

2010 Brooklyn Park Spring Invitational Rules/Guidelines

The following guidelines shall govern play for the Brooklyn Park Spring Invitational from May 14th-16th. The official rule shall be the National Federation of State High School rules except where modified below. Any situation not covered below, or in the National Federation rulebook, shall be determined by the Tournament Director.

Please read, understand, and adhere to the following rules.

Eligibility:

May 1, 2009, at 12:00am will be the determining date for the age of the competitor. Any players competing in a specific age division must remain in the same age division throughout competition. Please have proof of age for each player available upon request. Should a player be found ineligible after a team's first game has started, both the player and the team will be disqualified.

Sanctions and Penalties:

Any player, coach, manager, or spectator ejected from a contest for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ejected for the remainder of the tournament and will not be permitted to be on the tournament facility. Some examples of "flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct" include but are not limited to, cheating (use of a declared ineligible player), fighting, repeated use of profane language, etc. The Tournament Director may review any disqualification. Any ruling by the Tournament Director is final.

Gate Fee:

None

Metal Cleats:

Metal Cleats are not allowed for 10, 11, and 12s, per MYAS rules.
Metal Cleats are allowed for 13s, per MYAS rules.

Bat Rule:

No restrictions.

Baseballs:

Baseballs will be provided by the tournament.

Game Length:

6 innings max except for playoff and championship games that are tied.

Time Limits:

No new inning will start after 1 hour 45 minutes, except playoff and championship games that are tied.

Pitching Restrictions:

3 innings per game, 9 innings per tournament. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched.

Curve balls are not allowed in the 10 and 11 age divisions.

First offense = warning.

Second Offense = ejection from pitcher's position for the tournament.

Coaches, lets practice safety first, please.

Note: Age 11 games will be played on fields with portable mounds.
 Age 12 games will be played on fields with clay mounds.
 Age 13 games will be played on fields with clay mounds.

Balk Rule:

No balks will be called in the 10 and 11 age division.

10 Run Rule:

The game will end at the conclusion of three and a half innings if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs. The game will end after 4 innings if the visiting team is ahead by 10 or more runs.

15 Run Rule:

The game will end at the conclusion of two and a half innings if the home team is ahead by 15 runs. The game will end after 3 innings if the visiting team is ahead by 15 runs.

Forfeits:

Any forfeits will be recorded as 7-0

Free Substitution and Continuous Batting:

We will use a continuous batting order on offense and free substitution on defense.

Courtesy Runner:

A courtesy runner (the last out) will be allowed for the catcher at anytime.

Base Running:

10 & under:

A runner may leave the base after the ball crosses the plate. The runner is out upon leaving the base early. On a dropped third strike, the batter is out and the base runners may advance at their own risk.

11 & under:

A runner may leave the base after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. The runner is out upon leaving the base early. On a dropped third strike, the batter is out and the base runners may advance at their own risk.

12 & under:

National Federation rules apply.

A player sliding head first into the base will be called out.

Tie Breaker Order:

Head to head record.

Least runs allowed.

Higher run differential (10 run max per game)

Higher run total.

Coin flip

In the event of a 3+-team tie, use the tie breaking order to find the 1st tie breaker and the remaining teams will start the process at the top of the tie breaker order to determine the other team(s).

The Tie Breaker Order above will be used to determine the 3rd and 4th place teams for submission to MYAS and MBT in brackets where there is no 3rd place game.

Rain and Refund Policy:

All entry fees are non refundable. If poor weather on Friday and Saturday causes cancellation of games, the Tournament Director reserves the right to devise a shortened format for the remainder of the tournament. If there is poor weather on Sunday, the tournament will be considered complete with no entry fee being refunded.

Our tournament is used as a fundraiser to benefit our players and your support is vital. **We would appreciate your support by minimizing coolers in the parks.**