



TOURNAMENT RULES & INFO

General Rules & Information

- **COYBL RULES APPLY TO TOURNAMENT** for any items not specifically covered below
- **Game Length** – Regulation games are 7 full innings unless the home team is winning after 6.5 innings, at which point the game is officially over. If a game cannot be completed due to rain or other circumstances, the score of the last complete inning will be taken as the final score.
- **Run or Mercy Rules** - 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 after 5.
- **Max Time Limit** – 1 hour 45 minutes. No inning may start after 1 hour 30 minutes. In the event the 1 hour 45 minute max time limit is reached while the home team is winning, the game ends and the home team is the winner. Otherwise, when the 1 hour 45 minute max time limit is reached, the game ends and the score reverts back to the last completed full inning. No time limit for championship game. Pool play games can end in a tie. In bracket play, if score is tied when time limit is reached, the score will revert to the last complete inning where there is not a tie, and the team leading in that inning is the winner. If there is no winner determined by a prior inning, the lower (better) seed will win.
- **Score** – Home team is official score book. Score Cards will be provided prior to first pitch to each team's score keeper. Home team must submit final score cards with run totals for both teams, pitchers, and innings; signed by both coaches, and the umpire. These should be given to the Tournament Standings Keeper (Kelton Kline - 614-588-2170) or Tournament Director (Jon Bialy – 614-638-5897).
- **Standings** – Standings will be updated at the link below as close to real-time as possible as score cards are submitted. Bracket play schedules will be available Saturday evening by 8:00PM. <https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/roundtownasone/schedule/314268/13u-Division>
- **Seeding** – Seeds will be set by pool play record. Any ties for seeding will be settled in the following order:

1. Head-to-head
2. Run differential (runs scored minus runs allowed). The team with higher run differential will get lower (better) seed.
3. Number of runs scored (highest wins).
4. Coin flip.

Lower (better) seeded team is home team in Bracket play.

- **Players** – no more than 1 player can be added to roster after tournament starts
- **Courtesy Runner** – allowed for Pitcher and Catcher any time. Courtesy runner cannot be in the lineup unless roster batting, in which case it must be the player that made the last out.
- **Protest** – No protests will be accepted. Umpire-in-chief's decisions are final.
- **Tiebreakers—Group Play Games**
 - Games can end in a tie; extra innings may be played only if time permits.
 - If the time limit has been reached, and the home team is ahead in their bottom half of the inning, the
 - game shall be over.
- **Tiebreakers—Bracket Games**
 - All bracket games, except championship game.
 - If a game is tied and time still remains, then one complete inning will be played after regulation; if no team wins after this inning is completed, we will then revert to the Ohio baseball shootout. If game is tied and time limit has expired, then revert to the Ohio baseball shootout. The last 2 batters on record in the batting order the previous inning will be placed in order at 1st and 2nd base (the second last batter from the previous inning goes to 2nd base and the last batter from the previous inning out goes to 1st base) and the offense will have no outs. This method will be used for every inning after until a winner is determined. No pinch/courtesy runners will be allowed for the last 2 batters that are being positioned.

Pitching

- 1 out = 1/3 inning; 2 outs = 2/3 inning; 3 outs = 1 inning
- **Maximum Innings During Tournament** – eight (8) innings
- **One Day Maximum to pitch the next day**
 - The maximum number of innings a player can pitch in one (1) day and still pitch the next day is three (3) innings.
- **One Day Maximum**
 - The maximum number of innings a player can pitch in one (1) day is seven (7) innings.
- **Tournament Maximum**
 - The maximum number of innings a player can pitch in the tournament is eight (8) innings.
- Violation of pitching maximums will be forfeit of the game the violation occurs in.
- No metal spikes on pitchers mound

Bats

- USSA/USA Drop 8 (-8) or lower (e.g. -5); BBCOR

Rain Out

- If games cannot be played due to rain out, the lower (better) seed will be awarded the victory.

Rules Quick Reference

Rule	9U-10U	11U-12U	13U	14U-16U
Base Distance	65'	70'	80'	90'
Pitching Distance	46'	50'	54'	60' 6"
Game Length	6 innings	6 innings	7 innings	7 innings
Time Limit (no limit for championship games)	1:45 - Total 1:30 - no new inning	1:45 - Total 1:30 - no new inning	1:45 - Total 1:30 - no new inning	1:45 - Total 1:30 - no new inning
	Score reverts to the last completed inning if limit is reached. Pool play games can result in a tie.			
Lead-off/Steals/Adv. On uncaught 3 rd strike	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bats	-10 USSA/USA		-8 or lower USSA/USA, BBCOR	
Mercy Rule	15 after 4; 10 after 5			
Balks	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cleats	No metal		Metal allowed except when pitching	
Sliding	Feet first only. 1 warning then called out.		Head & Feet first permitted	
Mound Visits	3 total conferences allowed. A second trip to the same pitcher in the same innings requires the pitcher to be changed.			
Pitching (1 out = 1/3 inning; 2 outs = 2/3 inning; 3 outs = 1 inning)	Age Group	One Day Max and Pitch Next Day	One Day Max Total Innings	Tournament Max
	9U-12U	3 innings	6 innings	8 innings
	13U-14U	3 innings	7 innings	8 innings
	15U-16U	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Seeding	Overall record; Tie-breakers in order: 1) Head-to-Head; 2) Run Differential; 3) Runs scored; 4) Coin Flip			
Lineups	May bat 9, 9 plus a DH, 10 (EH), or Roster bat			
Home/Visitor	Coin Flip for Pool Play only. Higher seed is home in Bracket play.			