

Portland St. Patrick Summer Fest 11U & 12U Baseball Tournament Rules

General baseball rules apply. Here are tournament specific rules.

Birth Certificates are recommended

Division is decided by age of player by May 1st of the current year

1. CONDUCT

A. **All players, coaches, and fans** should practice good sportsmanship at all times. The Head Coach is the only team representative allowed to consult with the umpires.

B. **Coaches, players and spectators** will be warned 1 time for inappropriate behavior. A second offense as determined by the home umpire could result in a removal from the field of play and all tournament parks for the remainder of the tournament. Any ejection from a game after the first warning is at the discretion of the home umpire and will be reported to the tournament director by the home umpire. A determination of an ejection for the complete tournament will then be made by the tournament director. **WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ABUSE OF UMPIRES!**

2. FIELD DIMENSIONS

A. **Pitcher's Mound 11U & 12U – 48'**

B. **Bases 11U & 12U – 70'**

3. GENERAL

A. **Home team during pool play** is determined by a coin flip. The higher seed is the home team during the single elimination tournament.

B. **Games will be 6 innings.** No new innings will start after 1 hour & 40 minutes for all games other than the championship game. An official game is 3 ½ innings. In the case of a tie after 6 innings, one extra inning will be played to break the tie. If score is still tied after the extra inning, it will be counted as a tie. If the game is tied at the expiration of the time limit in pool play it will be counted as a tie. The last batter of the previous inning will start on second base and the inning will start with 1 out.

C. **No infield practice** is allowed prior to games.

D. **Only bats manufactured specifically for youth baseball will be allowed.** USA bats with 1.15 BPF stamp and are 2 3/4 barrel diameter or smaller are allowed. USSSA bats with 1.15 BPF stamp are also allowed.

E. **Cleats and Jewelry.** Non-metal spikes only. No jewelry will be allowed unless used for medical identification.

F. **Mercy Rule:** 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings.

A. Inning Run Rule: No more than 8 runs per inning (excluding last inning of game for trailing team) can be scored. If the time limit is sure to happen in an inning prior to the 6th the umpire can declare it the last inning at the top of the inning and allow unlimited scoring.

B. Rain out policy/refund – In the event of rain or other severe weather that effects safety, every effort will be made to play as many games as possible. Normal thunder and lightning rules apply. If necessary, the tournament will be shortened or the game time limits will be shortened.

First game shortening step: 1:30 minute time limit and each batter starts with a 1 and 1 count.

2nd game shortening step: 1:15 minute time limit and each batter starts with a 1 and 1 count.

In the event no games are played, each team will be entitled to a 100% refund. In the event only one game is played, each team will be entitled to a 50% refund. No refunds will be paid to any team that plays at least 2 games.

4. PLAYING GROUP

A. Teams are allowed to bat as many players as they choose. If you choose to bat your complete roster there are no limits on field substitutions. All players playing in the field will bat in the batting lineup.

B. If a team chooses to not bat their complete roster then reserves are allowed to sub in for a starter and bat in the original starter's batting spot. Starters are allowed to re-enter one time. If a player leaves the lineup for any reason other than injury or sickness and there are no subs it will be counted as an out the first time only. If any player is ejected or voluntarily pulls themselves from the game without injury or illness, this will also count as an out for the first time only.

C. If a player is injured or becomes sick during the game and leaves, they will be skipped over in the lineup and are not counted as an out. The umpire must approve the player leaving the game and they will not be able to return to the field for the rest of that game.

D. A courtesy runner or designated runner is allowed for the catcher only. If a courtesy runner option is chosen (when batting your entire roster) the runner is the last out made. A designated runner option can only be used if you choose to have reserves and not bat your entire roster. The DR must be a reserve player. A designated runner can enter the game in the field, but team will lose the designated runner option for the remainder of the game. If a team has reserves, a Courtesy runner option can be used also.

E. Teams will use 9 defensive players. Eight players are required for a legal game.

5. PITCHING

A. Pitchers may record 9 outs per game. A pitcher is allowed to re-enter once as a pitcher per game. There is no overall tournament cap on innings pitched.

B. The pitcher must begin every pitch with one foot touching the pitching rubber.

C. **Balks.** If a pitcher balks to deceive the runner or batter, pitcher will receive one warning and then all other balks will be enforced.

6. BATTING

A. **Bunting is allowed.**

B. **All players must wear a helmet** when in the on-deck circle, batting and running the bases. Any player on deck must stand to the back side of the batter in the box for safety.

C. **If a player throws his bat** after swinging, the player will be warned. After the warning, the player will be called out for each bat throwing offense.

7. BASERUNNING

A. **Stealing and leading off** is permitted at any time.

B. **The ball is live and playable** until a time out is called by an infield player. When the catcher throws the ball back to the pitcher the ball is live and runners may advance at their own risk.

C. **Runner on 3rd base:** Live ball, base runners may advance to home on any pitch or throw (normal baseball rules apply).

D. **A dropped 3rd strike is a live ball, batter may advance to first except when runner is on first with less than two outs (normal baseball rules apply)**

E. **If the ball is thrown out of play on a non-steal attempt**, the runner will be awarded next base. Runner(s) is/are awarded two (2) bases if ball is thrown from the outfield. (normal baseball rules apply)

F. **Sliding**, The runner is not required to slide at any base including home plate. Head-first and traditional feet first slides are allowed at any base including home plate. Lowering the shoulder to dislodge the ball from a fielder is not allowed. By the determination of the umpire if the runner lowers the shoulder and/or intent is not aligned with safety and fair sportsmanship they will be called out.

8. UMPIRES

A. The home plate umpire will announce the official game time to both coaches prior to the start. Game time is when the home team takes the field.

9. TOURNAMENT PLAY, SEEDING AND TIEBREAKERS

A. The tiebreakers to determine the seeding for championship play will be determined by the following format:

1. Overall record

2. Head-to-head competition

3. Total runs allowed
4. Total runs differential (max 10 runs per game)
5. Total runs scored (max 10 per game)
6. Coin flip

Championship game time limit will be extended to 2 hours. Mercy rules and run rules still apply.
If tied after 6 innings, previous noted tie breaker rules apply.

The higher (better) seed is the home team for single elimination tournament play.

Thank you for playing in our tournament!! Good Luck!!