

The 9th Tournament Information and Rule

1. Players Age Qualification Limit

All players should be born on or after 1 January 2000 for under age 12, after 1 January 2002 for Under age 10.

2. Players' Insurance Coverage

All team members should be covered with comprehensive insurance policy which shall be arranged by each team.

3. Tournament Regulation

The games are conducted in accordance with the rule of IBA-Boys.

4. Tournament Format

Under age 12

1. The 1st Day (5th Oct FRIDAY) => Single Round Robin

(2) The 2nd Day (6th Oct SATURDAY) => Single Round Robin

Nine (9) teams will be divided into 2 groups of A, B and play single round robin.

Teams in each group are ranked by the following point system and tiebreaker rule. Three (3) points will be given for win, Two (2) for draw and One (1) for loss. In case of tie points, tiebreakers are ranked by –①“Head to Head” result, -②“Difference between runs scored and allowed” –③“Toss/Janken of 9 players”.

(3) The 3rd Day (7th Oct SUNDAY) => Positioning Match

The Semi Final Matches are played by 1st ranked teams in each group (A & B) against 2nd ranked teams of the opposite group. Championship Match & 3rd Positioning Match will be played after Semi Final Matches.

5th Positioning Match is played by both of 3rd ranked teams in each group (A & B), and for 7th Position, 5th ranked team of group A and 4th ranked team of group B play first, then its winner can play with 4th ranked team of group A.

Under age 10

1. The 1st Day (5th Oct FRIDAY) => Single Round Robin

(2) The 2nd Day (6th Oct SATURDAY) => Single Round Robin

Six (6) teams will be divided into 2 groups of A, B and play single round robin.

Teams in each group are ranked by the following point system and tiebreaker rule. Three (3) points will be given for win, Two (2) for draw and One (1) for loss. In case of tie points, tiebreakers are ranked by –①“Head to Head” result, -②“Difference between runs scored and allowed” –③“Toss/Janken of 9 players”.

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5. Game Duration Limit (for Under age 12 & Under age 10)

1. Round Robin

- 1) For Under age 12, each game has 7 innings or 80 minutes. No new inning starts after 70 minutes.
- 2) For Under age 10, each game has 5 innings or 70 minutes. No new inning starts after 60 minutes.
- 3) In all the matches of Round Robin for Under 10 and Under 12, a tie game is applicable after above-mentioned duration limit.

2. Position Match

- 1) For Under age 12, Semi final and Positioning games have 7 innings or 90 minutes. No new inning starts after 80 minutes.
And Championship and 3rd position match have 7 innings or 90 minutes. No new inning starts after 80 minutes.
- 2) For Under age 10, each game has 5 innings or 70 minutes. No new inning starts after 60 minutes.
- 3) If the score is a tie after 7th inning or the inning after 80 minutes for Under age 12, and after 5th inning or the inning after 60 minutes for Under age 10, extra 1 inning will be conducted with one out on the full bases loaded. In this case, the team manager can choose runners and batters, i.e. can make a new line up for 9 players). If the score is still a tie after the extra 1 inning, the winner will be decided by "Janken" (Paper-Stone-Scissors) with 9 players.

6. Maximum Score in one Inning (Seven runs rule)

If 7 runs are scored in a single inning, the inning is changed even before three outs in all games throughout the tournament.

7. Mercy Rule (Called Game)

- (1) If the difference of runs is over 10 after 65 minutes for Under age 12 and after 55 minutes for Under age 10, the game shall be called when the inning is completed. (The bottom in the inning must be finished.)
- (2) For both of Under age 12 and 10, when one team leads the other by 15 or more after the end of bottom of 3rd, or after end of top of 3rd inning in case the home team is leading ahead, the game shall be called.

And also for Under age 12, when one team leads the other by 10 or more after the end of bottom of 5th, or after end of top of 5th inning in case the home team is leading ahead, the game shall be called.

- (3) If the difference of runs is over 8 after 80 minutes for Under age 12 and after 70 minutes for Under age 10, the game shall be called even during the inning according to the above rule of 6., "Maximum Score in one inning".

1. Dugout

Please look at the tournament schedule.

2. Official Ball

IBA-Boys official ball, Nankyu low bound C ball is used for Under age 12 and Under age 10.

3. Field Dimension

(1) For Under age 12

Base distance: 23m

pitching distance: 16m

(2) For Under age 10

Base distance: 21m

pitching distance: 14m

4. Pitching Rule

Breaking ball is not allowed in the game. There is no restriction to pitching innings for one pitcher. However, the team manager should take care of the physical condition of the pitcher.

5. Homerun

Homerun will be given when the batted ball passed over the temporary plastic pylon directly, and two bases will be given if the grounder passes the pylon. If the batted ball hits the pylon directly, homerun will be given.

1. Out of bounds (OB)

“Playing field” is the area which is enclosed with OB lines, Homerun lines, Nets and Fences.

In case the ball goes out of the “Playing field”, the play shall be judged by the umpire according to the official baseball rules, however on occasion when a fielder goes into OB zone after he catches the fly ball, it is treated as making a catch and gives OUT, and it is still “Ball in-play”.

2. Base Coach

Either coach or player can be base coach.

1. Safety

Batters and runners must wear helmets.

2. Practice before game and pitcher's throw

Infield practice before the game may or may not be allowed due to the tournament progress. Five or less throws are allowed at the first inning for every pitcher, while 3 throws are allowed after his second inning.

3. Cooperation regarding game progression (important)

1. For smooth play in the game, all coaches have to advice players of your team to hurry up in case of changing players and positions, and between innings.

2. Batters have to be in the Batter box during looking for the sign from coaches.

3. After your game, all the coaches have to level the field, and let players move out from dugout with their equipments and garbage speedily.

4. Regulation Game

When 4th innings is completed or game duration exceeds 60 minutes for Under age 12, 3th innings is completed or game duration exceeds 50 minutes for Under age 10, the game shall be a regulation game.

5. Suspended Game

In case a game stopped because of weather or other reason, the following rules will be applied.

1. When a game is stopped after it becomes a regulation game, it shall be ruled a

complete game.

- (2) When a game is stopped before it becomes a regulation game, it shall be played completed to time limit.
- (3) When a game is tied after it becomes a regulation game, it will be ruled a suspended game and shall resume at the exact point of suspension.
- (4) The Organizing Committee is empowered to decide on the time and method for resumption games.

6. Protest

Only protests including interpretation of the rules will be allowed by a team manager and entertained during the game and the technical committee will resolve it.

7. Prize

Champion flag, which will be returned, will be given to champion team of Under age 12. Team trophies and medals will be given for all players of Under age 12/10 for 1st to 3rd position teams. Memorial plaque will be given to 4th to 9th position team. One MVP and one Best Player prizes shall be given to two players for each team, who will be selected by a manager of each team.

(The manager shall inform players' name of MVP and Best Player to the tournament director before Closing ceremony.)