

Jo Co 3&2 Baseball Tournament Rules

Machine Pitch Division Only

American League baseball rules will be used with the following exceptions.

1. Free substitution is allowed on defense. Each team shall field a 10-player defensive line up with four outfielders. A team may play with nine players (must have 3 outfielders), but not with eight. If a player gets sick or injured his spot in the batting order will be skipped with no penalty.
2. An inning consists of seven runs or three outs.
3. Each batter will receive a maximum of six (6) pitches or three (3) swinging strikes. Pitches that are not hittable, as judged by the umpire shall not be counted.
4. The pitching machine shall be set at 39 mph using the machine's speed dial.
5. A fifteen-run spread after three innings and eight-run spread after four innings shall constitute an official game.
6. A game shall consist of six innings provided the game is not called due to the weather, or as noted in (2) above, except an inning shall not start after 1 ½ hours has elapsed unless the score is tied, including the championship game. An inning shall start when the third out is made on the home team.
7. In the event of rain, which causes postponement of any game in progress that is not an official game (3 ½ or 4 innings) the game will be suspended and completed to the point where it is an official game if the tournament is continued.
8. The home team shall be determined by the flip of a coin between the opposing managers during the pool play portion of the tournament. During championship bracket play, the home team shall be the team that is the higher seed. The home team shall occupy the first base dugout and shall be the official scorekeeper. Please flip prior to taking possession of a dugout. The umpires will insist on you being in the correct dugout.
9. All players on the roster shall be in the offensive line up.
10. Play is over when any defensive player has control of the ball inside the pitching circle.
11. A courtesy runner is permitted for the catcher when there are two outs and shall be the player who made the last out.
12. A base runner shall be called out when he does not slide or attempt to slide or avoid contact on any close play and contact is made. In addition, any flagrant or violent contact caused on the part of the base runner shall result in his immediate ejection from the game.
13. Base runners can leave the base when the ball crosses home plate.
14. The following distances will be used in the tournament, Bases 60', pitching distance 44'.