

# 2022 'BATTER UP' TOURNAMENT RULES

- All rules stated here are exceptions to the NFHS Rules Book. All other playing rules follow NFHS guidelines. Briggs Baseball LLC dba Fallbaseball.net reserves the right to modify rules prior to the start of and during the tournament, if any item is misrepresented in this document.
- The tournament director or his/her appointed representative (e.g.,umpires) shall be the sole judge as to the playing conditions of the fields and is responsible to make a decision for a called game and/or termination of play.
  - Tournament age is players age as of April 30
- For Nations Qualifiers, all teams are required to register Nations Baseball , validate their team insurance, and input your roster with players full names and birth dates, prior to their first game. Birth certificates must be available upon request unless pre-approved by Nations Baseball.
- Awards will be presented to first and second place teams in each division. (13 per team)
- Teams shall be at the field 30 minutes before the scheduled game time. If a team cannot field a team at the scheduled start time, they will forfeit. Forfeits do not apply when delay of arrival is due to travel with-in the Batter Up Tournaments
- There is **no infield practice**.
- Home team will be decided by coin flip in all pool play games. The higher seed will have their choice be the home team or visitor in all seeded games / semi finals and / finals.
- No protests are allowed.
- The infield fly rule shall be in effect for all age divisions.
- No “Slug Bunting” allowed
- **Roster Batting will be allowed in all tournaments.**
  - a. Teams can bat a 9-player lineup, a 10-player lineup using an additional hitter (AH), or roster bat all present uniformed players. The lineup must be declared before the start of the game and used the entire game.
  - b. If a team uses a lineup that contains 10 players, the player in the AH position, while not actually playing a defensive position, is treated as such for substitution purposes.
  - c. If a team chooses to roster bat, then all players other than the nine defensive position players are additional hitters and can move freely in defensive positions.
  - d. If a team is batting all present, uniformed players, with no eligible substitutes listed on the lineup card, and the number of players is 11 or more, that team is considered to be roster batting for the purposes of defensive substitutions and courtesy runners, unless the coach has specifically declared otherwise at the pregame plate conference. If additional players arrive after the game has started, those players are placed at the end of the batting order. If the coach declares at the pregame plate conference that he is not roster batting, the late players are listed on the lineup as eligible substitutes.
  - e. If a player is injured during a game, that player can be removed from the line-up without penalty provided the team is roster batting.

f. If a player is ejected during a game, that team will take an out in that spot in the line-up even if roster batting.

- The “Designated Hitter” Rule **will be allowed in the 15u thru 18u Divisions ONLY.**
- An “Additional Hitter” Rule **will be allowed. The “AH” Rule is optional in all age divisions.** The “AH” is a 10<sup>th</sup> hitter placed anywhere in the line-up. The “AH” can be substituted for and the re-entry rule will apply. The “AH” is considered a defensive position and can play in the field.
- Speed-up rule : Teams may use a courtesy runner anytime for the pitcher and/or catcher. The runner must be a player from the bench, or if none available -- the last batted out.

**Pitching Rules:** One pitch constitutes one inning pitched. ( Does not include warm-ups)

8u - 3/game	9u----4/game	10u----4/game	11u----4/game
12u----4/game	13u----5/game	14u----5/game	
15u----7 game	16u----7/game	17u/18u----7/game	

\*\*A pitcher may not return to the mound once removed in that game.

If a pitcher returns to the mound “illegally”--- Correct the wrong—NO PENALTY

Pitch Smart Guidelines are recommended for ALL tournaments:

<https://www.mlb.com/pitch-smart/pitching-guidelines>

- Metal cleats in 13u and above only.
- Tie Breakers :
  - 1) Head to Head
  - 2) Fewest runs allowed
  - 3) Most runs scored (Max 10/game)
  - 4) Coin-flipIf 3 or more teams are tied, eliminate head to head  
Never revert back to a previous tiebreaker once a team is eliminated in an above-mentioned tiebreaker
- **Bat Restrictions: None in 13u and lower -- (-5) in 14u only --- BBCOR for 15u thru 18u**
- No malicious contact on all close plays, umpires discretion.
- Profanity or misconduct by a player, coach, or manager will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the game, tournament, and park.
- Both teams shall turn in a score to an Batter Up Tournament field representative or call / text in to the Tournament Director (216) 287.6682 .
- All forfeits are 10– 0. Teams receiving a forfeit will have an average of games played toward any tie-breakers.
- Teams forfeiting games **ARE NOT** eligible for the championship round.
- All games have a **2 hour time limit**. No inning shall start after 2 hours unless the inning is needed to create an official game or to complete an extra inning game. Games suspended due to weather that have not

reached an official game will continue from that point. Note: If a Home team is at bat and leading at the time limit, no further batters permitted-game over. NO TIME LIMIT IN SEMI FINAL and CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ONLY

- There are tie games provided the teams have played the time limit in pool play.
- There is NO DROP 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike Rule in the 8u / 9u divisions . Batter out and runners may advance.
- **Playoff Format** : To be determined based on the number of teams entered. Odd # of teams will have varying formats.  
NOTE: Wildcard teams will not play a team that they played in Pool Play when Pools are used
- Rainout Policy : In the event of bad weather, the tournament director and Briggs Baseball LLC reserve the right to modify and complete the tournament any way feasible to all teams involved. Refunds will be issued based on games completed . Any started game with umpire(s) paid may be considered a played game in the refund policy. Full refunds are not possible due to park rentals and bid fees. Bids will be issued for Nations Baseball, no matter what percentage of the tournament is completed.
- Refund Policy: 0 games played - 70%  
1 game played - 50%  
2 games played – no refund

#### General Points of Reference

	Innings	Official Game	Mercy Rule	Stealing	Lead-offs	Base Distance	Pitching Distance	Pitching Innings/Game Per Pitcher
8u	6	4	12 / 5	No	No	60	43	3
9u	6	4	10 / 5 12/ 4	After ball crosses home plate	Yes – body length only	65	46	4
10u	6	4	10 / 5 12/ 4	Yes	Yes	65	46	4
11u 12u	7	5	10 / 5 12/ 4	Yes	Yes	70	50	4
13u 14u	7 7	5 5	10 / 5 12/ 4	Yes	Yes	80 90	54 60	5 5
15u -16u 17u -18u	7	5	10 / 5	Yes	Yes	90	60	7