

## Tournament Rules

**MSBL National Tournament Rules will apply except where noted below.**

1. Safety is paramount! Avoid collision by going around or giving oneself up to avoid injury!
2. All games are 9 innings. The final score will be recorded after a complete inning prior to time limit being exceeded and will stand as the final score.
3. No new inning will begin after 2 hours-30 minutes to allow for travel between fields.
4. The top four teams in each age Division will advance to single elimination playoff games.
5. Round Robin Standings will be determined based on point system (Win = 2 pt, Loss = 0 pt, Tie = 1 pt).
6. Tie Breakers based up on the following criteria:
  - a. Head-to-Head Competition
  - b. Runs Allowed
  - c. Runs Scored
  - d. Coin Toss
7. Round-Robin Slaughter Rule will be 10 runs after 7 innings.
8. Playoff and Championship games have no slaughter rule and game will be played until a winner is decided (i.e. no ties).
9. Only Wood or Wood Composite Bats are permitted in this tournament.
10. First time offense with an illegal bat will result in a recorded out. Subsequent violations will result in the next batter from that team with an illegal bat being ejected and an out will be recorded.
11. Ejected players are expelled for the next 2 games his team is scheduled to play. (No exceptions)
12. Unlimited Defensive Substitutions are permitted.
13. Adding players to the bottom of the line-up at any point is permitted. However, if a player is injured or is unable to bat in the line up and the batters time comes to hit and there's no substitute who is not already in the hitting line-up to replace the batter, an out will be recorded.
14. A/B line-ups are permitted beginning at the ten-spot in the hitting line-up.
15. All Hitters, On-Deck Batters and Base Coaches are required to wear batting helmets.
16. Teams are required to bat 10 batters.
17. Alcohol and/or any Tobacco Product use are not permitted at any facility.
18. "Soft-Toss" against fencing is prohibited at each facility.
19. Participating teams are responsible for retrieving all foul and home run baseballs. Only 8 baseballs per game will be provided. Additional baseballs must be provided by the participating teams.
20. Remove all trash from dugouts following completion of each game and dispose of it properly.
21. Both Team Managers must call in Final Score to Tournament Director immediately upon completion of game to 434-531-5354. Leave your score on this numbers voicemail, please speak slowly and clearly when giving your games score.
22. Play-off eligible teams will be notified as soon as possible with play-off game time and field location.
23. Failure to follow these rules could result in expulsion from tournament with forfeiture of all tournament fees.

**Team Managers are responsible to ensure each player is familiar with and abides by these rules.**