



BATTLE AT THE NEST

COACH & UMPIRE QUICK HITTER

9U | 10U | 12U

There is a designated home and away team for every game. No need to flip.

RULE	9U	10U	12U
Innings	6	6	6
No New Inning	1:40 (1:30 rain)	1:40 (1:30 rain)	1:40 (1:30 rain)
Leading	No	No	Yes
Stealing	After ball crosses plate	After ball crosses plate	Full baseball rules
Dropped 3rd Strike	No	No	Yes
Infield Fly	No	No	Yes
Balks	No	No	Enforced
Head-First Advancing	No	No	Yes
USA Bats	Yes	Yes	Yes
USSSA BPF 1.15	Yes	Yes	Yes
Continuous Batting	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Defensive Subs	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited



GAME TIME

NO NEW INNING AFTER 1:40

Pool-play games **may end in a tie.**

Playoff and championship games **must have a winner.**



BATS

USA & USSSA BATS ARE LEGAL

- ✓ USA Baseball
- ✓ USSSA BPF 1.15
- ✓ 2¼" through 2¾" barrels
- ✓ Wood

This is NOT a wood-bat-only tournament.

Illegal bat = **batter out + bat removed**



9U & 10U BASERUNNING

NO LEADS

Runner may leave when the **pitched ball crosses home plate.**

Leaving early:

1st team occurrence = warning

Every occurrence after warning = runner out

Ball four = **first base only.**



12U BASERUNNING

FULL BASEBALL RULES

- ✓ Leads
 - ✓ Steals
 - ✓ Dropped third strike
 - ✓ Infield fly
 - ✓ Balks
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MERCY RULE

15 after 3

10 after 4

8 after 5



PITCHING

No tournament pitch-count restriction.

Pitch Smart guidelines strongly encouraged.

Once removed as pitcher:



CANNOT RETURN TO PITCH

Second mound visit to the same pitcher in the same inning:



PITCHER MUST BE REMOVED

Three hit batters:



PITCHER MUST BE REMOVED

LINEUPS

Teams may bat:

9 | More than 9 | Entire roster

Unlimited defensive substitutions.

Injured player in continuous lineup:

Skip spot — no out

Minimum to play:

8 players

SLASH BUNTING

NOT PERMITTED

Slash bunt = **batter out / dead ball**



BRACKET TIEBREAKERS

IF EXACTLY TWO TEAMS ARE TIED

1. **Head-to-Head**
2. **Fewest Runs Allowed**
3. **Run Differential**
4. **Most Runs Scored**
5. **Coin Toss**

IF ALL THREE TEAMS ARE TIED

Head-to-Head DOES NOT APPLY

1. **Fewest Runs Allowed**
2. **Run Differential**
3. **Most Runs Scored**

4. Coin Toss

Run Differential = Runs Scored – Runs Allowed

If one team is separated from a three-team tie, continue using the same statistical tiebreaker process to rank the remaining teams.

Do not return to head-to-head.

PLAYOFF GAME TIE

CALIFORNIA TIEBREAKER

Start the extra inning with:

BASES LOADED + 1 OUT

The previous three completed batters occupy the bases.

Continue until a winner is determined.

COURTESY RUNNERS

With **2 outs**, a courtesy runner may be used for the next inning's:

CATCHER or PITCHER

Use the **last batted out**.

TURF / EQUIPMENT

-  Metal spikes
-  Seeds
-  Gum

Turf shoes or sneakers only on portable/turf mounds.

Male players must wear a protective cup.

PROTESTS

Rules interpretation, illegal player, or illegal bat **only**.

No judgment-call protests.

Protest must be made **before the next pitch/play**.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.

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