

Proof of Insurance/Team Roster/Waiver Form

Completed typed team roster, waiver form and proof of insurance must be submitted by the Wednesday prior to your first game. Last minute roster changes can be addresses the morning of your first game. Failure to submit your roster and insurance can result in a forfeit of your first schedule game. All categories on the typed roster must be completed (I.E.; birth date, email, etc) The completed team roster and insurance can be returned by mail to Homerun Softball 100 Harrington Road, Syracuse, NY 13224 or emailed to homerunsbsb@yahoo.com

Pre-Game / Batting cages

The batting cages are for all teams to use. Please limit your time to 20 minutes of hitting inside the cage if another team is on deck. If there is an issue with teams using a cage the tournament director will set up times for teams. Pre- Game infield/Outfield will be allowed on the outfield playing field and in foul territory for infield. Teams are not allowed on the infields' before games. Teams are to bring their own practice balls for the batting cages.

Mandatory Hotel Information

To participate in any Homerun Softball Tournament, all teams are required to book hotels (Teams outside of 70 miles) accommodations through Sports Nation. Visit our website www.homerunsbbb.com for details on how to book your rooms or call Sports Nation at 716-507-8480

Offsite Field use

Tournaments run by Homerun Softball sometimes use Onondaga Lake Park or other off site parks if needed. Directions to off-site fields can be found on the tournament page at www.homerunsbbb.com. The tournament director will always notify teams of off site field prior to the event.

First Aid

Teams should bring their own First aid equipment to the park & ICE. We provide some basic first aid equipment. In case of serious injury players we will have information for teams to bring them to the best care possible.

Concession

Hopkins Park has a full concession stand open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Please inform your players and parents. We can also prepare any team meals or request for after games. We allowed team coolers in the park and appreciate if all outside food or beverages are not brought around the concession area.

Protests

All Homerun Baseball showcase tournaments are non-protested. Homerun Baseball tournament protest will be heard by the UCI and tournament director. The ruling made will be final. Protests must be filled and ruled on before the next pitch. No team may protest a game after the final out is recorded.

Suspensions

Any player or coach that is ejected from a game will be subject up to a two game suspension.

Age Requirements

Spring/Summer/Fall 2017

18u Born on or after May 1st 1998

17U Born on or after May 1st 1999

16u Born on or after May 1st 2000

15U Born on or after May 1st 2001

14u Born on or after May 1st 2002

13u Born on or after May 1st 2003

12u Born on or after May 1st 2004

11u Born on or after May 1st 2005

10u Born on or after May 1st 2006

Homerun Softball/Baseball does not require teams to move up an age division during the fall season.

Payment

Teams can register for a tournament at www.homerunsbbb.com & pay online. Teams can also register on line and pay by checks. Make checks payable to Homerun Softball and mail to:

Homerun Softball
100 Harrington Road
Syracuse, NY 13224

Refunds

A refund will be issued for any request made more than 30 days prior to the start of the event. If a Refund is requested a \$125 processing fee will be charged.

Any cancellations made inside the 30 day window will result in a tournament credit being issued for %50 of the total paid. Tournament credits are valid for one year.

Inclement Weather

If rain comes into play, we will do everything we can do to stay close to the original schedule. If we need to change the schedule due to inclement weather, we will do our best to try to maintain the original tournament format schedule. The format may be changed to lesser time limits or fewer innings in order to complete the tournament. All rain out games may not be made up depending on time constraints. In case of scheduling changes it is the team's responsibility, not the tournament director, to make sure they are aware of the new schedule or any schedule changes.

Weather Related Refund Policy

3 Game Minimum

0 Games played %75 tournament credit (No refund)

1 game played %50 tournament credit

2 or more games played no credit

Tournament Playing Rules

National High School Federation Baseball Rules will be enforced with the following exceptions.

Rosters

The roster size can be unlimited for the number of players on the team. There can be no more than 4 coaches (1 manager, 2 coaches and a scorekeeper) allowed in the tournament. A team can add to the roster up to the first game. Once your first game begins, rosters will freeze and no new players can be added. A player can be on a roster for two different age groups in a tournament, but not multiple teams within an age group.

