

# MITCHELL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

## Cadwell Park Complex, Mitchell, SD

### DIVISION AGE LIMIT IS DETERMINED BY AGE ON JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>

### NO PROTEST ALLOWED

- The home plate umpire will settle disputes on the field

### EQUIPMENT

- Batter, bases runners, bat boys, any players acting as base coach and any players out of the dugout must wear a helmet that covers both ears.
- Catchers must wear a mask, helmet, chest protectors and shin guards. This includes catchers warming up a pitcher.
- Metal cleats are not allowed in either division.
- Coaches must wear tennis shoes and team affiliated shirt
- **BATS – any illegal bat will be removed from the game and batter is out. Bat checks will be done by umpire at coaches request. Players can swing a 2 ¼” barrel or 2 5/8” barrel bat with USA Baseball Stamp**

### SPORTSMANSHIP

- This is a no tolerance tournament. Bad sportsmanship is subject to ejection from the game and/or tournament upon the umpire’s discretion.
- Coaches are responsible for parent and fan behavior. If parents or fans are out of line, the umpire will instruct the coach of that team to address the problem.

### GAME LENGTH

- All games in both divisions will be 6 innings.
- In both divisions, an 8-run rule will be in effect after 4 innings and 12-run rule effect after 3 innings.
- There will be no ties. Games will go extra innings if needed to determine a winner, with the last batter of the previous inning starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

### PITCHING/BASE DISTANCE

- 12U pitching mound 50’ bases 70 ft
- 10U pitching mound 46’ bases 60 ft

### PITCHING RULES

#### **2 INNINGS PER GAME ALL DIVISIONS, 1 pitch is considered 1 inning**

- Any violation to the pitching rules (innings pitched) will result in a forfeit of that game.
- Pitchers will be allowed 5 warm up pitches between innings
- Balk rule in effect only for 12U A Division. The pitcher will receive one warning.
- If the pitcher takes another position in the field he/she may not pitch again in that game.
- Pitching will take place from a portable raised mound in both divisions

## **BASE RUNNING**

- Stealing is permitted in all divisions as follows:
  - 10U - The runner cannot leave the base until after the ball crosses the plate.
  - 12U B - The runner cannot leave the base until the ball leaves the pitchers hand.
  - The runner is out if he leaves the base early in the 10U and 12U B Divisions.
  - 12U A – Leading off is allowed and the runner can leave whenever he wants
- In the 12U division, the batter may run on a dropped third strike.
- In the 10U division, the batter may not run on a dropped third strike.
- In the 10U division, home plate is closed unless the catcher makes a play on a base runner at 3rd base.
- A courtesy runner is encouraged (but not required) for a catcher. A courtesy runner may be any player who is not currently in the game. A courtesy runner does not count as an entry into the game. A courtesy runner may later enter the game at any position.

## **SLIDE RULE IN EFFECT**

- If a play is being made at 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or home, the runner must slide and may be called out if runner does not slide or contact is made. Umpire discretion will be applied and decision is final.

## **RE-ENTRY RULE**

- You may replace starters during the game, but if he/she re-enters the game, he/she must go into the game for the player he/she was replaced by and also in the same spot in the batting order.
- When the sub comes out, he/she is out of the game.
- In the event of a serious injury and there are no players left on the bench who have not played, the last player taken out may be placed back in the game in the place of the injured player. In the alternative, in the case of serious injury, a team may continue to play with eight players and the team will receive an automatic out when that player's turn at bat occurs.
- An extra hitter may be used.

## **YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST 8 PLAYERS TO START A GAME**

- If you have only 8 players, the 9<sup>th</sup> spot in the batting order will be an out.

## **POOL PLAY TIE BREAKER CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED ONLY ONCE**

- 1. Record
- 2. Head to head
- 3. Runs Allowed
- 4. Runs Scored
- 5. Coin Flip

## **AWARDS**

- Each player on the championship team will receive an individual trophy
- Each player on the runner-up team will receive an individual trophy

Tournament director or other MBA Board Member will resolve any situation that arises that is not covered by these rules.

**FINAL REMINDER.....THIS IS A NO TOLERANCE TOURNAMENT, WE TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND GOOD LUCK.**