



RYO/PAL/BOS/FABL
2009 Annual Independence Day
Baseball Tournament
Friday, July 3rd - Sun. July 5th
TOURNAMENT RULES



OUR #1 GOAL: FUN, FRIENDLY COMPETITION, MORE FUN!

Unless noted prior to the event, Little League Baseball (ages 8-12) and National Federation High School (ages 13 & up) Rules will be used with the following notations. RYO/PAL/BOS/FABL reserves the right to enforce particular invitational tournament rules.

1. Age Requirement: May 1st will be the designated date to determine ages. Photo copies of birth certificates will be required and must be available upon request.
2. Rosters: May not exceed 20 players during the tournament.
3. Protest Fee: \$50 cash (on rule interpretation only).
4. Game Time: Starting time is forfeit time, unless delay is created by RYO/PAL/BOS/FABL. Game time starts at completion of coin toss. Note: all teams should be at assigned field 45 min. to 1 hour prior to game.
5. Home Team: Determined by coin flip. Home team is required to keep the official book.
6. Player Minimum: A team must start with a minimum of 9 players but can finish with no less than 8 taking outs in the vacant batting order positions.
7. Time Limits: 2 HR Time Limit. Run rules and "California tiebreaker" are still in effect if time allows (See Rule 17).
8. Pitching Rules: No restrictions (coaches discretion).
*Eight warm-ups to start, five thereafter.
9. No pre-game infield. All teams are encouraged to warm up as much as possible before game time.
10. Baseballs: 3 Baseballs will be provided by tournament per game.
11. No Steel Cleats in the following age groups: 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s.
12. Bat restrictions: Barrel diameter not to exceed as follows:
8's-12's : 2 5/8"
13u & up: must adhere to the H.S. Section XI -3 weight/length restriction.
13. Uniforms: Numbers necessary, matching uniforms recommended.
14. Adverse Weather: The RYO/PAL/BOS FABL Tournament may be played in adverse weather conditions. The format may be changed to lesser time limits or fewer innings to complete the tournament. Coaches and players accept these conditions when entering the tournament.
15. Decisions: Tournament Directors shall have final decision on all tournament questions/issues.
16. REFUND POLICY: Full Refunds will be issued prior to June 15th. REFUNDS will also be issued due to an abbreviated tournament due to weather issues. Refunds will be given in the form of a credit towards next year's tournament OR a check made out to the original payee. There can be a \$75.00 administration fee charged for complete rain outs; 1 game played = 75% credit of entry fee; 2 games played = 50% credit of entry fee; 3 or more games played = no credit. All refund checks will be mailed within 5 days. All teams accept this policy upon entering tournament.

17. Tie-Breaker System: If a game is tied after all innings have been completed (or at time limit – 2 Hrs.), the "California" tie-breaker rule will go into effect. Each team puts the batter who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half of the inning on second base and plays out a full inning. This happens until the tie is broken and the game is complete.

Tie-Breaker Rules: (in event of ties in standings following pool play)

1. Head to Head Competition
2. Run Differential (max 6 for 6 inning game, max 7 for 7 inning game)
3. Runs Allowed
4. Coin Toss

18. No Show: In event of a forfeit, score shall be 6-0 for a 6 inning game and 7-0 for a 7 inning game. Teams that no-show will forfeit their entry fee and may be subject to suspension from competition in RYO/PAL/BOS/FABL events for the following season.

19. All age groups can have an EP (Extra Player) if they choose to bat 10. Ages 8-12, 2 EPs permitted; ages 13 & up, 1 EP permitted. If you start with 10, you must finish with 10 or take outs in vacated batting positions. EP must be declared at the start of the game -- an EP (10th) hitter may NOT be added after the starting lineup is submitted. EP is approved for substitution rule as is with any other starting player.

20. Speed-up rule: Teams may elect to pinch run for their catcher on base with 2 outs. The pinch runner must be the last batted out.

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8's: 42' pitching, 60' bases; 6 innings, 2 hr. time limit; 10 runs after 4 (trailing team must bat 4 times)
Championship Game: 6 innings, no time limit, run rules are still in effect.

9-10's: 46' pitching, 60' bases; 6 innings, 2 hr. time limit; 10 runs after 4 (trailing team must bat 4 times)
Championship Game: 6 innings, no time limit, run rules are still in effect.

11-12's: 51' pitching, 75' bases; 6 innings, 2 hr. time limit; 10 runs after 4 (trailing team must bat 4 times)
Championship Game: 6 innings, no time limit, run rules are still in effect.

13's & up: 60' 6" pitching, 90' bases; 7 innings, 2 hr time limit; 10 runs after 5 (trailing team must bat 5 times)
Championship Game: 7 innings, no time limit, run rules are still in effect.

RYO/PAL/BOS/FABL Tournament events are held to provide Baseball competition for the teams that attend. All managers, coaches, players and spectators must conduct themselves with the spirit of sportsmanship at all times.