

Freedom Sports – General Tournament Rules

Time Limits:

8u-12u: 1 hour and 40 minutes ; Championship: 1 hour and 55 minutes

13u-18u: 1 hour and 50 minutes ; Championship: 2 hours

* Time limits may be modified by a tournament director

Team Line-Ups:

8u-14u: Teams may bat (9), (10) using extra hitter or continuous batting order. No designated hitters allowed.

15u-18u: Teams may bat nine (9), ten (10) using an Extra Hitter (EH) or continuous batting order. A Designated Hitter (DH) may be utilized only if a Extra Hitter (EH) is not used.

Pitching Limits:

9u-12u: 1 day max 6 innings; no more than 9 innings over consecutive days

13u+: 1 day max 7 innings; no more than 10 innings over consecutive days

ALL Ages: A pitcher once removed from the mound may not return to that position for the remainder of the game

Bat Restrictions:

10u - 13u: must be using bats marked 1.15 BPF or BBCOR; Wood bats ok

14u-18u: must be using bats marked BBCOR; Wood bats ok

USA Bat Standard: **Freedom Sports Baseball** does **NOT** require bats to conform with the new USA Bat Standard. USA Bat Standard approved bats though ARE eligible for play if it has the permanent USA Bat logo

Mercy Rules:

8u-12u: 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings

13u-18u: 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings

Other

Home/Away Teams Pool Play: Coin Flip to determine home

Bracket: Highest seed will be home

Bracket: CANNOT end in a tie! At the end of the time limit or last inning, whichever comes first, the last batted out of the previous inning will be placed on 2nd base with NO OUTS. This will continue until there is a winner (Universal Tie-Breaker).

Tie Games: Pool: Pool play games **CAN** end in a tie

8u-12u: No metal cleats

13u-18u: Metal spikes ok