



## 2019 World Series Rules

### **DO NOT ABUSE THE OFFICIALS**

Coaches or fans that are abusive towards the officials will be ejected and will not be allowed to return for the remainder of the event.

WE HAVE A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY AGAINST PARENTS, FANS AND COACHES HECKLING OR HARRASSING UMPIRES DURING THE GAMES. DO NOT APPROACH THE OFFICIALS AFTER THE GAME IS COMPLETED, IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION PLEASE CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT OR SITE DIRECTOR. ANYONE THAT HARRASSES (in our judgement) UMPIRES OR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE EVENT.

TSB does not have a protest fee, if you have a question about a rule or player, we will help you. We reserve the right to implement a protest fee for teams that have an excessive amount of protest.

### **Banned bats –**

Banned bats are listed on the rules page of <http://travelsportsbaseball.com>

### **Bat limitations –**

7u-12u all bats must be marked 1.15bpf or USA stamped

13u no lighter than -8

14u BBCOR or -5

(Penalty: prior to the first pitch the bat will be removed from the game. Once a pitch has been thrown to the batter with the illegal bat, the batter is out. Once the next batter receives a pitch, the previous batter that used the illegal bat cannot be protested.) .

\*ruling

Prior to a pitch being thrown to the batter, only a warning will be issued on the team's first offense. After the batter receives a pitch, the batter will be called out and the team will be warned on the first offense. After 1 warning, the batter and head coach will be ejected.

\*ruling

The warning may be issued at the plate meeting at the umpire's discretion and the team's first offense will result in the ejection of the player and coach only after the batter has received a pitch.

\*ruling

All divisions - Wood bats not longer than 36" will be allowed. If the wood bat is not constructed from a single piece of wood, it must not weigh less than 3 ounces in relation to its length and have a cork or tape grip.

### **Time limits –**

7U - 8U 1:15HR or (6 innings).

9U - 12U 1:30HR or (6 innings).

13U - 18U 1:40hr or (7 innings)

All regularly scheduled championship and semifinal games on Wednesday are no time limit games.

In the event of weather or other delays, Travel Sports Baseball reserves the right to modify the format/time limits to complete the event.

### **Forfeits –**

Teams forfeiting during pool play/bracket play will be ejected from the event.

### **Pitching limits –**

First and foremost is the pitcher's safety when discussing pitching limitations. We highly recommend that all coaches, parents, and mentors adhere to the MLB Pitch Smart Program. While we are working towards our Pitch Smart Compliance Program, we will mandate the following pitching restrictions.

9U - 12U (18) outs over 3 consecutive days

13U - 14U (21) outs over 3 consecutive days

Using an illegal pitcher will result in an immediate forfeit. Each team gets three "free" defensive conferences during a regulation game; on the fourth, the pitcher must be replaced. Note that if you replace the pitcher during a conference, it does not count as a charged conference.

\*ruling: An illegal pitcher is over age or not on the teams TSB roster by the cutoff.

\*ruling: A pitcher that has exceeded his pitch limits is also considered to be an illegal pitcher.

### **Batting order –**

YOU HAVE 4 CHOICES FOR YOUR LINEUP:

1. BAT 9 STRAIGHT

2. BAT 9 WITH DH

**3. BAT UNLIMITED EH's**

4. BAT THE ENTIRE LINEUP

When using options 1-3, all eligible subs must be listed on the lineup card. Your official lineup must be presented to the opposing coach and the plate umpire prior to the start of each game. When using option #4 and a player is injured or unable to play, the team must take an out for that spot in the lineup. A player that has not batted or played in the field, and is injured, would simply be skipped and taken out of the lineup. You cannot use both a DH and an EH

### **Courtesy runners –**

For the pitcher and catcher only once they reach first base. A courtesy runner can be used for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The courtesy runner must be a legal substitute currently not in the game, including starters that have been substituted for but are legally eligible for re-entry. IF YOU ARE BATTING YOUR ENTIRE ROSTER, THE COURTESY RUNNER MUST BE THE LAST BATTER NOT CURRENTLY ON BASE.

### **Slash bunt –**

Prohibited through 12u. A player cannot show bunt then swing away. The batter will be out and the third base coach will be ejected.

### **Metal cleats –**

Prohibited through 8u. Players 9u - 18u can wear metal cleats.

No metal cleats are permitted on temporary mounds or any artificial turf fields.

### **Mercy rule –**

The game will be stopped after any completed inning once a team has a lead of 20 runs. 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.

### **Headfirst slide –**

HEADFIRST SLIDES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN AGES 8U-12U WHEN THE PLAYER IS WEARING A HELMET WITH A FACE GUARD, C-FLAP OR (non-breakaway) or chin strap. This rule does not apply to runners returning to a base. Players not wearing this type of helmet are excluded. Team warning and then a player can be called out if infraction continues. A team warning will be issued to the offending team on the 1st occurrence. Any additional infraction by that team will result in the player being called out with a delayed dead ball situation.

### **Tie breaker –**

If a NON-POOL PLAY GAME ends in a tie, we will utilize the following tie breaker.

The last batter from the previous inning will go to 1st base.

The next to last batter from the previous inning will go to 2nd base, then the next will go to 3rd base

The offensive team will start the inning with (1) out.

### **Pool play seeding tie breakers –**

RECORD

HEAD TO HEAD (only if there are (2) tied teams)

RUNS ALLOWED

RUNS SCORED

TSB POINTS

COIN FLIP

MAX Runs differential per game – 10

### **Coaches –**

NO MORE THAN 2 COACHES CAN BE OUTSIDE OF THE DUGOUT WHILE THE BALL IS IN PLAY.

A TEAM CAN HAVE UP TO 4 COACHES IN THE DUGOUT TOTAL.

### **How to protest a call –**

Ask the umpire for time.

Tell the umpire you would like to protest his call based on (cite rule from TSB or NFHS) rule.

Contact the director for a clarification.

The TD or the UIC will make a final determination based on their interpretation of the rule that you cite.

(Ruling: The protest must come from a coach currently in the game prior to the next pitch.)

### **Ejections –**

Any Coach or fan ejected from a game will need to leave the facility immediately.

Coaches will receive an additional game suspension including the current game; and be subject to suspension. Players will only be ejected from the current game unless the ejection happens in the last inning of the current game; players may remain in the facility at the discretion of the event officials. Fans that are ejected will be out for the duration of the event.

\*ruling – Coaches or fans that refuse to leave the facility immediately may cause their team to forfeit and be ejected from the event.

### **Rosters –**

Any team adding a player to their roster after team check in will be ejected from the event.

AA teams cannot have any “Majors” players on their rosters.

- A Majors player is a player that was listed on a Majors team roster while the team was actively classified as a Majors team in the same or greater age division, in the 2019 season.