

# WORLD BASEBALL FEDERATION

## TOURNAMENT RULES

NATIONAL FEDERATION HIGH SCHOOL RULES WILL BE USED WITH THE FOLLOWING NOTATIONS:

**Age Requirement:** May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the designated date to determine ages. Players who exceed the age of the division before May 1<sup>st</sup> will not be eligible to participate in that division. Players who turn 19 are eligible for the 18U division if they are 2007 graduates. Coaches must turn in rosters prior to playing the first game. A player may not be on two rosters in the same division. Copies of birth certificates or driver license must be made available upon request. Ejections will be dealt with by the tournament committee.

- 1. Protest Fees:** \$100.00 cash (in rule interpretation only). Protest of uniform will not be allowed. The tournament director will be responsible for team's conformity.
- 2. Game Time:** Starting time is forfeit time unless delay is created by tournament director. All pre-game warm-ups should be done in the outfield or designated areas. No infield permitted. Please do not hit baseballs into chain link fences.
- 3. Time Limit:** 9U – 12U (1 hour 45 minutes), 13U – HS (2 hours) up to semi-final games. Tournament director reserves the right to implement lesser time limits due to inclement weather. If home team is ahead bottom half of the inning will not be played if time has expired. Ties will stand in pool play. If a bracket game ends in a tie, the "California tiebreaker" will be used to break the tie. In World Series play, there will be no ties in pool play. If a game ends in a tie, the "California tiebreaker" will be used . There will be no tiebreaker in championship bracket play.

**California tiebreaker:** the last batted out will be placed on second base to start the next new inning. Then complete innings until the tie is broken..

- 4. Home Team:** Will be determined by coin flip in pool play and by seeding in bracket play up to the championship game. The home team will be required to keep a score book. The umpire in chief will be responsible for the official score and changes.
- 5. Run Rule:** 9U – 12U (8 runs after 4 innings) 15 runs after 3 innings in all tournament games; 13U – 18U (8runs after 5 innings) 15 runs after 3 innings in all tournament games.
- 6. EH Rule:** Extra Hitter – Bat ten players, the EH can go into the field for any of the other nine players in the game and that player will then become the EH. The batting order does not change.
- 7. Bat Weight/Length:** High School Bat weight/length differential rule is waived in the 15 and under ages. In Wood Bat tournaments - bats must be wood or wood composite; no synthetics.
- 8. Courtesy Runner:** Courtesy runner for both the pitcher and the catcher may be used at any time. Courtesy runner has to be someone not presently in the line-up. The same player cannot run for both in the same inning.
- 10. Metal Spikes:** Not allowed for age groups 12 and Under.
- 11. Pitching Rules:** 9U – 12U (8 innings); 13U – 14U (10 innings). In World Championships innings start over in bracket play. Innings are calculated by thirds.
- 12. Inclement weather policy:** 0 games played – 75 % refund, 1 game played – 50% refund, 2 games played – no refund. If WBF cancels the tournament – 100% refund.

**NOTE: POSTED BRACKETS ARE OFFICIAL (place and/or time subject to change)**