

2019 Iron Mountain Youth Baseball Tournament Rules

These rules are subject to change prior to the first game of the tournament. Notification will be given to each coach if a change occurs.

1. All teams must have their own insurance. Iron Mountain Youth Baseball will not be responsible or held liable for player injuries.
2. Abusive or profane language by anyone will not be tolerated, coaches and players especially. Tobacco and alcoholic beverage are prohibited on the playing field or bench areas. Throwing of equipment and displaying poor sportsmanship could result penalties or ejection.
3. Little League rules prevail except as listed in this document.
4. Team rosters must be turned into the Tournament Director prior to the first game.
5. Proof of age may be required. Team managers are responsible for providing a copy of birth certificate.
6. Each game will consist of the following:
 1. six (6) innings for the 10u, 11u and 12u games.
7. Mercy Rule: A game shall end if a team is ahead by 10 or more runs after the completion of the 4th inning for 10u, 11u, and 12u divisions.
8. Each game will be limited to the following:
 1. one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes for the 10u, 11u and 12u division.
 2. No inning will be started after the limit.
 3. All innings in progress will be completed.
 4. Tie games will be conducted per the Tie Breaker Rule.
9. Player age restrictions for baseball is per the 2019 Little League Age Chart.
10. When a manager claims that an umpire's decision is in violation of the tournament playing rules, he shall make a formal protest immediately to the plate umpire. The plate umpire will confer with the other umpires working the game, and render a final decision.
11. Each team is responsible for cleaning up the dugout area after each game.
12. Coaches may coach the bases and may be outside the dugout. All players must be inside the dugout unless the player is batting. All players outside of the dugout must wear a batting helmet.
13. Managers or coaches are not permitted behind the backstop during the game.
14. Trips to the mound by a coach may not exceed one (1) trip per pitcher in one (1) inning. Once the pitcher is removed from the game he cannot return to the mound in the same game.
15. Five (5) warm up pitches will be allowed between innings. Eight (8) pitches will be allowed to a new pitcher.
16. There is no BALK BALL rule in the 10u, 11u and 12u division.
17. No leading off the bases in the 10u, 11u and 12u divisions. The ball must reach the catcher before the runner may leave the base. If a runner is caught leaving early, the ball is dead and the running will be called out.
18. Stealing home is allowed.
19. In-Field Fly rule will be used.
20. Dropped third strike: The batter may advance on an uncaught third strike. This rule will not apply for the 10u Division.
21. On overthrows, the base runner and batters may advance as many bases as they can. If the ball goes over the fence or out of the confines of the playing area, or any equipment interferes, the runner may advance to the base they were headed to plus one (1).

22. Any batter requested by the coach to be intentionally walked must notify the umpire behind the plate.
23. No in-field practice before games.
24. All players must wear baseball caps.
25. Players must slide or avoid the tagger when there is the possibility of a play at that base or home plate. If a runners slides, he or she must slide within reach of the base with either a hand or foot. No malicious contact.
26. Pitcher's will be limited to two (2) innings per game for the 10u, 11u and 12u divisions. One pitch thrown will constitute an inning pitched.
27. A team must have eight (8) players to start the game, but cannot finish the game with less than eight (8). When a team falls below eight (8) players the game will be considered a forfeit.
28. No metal spikes for the 10u, 11u and 12u divisions.
29. All divisions will play nine (9) players in the field.
30. All division must bat the entire team's roster in continuous order. All teams will have free substitutions.
31. Courtesy runners are not allowed since we are Roster Batting.
32. Tie breakers for seeding pool play into bracket play and Round Robin standing will be as follows:
 1. Head to Head
 2. Runs allowed
 3. Runs scored
 4. Coin Flip
33. A Coin flip will decide home and away for each game. The home team is the official scorekeeper. Any discrepancies must be brought to the attention of the Umpire. The Umpire will make the final decision. All line-ups must be handed to thee opposing scorekeeper fifteen (15) minutes before the game.
34. Tie Breaker Rule. Extra innings will be conducted, until the tie is broken, per the procedure below:
 1. Inning starts with the away team at bat and a runner on second base. Batters will receive one (1) pitch, a strike or foul ball is an out, a ball is a walk, and a hit is a normal hit. After three outs the home team is at bat with a runner on second base and the process starts over. This will continue until the tie is broken at the completion of the inning.
35. Intentional Delaying of the Game: No Manager will intentionally Delay the start of an inning in an attempt to win the game by using the clock. Once a third out has been determined teams must quickly exchange positions on the field. The Umpire in Charge will allow the pitcher their five (5) warm up pitches and then start the inning.
 1. Delay of Game Procedures:
 - a. First a verbal warning will be given the manager;
 - b. If the defensive team is stalling a ball will be called for each normal pitch-catch-throw back time frame, 4 balls batter is awarded a base;
 - c. If the offensive team is stalling a strike will be called for each normal pitch-catch-throw back time frame, 3 strikes and the next listed batter is out.
36. Bat Regulations - The bat must be a baseball bat which meets USA Baseball or USSSA specifications with a maximum length of 33".

Non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the following:

 - USA Baseball logo with a maximum diameter of 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ ".
 - USSSA 1.15 BPF with a maximum diameter of 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".