

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
LANCASTER POST 11

TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament Format:

- Teams are subject to 7-inning games or 2:00 hour time rule. No new inning begins after 2:00 hour time limit has elapsed.
- The Championship rounds are subject to a time rule. The Championship Game is NOT subject to a time rule.

Run Rules: 12 runs/3 innings, 10 runs/4 innings, and 8 runs/ 5 innings.

- Championship rounds are subject to our normal run rules. The Championship Game is subject to a 10 run/5 inning rule only.
- NFHS Rules apply in all situations unless specifically noted differently.
- Pool play games can end in a tie.

Pool Play format:

- 2 Points for win
- 1 point for Tie
- 0 points for Loss

2024: top 6 teams with the highest points in pool play will advance to bracket play, tiebreakers listed below.

Bat restrictions: All tournaments will use metal bats unless specifically listed as a wood bat tournament.

- 15U-18U: BBCOR designated bats with a -3 differential (length to weight) only. Wood bats must also be a -3 differential. Composite wood bats are permitted.

Tiebreakers:

Head to Head
Runs Allowed
Run Differential
Coin Flip

Pre-Game:

Teams should be ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game.

- Any game that finishes early will result in an early start for all remaining games that follow it.
- There is no infield practice allowed prior to the start of any game.



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- Teams are permitted to take ground balls and/or fly balls in the outfield prior to the start of their game. **NO WARMING UP IN FRONT OF DUGOUT THIS INCLUDES GROUND BALLS**
- Home Teams will be listed second on the schedule and will be in the 3rd base dugout (Random Draw Before Tournament)
- Home team in finals will be determined by higher seed in pool play, If same seed, home team will be determined based of coin flip
- Any Pre-Game rule that is not followed could result in a forfeit at the Tournament Director's discretion.
- Other facility rules may apply and will be communicated by a host site or coach.

Beavers Field Facility Rule:

- Dugouts will be inspected at the end of each game. If sunflower seeds are found your team will be disqualified from our event.
- All players must wear molded or turf shoes. If pitcher is caught with metal cleats your team will be disqualified from our event **(No metal cleats)**

Age Restrictions:

- All ages are based on grad year and a May 1st date of birth. EX. During the 2023 summer, all 2023 grad year players are 18U eligible, 2024 grad year players are 17U eligible, and so on. For 18U eligibility, a player would turn 19 years of age on or after May 1st of that year.

Forfeits:

- If a team forfeits a game, they are not eligible for the championship round. The final score of the forfeited game will be 7-0 (as in giving up 1 run per inning)

Game Rules:

- Any game rules not specifically listed will always revert to NFHS rules
- **Courtesy Runner:** A courtesy runner is allowed for pitchers and catchers. This is required for catchers with 2 outs. The courtesy runner must be a player that is not already in the game or the player who made the last out (only if there are no other available players on you roster).
- **DH & EH:** Teams are allowed to use a DH **NO** EH(MUST BAT 9). If a DH enters the game defensively, the DH is eliminated for the rest of the game.
- **Pitching Restrictions:** Coaches are responsible for the health of their player's arms. Please use common sense.
- A team may start at game with 8 players, no less.
- **In Game Tie Breakers:** Any game that enters into the 9th inning will go into hurry up mode. The last batter out of the previous inning will start at 2nd base with no outs. This continues until

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a winner has been determined or any applicable time limit has elapsed. In pool play, the game will result in a tie. In Championship Play, we continue until a winner is determined.

- Other than what is stated above, all tournament games abide by the NFHS rules.



Inclement Weather:

In the case of inclement weather, field availability is determined by the host site.

- If a game is stopped, the game must start within 1 hour of the stoppage of play. If the game is not resumed after 1 hour, it will become suspended or called official.
- Games complete after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is winning) for a 7-inning game.
- In the event of a rain out, that game is either pushed back or canceled. The teams that are scheduled to play the following game should be ready to play at their scheduled time. Our tournament staff will do everything possible to keep games on schedule and get all teams as many games as the weather permits.
- We attempt to maintain the originally planned schedule at all costs but do reserve the right to change the schedule if needed to reach the minimum required games for each team.
- If all games cannot be played within a pool, seeding is then determined by the lowest number of games played by a team. Any additional games by any team in that pool will not count toward pool standings or tiebreaker standings, except in the case that additional game(s) result in a tie record for a tourney seed. The additional game(s) will then be counted for all teams that have played, and head-to-head and tie-breaker rules will be implemented.

General Tournament/Refund Policies:

All teams **MUST** carry insurance.

- If the entire tournament is canceled with zero games played due to weather all teams will receive a full refund minus 100 dollars
- If an event is canceled by Beavers Field for any other reason than weather, all teams will receive a 100% refund of their tournament fees.
- Should just one game be played once the event is canceled due to weather, a refund of 50% will be issued. Once a team's second game has begun, there will be no refunds.
- There will be no refunds 60 days prior to the tournament start date. Teams that withdraw from the tournament 60 days prior will receive a 100% refund. Teams that withdraw after the



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60-day grace period will not be entitled to a refund unless that team's spot can be replaced by another team.

- Appeals: Judgment calls are not subject to appeals. All other appeals will call for \$200 to the tournament director. If the appeal goes in your favor, the \$200 fee will be refunded.
- Ejections: Any player, coach, or fan that has been ejected from a game will be asked to leave the complex before the game can resume. All ejections call for a 2nd game suspension and possible tournament suspension at the Tournament Director's discretion. Any ejection that is deemed violent or of violent intent will result in a full tournament ejection.
- Code of conduct: We do not tolerate the throwing of equipment or use of foul language. Please police your own players so that our officials or our tournament staff does not need to get involved.
- All "discussions" with our officials MUST be done in a professional manner on the field by an official member of the coaching staff only. **Any player, parent, or coach that follows or approaches an official outside the field of play will have their team disqualified from our event. No exceptions.**

****Tourney Rules subject to change.**

2024 RULE CHANGE due to team dropping out

11 Team tournament 3 pools.

Pool 3: format will be each team will play each other once. 2 teams will play each other twice to ensure they get the 4 games guaranteed.

We have put Post 11 in the disadvantage spot of only having 2 pool games. Their 3rd pool play game will be determined by an Average Runs Scored of their other 2 games VS the Average Runs Allowed of the other 2 teams in the pools games.

If the Average runs scored is **Higher** than Runs Allowed they will be given 2 Points

If the Average runs scored is **Lower** than Runs Allowed they will be given 1 Points

There will be a Consolation game that will Need one of the 7,8,9,10 seeds to want to play DH/Extra game

