

2022 GAHANNA SUMMER BLAST TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament – Specific Rules of Play

- RAIN OR ACTS OF GOD –
 - Every effort will be made to complete the event, however based on field availability and weather conditions, the event may or could be changed and or cancelled at any time.
- COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS – Issues will only be discussed with the listed manager of the team. We will not discuss matters with any parents, player or coach.
- Teams must be at their field assignments READY TO TAKE THE FIELD AND PLAY BALL thirty (30) minutes before each start time on the schedule.
- INFIELD PRACTICE IS NOT ALLOWED. Prior to games, your team may warm up in the outfield. No infield warm-ups are permitted in fair or foul territory while the grounds crew prepares the field for upcoming game. Players, including pitchers, must be warmed up and prepared to play at game time.
- GAME DURATION –
 - A Regulation Game will last 6 innings (7 innings for 13U and 14U).
 - Game Start Time will be called by Umpire after Coin Flip/Home Plate Meeting with Coaches.
 - Time Limits:
 - Pool and Bracket Play – No new inning will begin 1 hour and 45 minutes after Game Start Time.
 - Championship Game – No Time Limit
- EXTRA INNINGS –
 - Pool Play –
 - If game is tied after regulation play, game will end in a tie.
 - Bracket Play –
 - If game is tied after regulation play, OR after time expires:
 - We revert to the California Rules:
 - LAST BATTED OUT AT 2nd, One OUT, PLAY BALL. This method will be used for every inning after until a winner is determined. No pinch runners/courtesy runners will be allowed for the last batter from the previous inning that are being positioned on the bases.
 - Championship Game –
 - If game is tied after regulation play: regular extra innings will be played until winner is determined.
- SCORECARDS –
 - The Home Team is responsible for official scorebook and scorecard.

- Scorecards will be available at each field.
 - After each game, the managers or coaches MUST meet to review and sign the scorecard. This card will represent the game's official scoring and pitching records.
 - Manager or Coach's failure to sign scorecard prior to leaving the field, will result in his/her team relinquishing its ability to challenge that game's official scoring or pitching records and could result in forfeiture of that game.
 - Home Team Coach will return signed scorecard to the field's concession stand. If no concession stand is present, Home Team Coach will return signed scorecard to a Gahanna Host Coach.
- Run Rules –
 - 15/3, 10/4 and 8/5
- Pitching Rules
 - Max INNINGS a pitcher can record in one tournament day and still pitch the next day is 3.
 - Max INNINGS a pitcher can record in one tournament day is 6 (7 for 13U & 14U)
 - Max INNINGS a pitcher can record during the entire tournament is 8 (9 for 13U & 14U)
 - One (1) OUT equals one-third (1/3) of an INNING. Two (2) OUTS equals two-thirds (2/3) of an INNING. Three (3) OUTS equals one (1) full INNING.
 - A pitcher who doesn't record an OUT is not charged with any INNINGS pitched.
 - Please follow the Five Tool Pitching Rules & Limitations (which uses Pitch Smart Guidelines) to adhere to Pitch Counts as best as you can.
- BALKS
 - 9U - 12U: One warning per pitcher per game.
 - 13U - 14U: Balks enforced. No warnings.
- SLUG BUNTING – Teams will NOT be allowed to slug bunt.
- COURTESY RUNNER – Allowable at any time for Pitcher or Catcher of Record. A courtesy runner is defined as a player not currently active in the lineup. If roster batting, the courtesy runner is the player with the last recorded batted out.
- METAL CLEATS
 - 9U – 12U: No metal cleats
 - 13U – 14U: Metal cleats are allowable but not on portable pitching mounds
- Refer to the FIVE TOOL BASEBALL GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS for the following items and others not mentioned above:
 - Tie Breakers
 - Bat Rules
 - Sliding