Time Limit/Determining Home & Away

Pool Play games will be played with a strict one hour forty five min time limit or **6 complete innings** (12u 11u 10u games only) or a strict one hour 50 minute time limit or 7 complete innings (13u – 18u) No new inning can start after time has expired. Time will be kept by the umpires. We will finish an inning when time expires less home team is up and winning for pool play. For each team's pool games a coin flip will predetermine the home and away team. The higher seed during the playoff rounds will have a choice of home or away. Games ending in a tie will be recorded as a tie during pool play. The Homerun Baseball tie breaker will be used during playoff rounds only to settle a tie. Semi Finals will be 2 hour time limit and Championship games will play the full game. Quarter finals will still have time limit and finish the inning.

Note larger events may use a one hour and thirty min time limit. For smaller events time limits may also be adjusted. All teams will be notified before games start if any changes.

Tournament Tie breaker

Tournament time limit is still used. If an inning is not finished when the time limit reaches teams finish the inning for playoff games. If a playoff game is tied after time limit or if all innings have been completed the Homerun Baseball Tie Breaker will go into effect. You start the next inning with the last batted out at second base and zero outs and play the complete inning. After two complete innings with no winner the third extra inning will start with runners on second and third and one out, again the last two batted outs. This format will continue until a winner is determined. This tie breaker is used in all playoff rounds including the championship game. **POOL PLAY GAMES CAN END IN A TIE**

Sliding

No restrictions on sliding at the Homerun Softball Park. Shoulder roll or coming up high would be the only time a runner is called out. Runners must slide or avoid contact at all plays at home plate.

Dropped Third Strike

Dropped third strike rule will be enforced in all age divisions.

Leading/Stealing

10U 46/65, steal only after the ball crosses home plate.

Leading and stealing allowed in 11u 12u 13u 14u & above age divisions.

Intentional Walks

10u-18u informs the umpire of your desire to walk the batter. No Pitches have to be thrown.

Mercy Rule- Enforced in all games

15 runs after 3 innings

10 runs after 4 innings

8 runs after 5 innings

Trips to the Mound

The pitcher must be replaced on the 2nd trip to the mound in any inning, or on the fourth total trip in the game.

Balks

10u, 11u 12u one warning per team in pool play rounds. No Balk warning during playoff and championship rounds.

13u-18u no balk warnings in any round

Pitching restrictions

No limits on the amount of pitches or innings one player can throw. Coaches please make sure to keep all players safe and not over throw them in attempts to try to win a championship.

Starting Line Up

Teams can choose to bat any number of players. The extra players in your line up will be listed as an EH. Teams can also use a DH if they would like. You can have both an EH and DH in the lineup at the same time.

Shrink Rule/Playing with 8

When a player is injured and a team is roster batting that team will be forced to take an out the next time the player comes to bat. After the out is recorded the batting roster will shrink to one less hitter. If a player is ejected a team is forced to take an out each time that player steps to the plate. All games must be started with at least 9 players. A game can be finished with 8 players. Once a team establishes it has 8 players it must finish the game with 8 players.

Re- Entry Rule

Starters may be replace by a legal sub and re-enter at any time during the game as long as they re-enter into the same slot in the original batting lineup. Subs leaving the game may not return to play.

Courtesy Runner

Courtesy runners are optional for both the pitcher and catcher at any time. The last batted out can run for your pitcher or catcher. If the player is the pitcher or catcher the next batted out in the lineup will be the runner.

Bat Requirements

Players ages 13 and under may use any size bat. No restrictions. Players ages 14 and older will be required to use -3 BBCOR size bats.

Tie Breaker

1. Overall Record
2. Head to Head. If three or more teams are tied and one team has not beaten all others, runs allowed will be the tie breaker used.
3. Total runs allowed in pool play
4. Coin Flip

Not covered in the RULES

In the event any item is not covered in the rules, the tournament UIC and tournament director will make the fairest possible ruling and that ruling will be final.