

Hoopdog Classic

8U Baseball Tournament

Fairway Park, Pacifica

July 7-10, 2011

TOURNAMENT RULES

1- TEAMS

- A. Team roster and birth certificates are to be present at all times during the Tournament. Each team must turn in a copy of its Liability Insurance certificate before the start of its first game.
- B. All teams must submit a 12-15 player roster. Roster should include each Player's uniform number. Only those players submitted on the roster will be eligible to participate in the tournament. **A team must have a minimum of 11 players at each game. If you do not have 11 players at the time of the coin toss you must let the Tournament official know so he or she can make a ruling if you will be able to play or not.**
- C. All coaches and managers will be adults (minimum 18 years old). A maximum of four coaches and one manager will be allowed for each team.
- D. All teams must report for the coin toss (1) hour before their start time. Tournament officials will be empowered to move start times up thirty (30) minutes if warranted.
- E. Each team is to be at the field one (1) hour before the schedule start time.
- F. All ages must comply with the birth date cutoff of **April 30**.
- G. **No noisemakers allowed by spectators.**

2. Regulation Game

- A. All games will be six (6) innings.
- B. The (10) run rule is in effect. After a legal game, the team that is ahead by (10) or more runs will be declared the winner after 4 innings or 4.5 if the home team is ahead. (The game will end at the end of the middle of the 5th inning)
- C. **Time Limit:** No inning may be started after 1 hour 45 minutes from game start time. Time is calculated from the last out of the prior inning not when a team re-takes the field. Yes, there can be a tie games in pool play! If 6 innings have been completed prior to the 1 hour 45 minutes time limit and the game is tied, extra innings may be played, till the 1 hour and 45 minute limit is reached. No time limit for Sunday playoff games.
- D. Home team determined by a coin toss prior to the game. Home team takes 3rd base dugout. If teams have a back to back game, just remain in the same dugout as the prior game.

- E. Home team shall keep the Official scorebook for the game.

3. Playing Rules

- A. Little League Rules shall govern play on issues not covered below.
- B. This will be a coach pitch tournament.
- C. Coaches or manager will pitch to their own team from inside the (10) foot radius pitching circle. Inside means neither foot extending over the line at any time. A violation will cause an immediate dead ball. First offense will result in a warning. All further offenses will result in a declared pitch to the batter. If the declared pitch is the fifth (5), the batter is out
- D. Pitcher/coach may not instruct / coach from the pitching circle.
- E. Each batter shall receive 5 pitches from the coach/manager pitcher. Batter is out if the ball is not put in play within 5 pitches except for a foul ball 5th pitch batter stays alive. Batter stays alive on foul balls after the 5th pitch.
- F. Defensive pitcher shall start even with or behind the coach pitcher when the pitch is delivered.
- G. The play stops when the ball is returned to the defensive pitcher with both feet inside the 10-foot pitching circle and has control of the ball. If the runner is more than half way between the bases the runner is awarded the base he is going to. If not, the runner goes back.
- H. There is no stealing.
- I. The runner may leave the base after the pitch crosses the plate. No leading off.
- J. No metal cleats.
- K. Big barrel bats are allowed.
- L. No infield fly rule.
- M. No pinch runner.
- N. A pinch runner may be substituted for a catcher with (2) outs, so the catcher will be ready to resume his duties as soon as the side is retired. The pinch runner shall be the player who made the second out in the inning.
- O. Open substitution will apply.
- P. Continuous batting order will be used. Bat through the entire roster.
- Q. No game will be played under protest. The umpires on the field and the final judgment being made by the Tournament Director or his delegate will settle all questions of the rule interpretation.
- R. Any of the players, coaches, managers or spectators who acts in an un-sportsmanlike manner may be warned once by the umpire. The second time, that person will be removed from the field. If in the judgment of the umpire or tournament officials the offense is of a serious enough nature, that person may be ejected without warning.
- S. Any player, coach, manager, or spectator ejected from a game may be suspended from further tournament play or participation.
- T. Runner must attempt to avoid contact with a fielder on ALL plays. Failure to do so will result in the player being called out and could result in ejection from the game. The umpire has the final say as to whether the runner made sufficient effort to avoid a collision. When in doubt **SLIDE**.

- U. Defensive team is free to make plays on the runners but once the ball reaches the defensive pitcher inside the circle (except on a ball hit to the defensive pitcher), play is dead no matter what. So, if you want to make a play on the runner, don't throw the ball to the defensive pitcher inside the circle. Batted ball that hits the coach is a live ball. The coach pitcher is to make all efforts to avoid the batted ball and to get out of the way of the defensive team. If in the opinion of the umpire, the coach pitcher fails to get out of the defensive team's way the play is dead and all runners must return to their original base. Enforcement will be at the umpire's discretion.
- V. Cones will be set at 175'. If the ball is hit over the cones on a fly it will be a home run. If the ball roles through the cones it will be a ground-rule double.
- W. Youth and adult umpires will be used.

4. TIE BREAKERS:

- A. Win-Loss Record
- B. Head to Head
- C. Fewest Runs Allowed
- D. Highest Run Differential
- E. Coin Toss

5. EQUIPMENT:

- A. All players are required to wear protective cups.

6. BALLPARK:

- A. No BBQ permitted at Fairway Park.
- B. Parking allowed in designated areas only. No parking along dirt road on north side of park.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT!