

ONTURF SPORTS

Non-Sanctioned Tournament Rules

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General Game Rules

- ❖ **Teams need to be prepared to play 30 minutes before their scheduled game time.**
- ❖ **Coaches: OnTurf Sports** provides each team with 3 free coaches passes each weekend. We strongly encourage that only 3 coaches be in the dugout. We Reserve the right to limit the number of coaches in the dugout, if deemed necessary.
- ❖ **Age Restrictions:** Your age is determined by the May 1st date of that year or your high school graduation year.
 - If the team is found with an illegal player, that team will be **KICKED OUT** of the tournament and will forfeit all games with a score, 7-0.
 - A Player is Only Eligible to play for **1 Team** per age group per weekend.
 - If the player is found legal, the coach protesting will lose their \$100.
- ❖ **Mercy Rules (All Games):**
 - 12 runs after 3 innings
 - 10 Runs after 4 innings
 - 8 Runs after 5 innings
- ❖ **Tie Breaker Rules:**
 - Win Loss Record
 - Head to Head (does not apply with 3 or more teams tied)
 - Runs Allowed
 - Runs Scored
 - Coin Flip
 - **In the event of a 3-way tie, the tiebreakers reset after determining each seed**
- ❖ **Complete Games and Extra Innings:**
 - If rain or weather suspends a game. 4 innings (3 1/2 innings if the home team is winning) is a complete game in a 6 inning game. Or 5 innings (4 1/2 innings if the home team is winning) in a 7 inning game
 - Pool games can end in a tie.
- ❖ If a bracket game is tied after time expires, after 6 innings (8u-12u) or after 7 innings (13u and older) this is how extra innings will be played.
 - International Tie Breaker Rule: Last Batted out on 2nd base, 0 out, 0-0 count to every batter.

❖ **Bats:**

- **8u to 12u, there will be bat restrictions to BPF 1.15**
- **13u BPF 1.15 or BBCOR**
- **14u BPF 1.15 or BBCOR**
- **15u-18u BBCOR or Wood**
- **Illegal Bat Penalty**
 - It is the responsibility of the head coach of each team to monitor bats that are in play. If a player uses an illegal bat. The umpire must be notified prior to the first pitch of the next batter or before all defensive players leave fair territory.
 - If the bat is found illegal, the batter will be ruled out and runners will not be allowed to advance.
 - If a team has three illegal bat rules infractions the Head Coach will be ejected for the rest of the tournament.

Specific Game Rules

- ❖ **Seeding:** In bracket play, higher seed is required to be the home team.
- ❖ **Intentional Walks:** Head Coach needs to inform the umpire of the intentional walk and the hitter will be awarded First Base.
- ❖ **Courtesy Runner:** Courtesy runner must be a valid substitute OR last completed at-bat if batting the entire roster. The courtesy runner is not mandatory can only be used for the current pitcher and catcher.
- ❖ **Slashing:** Is legal.
- ❖ **Head first sliding** into any base is legal.
- ❖ **Number of Players:** A game can start with either 8 or 9. However if a team drops to seven or less the game will be automatic forfeit.
- ❖ **Batting Lineups Designated Hitter (DH), Extra Hitter (EH):** You will have three options. (Teams must turn a line-up card in to the umpire at the plate meeting)
 - Hit 9 hitters with a DH or no DH. DH can be used for any position.
 - Hit 10 hitters with a DH or no DH and 1 EH. EH can be used as a free defensive substitution.
 - Continuous batting order for all age divisions
- ❖ **All Lineups will follow high school substitution rules.**
- ❖ **Skunk in the Outfield Play** (Where runner on First Creates his own base path by backing up into the outfield will not be allowed. Runner at first must take a lead with a direct line toward 2nd base.
 - First Offense, Umpire will call time and issue an official team warning putting all players back to their starting base.
 - Second Offense, Runner will be declared out and any pitch or action by other runners will be nullified.

❖ Ejections:

- If a coach is ejected,
 - He/She will be suspended for the rest of that game and the teams next played game **if determined by the tournament director**. If a coach is ejected from a game and at the discretion of the umpire, the coach can be ejected from the park. If coach chooses to remain in the park, his/her team will be rewarded a forfeit loss as determined by the tournament director.
- If a player is ejected,
 - The player shall be suspended for the remainder of the game. If team has no substitute, the player will remain in batting order and his/her team will be forced to take an out. If it is deemed to be malicious contact or if the player performed in act with intent to injure, the penalty will be determined by the tournament director.

- ❖ **Injuries:** If a team has no substitutes and a player gets injured and can not continue to play, his spot in the batting order will be skipped with no penalty. Once a player's spot in the batting order is skipped, the player is out for the remainder of the game and can not come back into play.

OnTurf Sports has the authority to amend any of these rules due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Severe Weather Policy

All weather related announcements will be made through our Twitter account [@OnTurfSports](#).

Each team is required to follow the Twitter account for updates.

Please Note: The City of Columbia City has an ordinance that if a severe storm warning is issued for the area the park must be evacuated. The Columbia City police or fire department will notify us of this situation. This is a City enforced policy.

Refund Policy

Based on 3 or 4 game format

No Games Played 100% refund

1 Game Played 50% refund

2 Games Played No refund

Cancellations will be determined by the Event Director.

If a team forfeits prior to the event being cancelled, no refund will be issued.

If a team cancels after the schedule is released, no refund will be issued.

If a team cancels within 3 weeks, 25% of the total entry will not be refunded.

Rules of Conduct

It is required that all teams in the tournament comply with the following rules:

1. Team managers must have full control of their players and parents at all times. This means “on” and “off” the field. If a team spectator is ejected from the game, the head coach will be issued a warning also. A second team spectator ejection will lead to the ejection of the head coach as well.
2. In case of a disputed play or decision, team managers only may consult with the game officials in a respectful manner. The other coaches are expected to remain out of the discussion. This is a NFHS Rule. Here is the excerpt of the rule from the rule book. *3-3-1 f6: A coach, player, substitute, attendant or other bench personnel shall not: commit any unsportsmanlike act to include, but not limited to, any member of the coaching staff who is not the head coach (or designee) in 3-2-4 leaving the vicinity of the dugout or coaching box to dispute a judgment call by an umpire.*
3. Managers are to report any unsportsmanlike or derogatory acts by players or spectators to the tournament director. The purpose is to prevent any serious situation from developing that would be harmful to the coaches, players, spectators and the tournament.
4. Managers, coaches, players, and teams are liable for suspension by not adhering to the tournament rules in effect. This could mean suspension for a game, games, tournament or a longer duration depending on the act of violation.
5. A player, coach, manager, or spectator may be suspended from participation for (including but not limited to) fighting, swearing, any contact with an official on or off the field, and obscene gestures.