



Spanish Fork Parks & Recreation

Backyard Brawl Baseball

Tournament Rules



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***High School Federation rules will govern this tournament.
The following rules will supercede High School Federation rules.***

Dogs are NOT allowed at any of the ball parks. Please leave them home or you or your spectators will be asked to leave. Scooters, bikes, hover boards, roller-blades, skates etc, will NOT be allowed in the parks.

1. Game time will be 1 hour and 30 minutes or 7 innings for pool play, and 1 hour and 45 minutes or 7 innings for bracket play. **Championship game will be timed.** Tournament Director reserves the right to make changes to game times.
2. In Pool Play, home team will be determined by a rock-paper-scissors at the plate meeting. In tournament bracket play, home team will be determined by the highest seed. If both teams are the same seed rock-paper-scissors will determine home team.
3. Pool play games can end in a tie. No extra innings will be played in pool play! Pool play for 8/9U a 6 run rule will apply. More than six runs are possible in an inning when five runs have been scored and the offensive team has multiple runners on base that are able to score before the defensive team ends that play. Those runs (beyond six) will still count.
4. Home team will be the official scorekeeper for the game. Mercy rule is 12 runs after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings. Mercy rule will be in effect in all games.
5. Batter may advance on a dropped third strike (Does not apply in 8/9u division).
6. No Bat restrictions for 13U and under. 14U and up are required to use BBCOR Bats. Metal cleats are allowed. **(No Metal cleats on Portable Mounds).**

6A-- There are Bats that are not allowed for use in this tournament.

Here is the link: <https://www.batdigest.com/blog/illegal-bats-list/>

BATS ON THE ABOVE LIST THAT HAVE BEEN RE-TOOLED WILL NOT BE ALLOWED!

7. Protests will not be allowed on judgement calls. Protests will be handled at the time of the protest by tournament director, umpires and one coach from each team. If needed an umpire can confer with the tournament director for help on a rule.
8. Unlimited defensive substitutions.
9. Offensive team may bat 9 or more batters. If batting nine, re- entry in the batting line up will allow the starter to enter offensively. The sub is done after being removed.

10. Pitchers will have 9 innings of pitching for the Tournament. One pitch will count as an inning. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 5 innings in a day. More than 4 innings in a day requires 36 hours rest. You must have your pitching chart signed every game by your umpire. Always have your chart updated and with you in case of questioning. Coaches should keep their players' future in mind, this tournament is not worth ruining a pitcher's arm. **NO METAL CLEATS ON PORTABLE MOUNDS!**
11. Speed up for the catcher and pitcher is allowed. Must be last out!
12. There is an avoid contact rule on all bases. Obstruction or interference will be called as is dictated by the play. Make your life easy and slide. DO NOT blow up a defensive player you will be ejected.
13. In the 8/9 and 10 year old divisions, base runners may not leave their base until the pitched ball has crossed home plate. Violators will be called out when caught (No warnings).
14. Home team will be official score keeper. Umpire should announce game time to official score keeper. Umpire is the official time keeper. Their time may not match yours exactly.
15. In bracket play, international tie breaker will be used in all extra innings or in tied ball games where time has run out.
16. **Seeding for pools:**
Will be determined by 1- Best Record, 2- Head to Head, 3- Least amount of runs allowed, 4- Coin Flip. Once one team is seeded, seeding method will start over at step 1.
17. To intentionally walk a batter, coach must notify home plate umpire. Batter will be awarded first without any pitches being thrown.
18. No bat boys allowed! Only players and coaches are allowed in the Dug-out.
19. We **DO NOT** give out game balls for Home Runs.
20. Players may only play on one team for this tournament. As soon as a player takes the field for the first game he is locked onto that team for the duration. NO TEAM JUMPING!
21. 4 innings constitutes a complete game. If your game gets delayed due to weather prior to 4 complete innings it will be resumed at the point of delay.
22. Coaches and Spectators will leave umpires and players alone! DO NOT TOUCH THE UMPIRES! If you are causing issues for either you will be asked to leave. If a coach, player or spectator gets ejected they will be asked to leave the facility for the current game and the next. Ejections will NOT be overturned!
23. FIELD USAGE- No Infield warm-ups. Please do NOT allow your players to warm-up, play catch, on the infield grass areas. The outfield grass is great for warming up!
24. The Roster/Waiver MUST be filled out prior to your first game. Parents/Guardians signatures are required!

25. **Age cutoff dates.**

8/9u - Must be 9 or younger on April 30, 2025 *(3rd grade '24-'25)

10u - Must be 10 or younger on April 30, 2025 *(4th grade '24-'25)

11u - Must be 11 or younger on April 30, 2025 *(5th grade '24-'25)

12u - Must be 12 or younger on April 30, 2025 *(6th grade '24-'25)

13u - Must be 13 or younger on April 30, 2025 *(7th grade '24-'25)

14u - Must be 14 or younger on April 30, 2025 *(8th grade '24-'25)



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