

Tournament Rules

1 Pitchers are limited in innings pitched according to the following:

A. 8U through 10U

- i. No more than 12 innings for the entire tournament
- ii. No more than 8 innings in any two consecutive days

B. 12U through 15U

- i. No more than 10 innings for the entire tournament
- ii. No more than 6 innings in any two consecutive days

C. Innings pitched will be tracked. These must be turned in to the umpire with the final score of the game.

D. Pitching in any part of an Inning counts as an inning pitched

2. Distances:

- 14U & 15 U – 60'6" Pitching, 90' Bases
13U – 54' Pitching, 80' Bases
12U – 51' Pitching, 75' Bases
10U & 11U – 48' Pitching, 70' Bases
8U & 9U – 45" Pitching, 60' Bases

4. Length of Games:

Complete games:

- a. 8U to 10U = 5 Innings
- b. 11U to 13U = 6 innings
- c. 14U to 15U = 7 innings

Pool Play games may end in a tie. Cannot start a new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes
In the Championship Round Games, no time limit for the Championship Game. All other games – No new inning may start after 1:45 minutes. In case of a tie, the game will be extended using the California rules. ie – The inning starts with last batter out on second base, one out and a 1-1 count on all batters.

The Home Team will not bat in the bottom half of an inning, if winning, after the time limit has been reached.

5. Mercy Rule:

- a. 8U to 10U - 10 runs after 3 innings
- b. 11U to 13U - 10 runs after 4 innings
- c. 14U to 15U - 8 runs after 5 innings

The Mercy Rule applies in all games.

6. Batting Order Options, and Re-entry

Managers must present a lineup card to the umpire. It must state the players in the starting lineup and what batting order option the coach is using (9 man, 10 man (AH), or Continuous). Each team may choose the Batting Order option they wish to use.

a. AH (Additional Hitter)

a. Only 1 extra hitter is allowed per team

b. The Additional Hitter may be anyone on the team's official league roster

c. The Additional Hitter is simply an additional person in the batting order who may be placed anywhere in the 10 man batting order

d. The AH is an interchangeable part with anyone in the lineup. (ie: If, for example, the AH is moved to 2B in the second inning, the 2B then becomes the AH with no change in the batting order)

b. Continuous (Roster Bat)

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- b. Players who arrive after the game has started are placed at the bottom of the batting order
 - c. There is free substitution for the defensive positions
 - d. A player who is injured or ill or who has to leave the park may leave the game, but may NOT return. That spot in the batting order is skipped and does NOT count as an out. Injuries or illnesses may not be feigned. Doing so may result in the forfeiture of the game
 - e. A player who leaves the game while on base or at bat is replaced by the most recent batter not currently occupying a base
- Home team will be determined by a coin flip in pool play.
In the single elimination playoff round the higher seed is home team. Each team will provide a scorekeeper with all pitching changes being recorded by home plate umpire.

7. Metal Cleats

Metal cleats are prohibited except for 14U and 15u

8. Playoff Seeding:

Seeding for playoff rounds will be decided as follows:

- * Win-Loss Record
- * Head to Head
- * Least runs allowed (meaning how many total runs in all Pool games you allowed, the lower the number the better your standing).
- * Most runs Scored (meaning how many total runs in all Pool games scored, the higher the number the better your standing)
- * Flip of the coin

10. On Field Warm-ups

On-Field warm-ups will not be allowed except for use of the Outfield grass areas. This is only permissible prior to the official start time of a scheduled game and may not interfere with any other game or team. There are absolutely no Walk-On practice or warm up allowed on any unoccupied field. Infield warm up is not permitted on any field in fair or foul territory.

11. Grace Period

At start time, a 15-minute grace period will be used in order to avoid forfeit

12. Rain and other Uncontrolled Events

In case of rain or other uncontrolled event occurring - 4 innings constitutes a complete game. A game suspended past 4 innings, in the middle of an inning will revert back to the score at the end of the prior inning. Reminder, complete pool play games may end in a tie. Incomplete games will only be completed if necessary to determine Championship Round seeding.

