

Cincy Flames Tournament of Champions

Tournament Rules – 16U

FORMAT

“Pool-Play” format is used in this tournament to seed teams into a single elimination championship bracket. Teams are placed in a single pool to play 4 games. The 8 & 9 seeds will start with a “play-in” game into a standard 8 team bracket.

RULES

1. Tournament specific rules are covered below. Rules not specifically outlined below are covered by the NFHS Baseball Rules.
2. Game time is forfeit time. Please have your team warmed up and ready to play.
3. No infield before games
4. Games in pool play are seven (7) innings with a 2 1/2 hour time limit (no new inning to start after 2 1/2 hours). Tied pool play games that exceed the time limit are declared a tie. Championship tournament games are played to completion without a time limit.
5. Courtesy runner for the catcher at any time at coach's discretion. The courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the lineup. If roster batting, use last recorded out.
6. \$100.00 cash non-refundable protest fee. Protest decided on the field by umpire and tournament director.
7. Flip for home team. Higher seed will be home team in Championship round
8. Run Rule -12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings. Run rule is in effect for Championship.
9. Baseballs are provided.
10. **NO COOLERS ALLOWED IN THE BALL PARK.** Please make your parents aware of this rule.
11. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of coaches, parents, and fans.
12. Admission will be charged at the gate. Three (3) coach's passes will be issued per team. Passes will be in the coach's packet to be picked up at upon arrival for your first game.
13. The umpires are in charge of the game. Excessive arguing or abuse will not be tolerated.
14. **IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RE-FORMAT THE TOURNAMENT. NO FEE REFUND WILL BE ISSUED FOR GAMES MISSED.**

PITCHING LIMITS

The TOC does not impose Pitching limits. Each team is expected to use prudent caution with their pitching staff.

REGARDING TIE BREAKERS

The following rules will determine which teams will advance out of their pool. 1.) Win-Loss Record, 2.) Head to Head, 3.) Fewest Runs Allowed, 4.) Highest Run Differential (Max +8 or -8 per game), 5.) Coin Toss

EXTRA HITTER, DESIGNATED HITTER, ROSTER BATTING

Roster batting is optional. You may bat 9, use an EH and/or a DH. Free defensive substitutions if you bat roster. Re-entry rule for starters.

An extra hitter (EH) is allowed. This gives a team a 10-player line-up. It must be declared before the game and used the remainder of the game. The player in the EH position, while not actually playing a defensive position, is treated as though they are for substitution purposes. The re-entry rule applies for the EH.

A Designated Hitter will be allowed. NFHS rules pertaining to the DH will be used.

If a team is unable to continue a lineup utilizing more than 9 players due to injury or illness, that slot in the batting order will be an out

REGISTRATION

All teams must have photocopies of birth certificates – Birth certificates do not have to be shown before start of 1st game, but have birth certificates available upon request.

All participants are competing at their own risk. By participating you agree to hold the Tournament director, Tournament officials, tournament hosts, and tournament sponsors harmless from any liability resulting from participation in the tournament. Team insurance is mandatory and must be available upon request.