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Hoosier Classic Baseball Tournaments

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Hoosier Classic Summer Baseball Tournaments

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-Tournament Rules-

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE:

- The Hoosier Classic Tournaments are structured 5-Game Minimums
 - *With the exception of the two events in May*
- Every event is structured as Pool Play followed by Championship and/or Consolation Rounds

FIELD DIMENSIONS:

- Ages 11U - 12U: 50 ft Mound / 80 ft Bases
- Ages 13U: 54 ft Mound / 80 ft Bases
- Ages 14U: 60.6 Mound / 90 ft Bases (Intermediate Size Fields)
- Ages 15U - 18U: 60.6 Mound / 90 ft Bases (High School & College Fields)

RULE BOOK:

- **NFHS RULES** apply with the following exceptions & clarifications



GAME LENGTH:

- All Ages: 7 Inning Games
 - Subject to: 2 Hour Time Limit (Ages 11U - 15U)
 - Subject to: 2 Hour 10 Minute Time Limit (Age 16U - 18U)
 - **Championship Game** - No Time Limit (Weather permitting)

GAME TIMES:

- Head Coaches should be present one-hour prior to their 1st game of the tournament for rules briefing.
- Teams should be present and ready to play 30 minutes before all games
- Games completed early may result in an early start for the following games, weather permitting.
- Teams not available to start within 15 minutes of their scheduled start time will be subject to a forfeit at that point.
- There will be a 30 minute period in between games to allow site directors time for field maintenance.

PRE-GAME WARM-UPS:

- Teams will be allowed a 5 - 7 minute pre-game infield/outfield prior to a team's 1st game of the day (WEATHER PERMITTING). If inclement weather occurs, site directors have the ability to cancel pre-game warm-ups.
- The following games we will allow a pre-game warm-up if time permits.

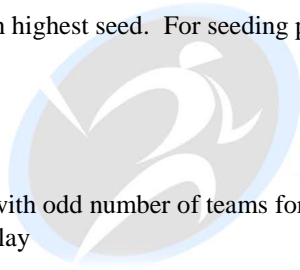
HOME / VISITOR DESIGNATION:

- Pool Play: Home & Visitors will be pre-determined by tournament director.
- Championship / Consolation: Higher Seed will be Home Team.
 - If same seeds are playing then teams will flip for home/visitor.

TIE BREAKER RULES:

Teams with overall best record will be placed in highest seed. For seeding purposes the following tie breakers rules will be used.

1. Most Wins
2. Fewest Losses
3. Two Way Tie: Head to Head
4. Three / Four Way Tie: Head to Head
 - (Clarifications will be made with odd number of teams format prior to start of tournament)
5. Fewest Runs Allowed in All of Pool Play
6. Most Runs Scored in All of Pool Play



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RUN RULES (MERCY RULE)

- 12 Run Rule After 4 innings or 8 Run Rule After 5 Innings
- Run Rule Applies to All Games including Pool Play and Championship/Consolation Rounds

PITCHING RULES

The Hoosier Classics do not have a mandatory pitching limit. Coaches are responsible for player safety!

COURTESY RUNNERS

- Courtesy runners for Pitchers & Catchers anytime.
 - Mandatory for Catchers with 2 outs
- Courtesy Runners need to be any player currently not in the game or the player who made the last out.

EXTRA HITTER & DESIGNATED HITTER OPTIONS

- Ages 11U - 14U: Extra Hitter (EH) - Optional
 - (Must be declared prior to the start of each game)
 - No Designated Hitter for 11U - 14U
- Ages 15U - 18U: Designated Hitter DH - Optional
 - (Must be declared prior to the start of each game)
 - No Extra Hitter (EH) for 15U - 18U



INTENTIONAL WALKS

Automatic intentional walk rule may be used.

SLIDE RULES:

Players may slide head first but **MUST** avoid contact.

- Head First Sliding: We encourage all Players to slide **FEET** first. Though we stress the safety of the players, there are times where head first sliding is acceptable and more comfortable for a player. Please advise your players to **BE SAFE & SMART** when sliding head first and avoid sliding head first in to home plate.

BAT RESTRICTIONS:

- Bat Restrictions:
 - Ages 11U - 14U: No Bat Restrictions
 - Ages 15U - 18U: - 3 oz Bat Differential (Aluminum)
 - Woodbat Tournaments: All woodbats are legal, Composite woodbats must be BESR certified

WEATHER & RAIN DELAYS:

If inclement weather occurs, games are subject to being "complete" if the losing team has hit through 5 complete innings.

If inclement weather occurs and games are not officially complete, then we will treat that game as a "suspended" game. That game will then be finished by picking up exactly where the game was ended due to weather.

If a game is delayed for 30 minutes or longer due to inclement weather than that game is subject to being declared a "complete" or "suspended" game.

EJECTIONS:

- If any player, coach, or fan is ejected they are required to leave the baseball complex to a parking lot. We feel these situations are unfortunate but we must remove the individual so that it minimizes any escalating situations that lead to poor examples set forth for our youth.
- We will be enforcing the NFHS Rule that any ejection is followed by a 2nd Game Suspension.
- Players and coaches will be restricted to the Bench for the 2nd game suspension
- If a 2nd Ejection occurs, the player, coach, or fan will be subject to expulsion from the tournament
- If any player, coach, or fan makes intentional contact with an umpire then that individual will be removed from the event (intent will be determined by the umpire and the tournament director).

RAIN OUT & REFUND POLICY:

Due to the potential of inclement weather the Hoosier Classic Baseball Tournaments have created a standard cancellation policy for all of our tournament events. Refunds stipulated in this policy refer to the individual team's entry fee money.

- Full Refund (100%) of Entry Fee if any tournament is cancelled prior to the 1st Day of the event.
- Seventy - Five Percent (75%) Refund of Entry Fee if any tournament is cancelled on the 1st Day of the event of which no games have begun.
- Sixty-Five Percent (65%) Refund of Entry Fee if any tournament is cancelled and only one (1) game has been started.
- Fifty Percent (50%) Refund of Entry Fee if any tournament is cancelled and only two (2) games have been started.
- No Refunds (0%) once a third game begins.

No gate admission refunds, nor rain checks, for spectators at any time. If the potential for inclement weather is high we suggest fans stay outside of the ballpark until the games have begun.

Team forfeits count as a competed game.

Thankfully we have only had to cancel two tournaments in fifteen years due to rain!

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