13. Rainout./Refund Policy

Every effort will be made to finish tournament but in case of rain, darkness or other acts of God, the Tournament Director reserves the right to shorten games or modify schedules in order to finish the event.

14. Record Keeping

Teams are required to maintain a record of all games in a team scorebook. It is the team's score keeper's responsibility to monitor the other team breaking any pitching, illegal lineup, etc rule and bring it to the umpire's attention. All scorebooks must be available upon request by the director at any time during the course of the tournament. Home team is official score keeper, we recommend you check your numbers with the umpire after every 1/2 inning. The home team scorebook must note pitchers used by both teams, the number of innings pitched, and pitch count. The umpire will submit to the tournament director, the final score, innings pitched, and pitch count by pitcher after each game.

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15. Bats

All USSSA bats stamped 1.15 and all USA bats and wood bats

16. Plowing or Hurdling

Bull-rushing or plowing over a defensive player is unsportsmanlike conduct and, at the umpire's discretion may result in the runner being called out and ejected from the current game.

17. Ejections

Any manager, coach, or player ejected from a game will be suspended from the next tournament game. The suspended person may not be present in the ball park during the games for which they are suspended (includes 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the game). A suspension can be appealed to the Tournament Director.

18. Team Rosters

A Team Roster should contain no more than 15 players. Team Rosters should be submitted via email to: tim@ccknothole.com Failure to submit the Team Roster can result in a game forfeit.

19. Player Eligibility

SWOL "National", "Americian Gold" and MWOL "Division 1" level players and alike from this year's Spring Season, may not play or be rostered on a team for this tournament.

20. Birth Certificates

Teams must have birth certificates available for review at any time during the tournament. Any player without a birth certificate on file with the team manager will be ineligible and the team will forfeit any game in which the player appeared. Any dispute questioning player eligibility should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director before the end of the game in question. There will be no refunds issued due to ineligible players and a resultant forfeit.

21. Liability Insurance

Each team must carry Liability Insurance. Proof of insurance must be received before team's first game listing the City of Blue Ash and Knothole Baseball, LLC as an "Additional Named Insured". Failure to provide the Liability insurance can result in forfeit of tournament play and all fees paid. The refund policy in item #14 does not apply to a team with a missing Liability Insurance & Concussion Certification documents. These documents should be E-Mailed to: baoman2004@cs.com or US mailed to the above Knothole address. Please note that we recommend you carry your own first aid kit because we will not have any medical personal at the tournament.

22. Lineup Card

The line-up you turn in before the game should list all players present at the start of the game. If a player is not present when the game starts and arrives late the player can be added to the end of the line-up if roster batting.

23. Smoking and Alcoholic Beverages

Smoking, and Alcoholic Beverages are NOT allowed at the Ballpark at any time.

25. Tournament Director

The Tournament Director (or designee) will be on site and available via mobile telephone.

26. Protests

There is no "Protest process" regarding game play for the sake of this tournament. If you are in question of a rule, please contact the Tournament Director for an official ruling. Do not wait until

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your game is completed to try to resolve issues. Any game that continues from the point of dispute is considered to be official and the result cannot be appealed or reversed.

27. Award Presentations

Award Presentations will take place on the field immediately following the Championship Game. Please remain at the field following your Championship game, even if your team is the runner-up.

29. Registration forms,

Liability Insurance Information, Concussion Certification, and any other documents should be emailed to tim@ccknothole.com

Campbell County Tournament Registration

Registration Form:

Team Name: _____ Team Manager: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Mobile Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____@_____

League /Association / Affiliation : _____ (ex – SWOL American, PYO All-Star, Mason Knothole-East, LSO Little League, Midwest Division 2)

League Division: _____ (ex – 13U, D2, 11U – 12U)

Check Division you wish to play in: 8U() 9U() 10U() 11U() 12U() 12U() 13U() 14U() 15U()

Maximum roster is 15 players. We will need a Certificate of Liability Insurance for your team naming Knothole Baseball, LLC as an additional named insured. Both the team roster and the Insurance Certificate are due prior to your first game. Game balls are provided for the Tournament.

No Gate or Parking Fees