule” in effect. The run rule for all games will be as follows:
 - 6U through 12U
 - 15 runs after 3 innings
 - 11 runs after 4 innings
 - 6 runs after 5 innings
 - 14U
 - 15 runs after 3 innings
 - 11 runs after 4 innings
 - 8 runs after 5 innings
- All Age Divisions – Teams will be limited to 5 runs per half inning.

Pool Play

- Pool play games for all ages will take place on Friday evening and Saturday.
- Coin flip to determine home team.
- Dugouts are first come first serve.
- Pool play games can end with a tie.

Seeding / Tie Breakers for Bracket Play

1. Winning percentage
2. Head-to-Head
3. Runs allowed
4. Runs scored
5. Coin flip

Bracket Play

- Bracket play games for all ages will take place on Sunday.
- Higher seed is home team.
- Dugouts are first come first serve.
- No ties in bracket / elimination games.
- The modified California Tie Breaker Rules apply if an elimination game ends with a score tied. The game will continue using the modified California Tie Breaker Rule until a winner is determined.

Modified California Tie Breaker Definition

Each half inning will start with the bases loaded and 1 out. Each team will continue the batting order from the previous inning with the 3 previous batters occupying the bases. The last batter occupies 1st base, the second to last batter occupies 2nd base, and the third to last batter occupies 3rd base.

Pitching Rules and Limits

- 9U / 10U pitchers can pitch up to 6 outs during pool play and be eligible to pitch during bracket play. If a pitcher pitches one pitch after 6 outs, then they cannot pitch during bracket play.
- 12U / 14U pitchers can pitch up to 9 outs during pool play and be eligible to pitch during bracket play. If a pitcher pitches one pitch after 9 outs, then they cannot pitch during bracket play.
- Maximum innings for all ages in one day is 6 innings and 7 innings max for the tournament.

Courtesy Runners

- A team may use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher at any time. Teams are required to use a courtesy runner for the catcher when there are two outs in an inning.
- The courtesy runner shall be the last batted out.
- The same player may not courtesy run for the pitcher and catcher in the same inning.
- Coach pitch divisions may only courtesy run for the catcher; however, they are not required to run for the catcher.

Game Reporting

Scores are reported by the umpires after the coaches have signed the completed score card. Both coaches must meet with the umpires post-game to sign the score card. A signed score card is deemed accurate and final.

Protests

- Protest fee is \$100 cash only.
- If protest is upheld and a ruling is overturned the protest fee will be returned.
- How to protest: Ask umpire for time, tell the umpire you would like to protest their call with the Tournament Director or SBA Board Member on duty based on the rule. Contact the Tournament Director or SBA Board Member on duty and pay the protest fee. The Tournament Director or SBA Board Member will make a final determination based on the rule that you cite. Protests must occur from the coach currently in the game and must be before the next pitch is thrown.

Ejections

- All ejections are “plus one” meaning the player or coach ejected from a game shall not be eligible to compete or coach in the next scheduled game.
- Any player ejected shall be asked to leave the playing area immediately (he may sit in the stands, but not the dugout), but is not required to leave the facility unless directed to by the Tournament Director or SBA Board Member on duty.
- Any coach ejected shall be asked to leave the facility and may not return until eligible to coach again (see “plus one” rule).
- “Plus one” eligibility for the player or coach may be reviewed by the Tournament Director or SBA Board Member on duty, and the “plus one” rule may be upheld or suspended at their discretion.
- Umpires are to report all ejections to the Tournament Director or SBA Board Member on duty and indicate ejections on the official scorecard.

Sportsmanship

- Umpires will handle unsportsmanlike conduct on the field of play. If an umpire has a problem with a fan or parent outside the field of play, the umpire shall go to the coach/manager of that team and request the coach/manager to handle the problem. If the coach/manager fails to handle the problem, then the umpire will eject the coach/manager from the game; he may also eject the fan or parent if he deems it necessary.
- The Tournament Director or SBA Board Member on duty may remove a parent, fan, player, coach/manager from the facility at any time if they observe unsportsmanlike conduct; this includes verbal abuse of umpires. Please demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.

Other Rules

- Metal cleats only allowed at 14U.
- USSSA bat rules will apply.
- **No restrictions on rotating defensive positions.**
- All 6U, 7U and 8U Teams are strongly encouraged to require the child playing pitcher to wear protective headgear (e.g., batting helmet with face guard or softball mask covering the face) and either a standard catcher’s chest protector or a heart guard (e.g., shirt with built in heart guard). All Southlake based teams must adhere to this requirement at all times.
- No infield practice for any team prior to games and No opening ceremony.
- Closing ceremony shall include the award of trophies or rings by the Tournament Director, SBA Board Member, or other designated representative.
- Tournament Director or SBA Board Member on duty may invoke shorter time limits for games, including championship games depending on the weather.

- No artificial noise makers are allowed. Speakers are acceptable but must be silent before a pitcher begins their pitching motion. Speaker volume should be respectful to opposing coaching and neighboring fields.