

FEDERAL WAY KNIGHTS BASEBALL CLUB

SUMMER KNIGHTS XIV - 2018

8U DIVISION - BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES



GAME RULES

- Playing rules not specifically covered shall follow the 2018 rules for Little League.
- Player's age determination for all divisions will be based on player age on April 30, 2018.
- Games to be 6 innings. No new inning to start after 1 hour and 15 minutes. Current inning to be completed. If a regulation game is completed with time remaining, playing of additional innings will not be allowed.
- If after 5-1/2 innings of play the home team is ahead, the game is considered complete. The bottom half of the 6th inning will not be played.
- Four outfielders to be allowed. Outfielders must be outside the "infield dirt" when the play starts.
- Time will be called when any infielder, standing on the "infield dirt", has possession of the ball and raises it above his / her head – runners will advance to the next base if, in the judgment of the umpire, they were more than ½ way there. If not, runners must return to the prior base.
- The player/pitcher must be positioned within the circle behind the pitching rubber prior to each pitch.
- 5 runs maximum per inning – the last inning is an open inning (unlimited runs). No mercy rule.
- Bases to be set at 60'.
- A full use batting helmet, which covers the top and back of the head and the sides of the face, must be worn when at bat and while on the bases.
- Catchers must wear all appropriate protective gear, which includes protective mask / helmet that fully covers both ears, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup and throat guard.
- Pitching rubber to be set at 38 feet. Pitcher / coach may come forward to throw strikes.
- Pitcher / coach cannot coach from the pitching position.
- Pitcher / coach hit by a batted ball, ball is live, play continues.
- Entire roster must bat.
- Players injured and unable to finish the game are not an automatic out. The batting order moves up.
- Teams are allowed unlimited defensive substitutions. The batting order to remain the same.
- Batters get 5 pitches. 3 swinging strikes will constitute a strike out as well as 5 pitches without a hit fair ball. If the result of the fifth or following pitch is a foul ball, batter receives another pitch. Batter to continue to receive subsequent pitches as long as the player continues to foul off pitches.
- No walks will be awarded.
- No bunting. Players must take a full swing.
- No lead offs or stealing.
- Players may slide. Head first slides are not allowed.
- No infield fly rule.
- No bat length / diameter /weight restrictions. Umpire In Chief or his on field representative may disallow the use of a particular bat(s) due to equipment safety concerns (cracks, dents, etc.).
- Ties are allowed in pool play. No ties will be allowed in playoff and championship games. In playoff games, if, at the time limit or at the completion of regulation innings the game is tied, the "California" tiebreaker 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. NO time limit or tiebreaker in Division Championship games.