

2014 AA (JUNIORS) BASEBALL Tournament Rules-UPDATED

O'Fallon Community Sports Park.

(Fields 1,2,3,4 are in the southwest quad)

301 Obernuefermann Rd.

O'Fallon , IL 62269

Weather Cancellation Hotline: 618-622-1439

GENERAL RULES

The IHSA rules will apply expect for the following:

- The field will use a regulation size baseball field and pitching distance of 54' and base distance of 80'.
- No metal spikes

Bats

- Bats may have a maximum diameter of 2 ¾ inches with a -5 maximum differential. Bats with a diameter of 2 5/8 inches are allowed with the same -5 maximum differential. The differential is defined as the length minus the weight. All 2 ¾ inches are allowed without differential requirements. Wooden bats ARE allowed.

Pitching

- Once a pitcher has entered to pitch they are limited to a maximum of 75 pitches. They are then mandated to have 48 hour rest period. This means that pitchers cannot make multiple appearances per day. Pitchers throwing less than 35 pitches are required to take 24 hours rest between games.
- The Umpire crew will be enforcing pitch counts/outs. Coaches will designate one or more persons from either or both teams to assist with tracking pitches. At the end of the game the umpire crew will sign off on pitch count tracking sheets. In the event a team is playing a double-header the coaches will be responsible for bringing pitch count sheets to second game and presenting them to umpires.

Stealing

- Stealing all bases is permitted.
- Each pitcher will be given on warning per game on a balk and no runners will advance
- Subsequent balk rulings will let the runners advance one base.

Game Length

- Games will be no more than seven innings in length
- Any game called because of time is a complete game regardless of the number of innings played.
- Games are complete after 4 innings (or after 3½ innings for the home team)
- · No new inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes of playing time has elapsed.

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Defensive Positions

- Each player must play a minimum of nine defensive outs. Should a player not get nine defensive outs because of a short game, those innings must be made up at the next game played.
- All defensive players may be freely substituted, except for the pitcher, who, once pulled from the FIELD of play, may reenter the game in any position other than pitcher.

Batting

- All players will be listed in round robin batting order. The batting order does not change when substitutions are made. If a player arrives late, he is placed at the bottom of the order before the start of the 4th inning. If a player is injured and cannot reenter the game, their position in the order is dissolved, but will not be considered an out.
- The batter may advance on a dropped 3rd strike.

Mercy Rule

- 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings plus.

Speedup Rules

- A new pitcher is allowed 7 warm-up pitches. A pitcher already considered the active pitcher may only have 5 warm-up pitches or 1 min between innings.
- When the pitcher of the team at bat is a base runner, they may be replaced with a pinch runner. The pinch runner must be the last player to have made an out.
- When the catcher of the team at bat is a base runner and there are 2 outs, it is MANDATORY they be replaced with a pinch runner. It is suggested when a catcher is on base with less than 2 outs they are replaced with a pinch runner. The pinch runner must be the last player to have made an out. Pitcher is optional but recommended to follow this same rule.