

Baseball Tournament Rules for 2024

- 1. Each team is allowed 7 home runs (over the fence) per game. Any home run after 7 will be a single and players on base move ahead one base only. However the homerun still counts towards the tournament home run count.
- *If the difference of the homeruns between teams is less than 5, then more than 7 home runs will be allowed to a difference of not more than 5*
- 2. No touching home plate. Any player touching home plate is automatically out.

Running a safe distance behind the plate is strongly encouraged.

3. Commitment line will be enforced. This line is 2/3 the distance from 3rd base to home plate.

Once a runner passes this line he or she must go to home plate.

- 4. Only one outfielder is allowed inside the 150ft line during at bat.
- 5. If a ball is hit and there is no play at 1st base, the first base person is responsible for getting out of the way of the runner.

Any other infielders are also responsible to not obstruct the base runner while they are advancing around the bases.

6. Please show good sportsmanship to umpires and other teams. Unsportsmanlike conduct or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

Persons found breaking this rule will be dealt with, up to and including suspensions or banned from the tournament.

- 7. Any missing player is an automatic out. Teams must have a minimum of 8 players to play games.
- 8. A maximum of 10 batters or 3 outs per side per inning. Female players must bat in the 3rd, 6th and 9th batting order.
- 9. After 5 complete innings a 10 run mercy rule will be enforced.
- 10. The 10th batter cannot be walked. In this case any base runners advance 1 base and the batter gets a new count.
- 11. When a player is removed from the game for a pinch runner or hitter, that player may not re-enter that game.
- 12. A line will be drawn perpendicular to home plate by the umpire. All players at home plate will be considered on a force basis.

A runner must pass this line prior to the touching of the plate by the PLAYER in possession of the ball.

- 13. Pitchers must touch the rubber on the pitcher's mound at some point during the pitch.
- 14. Metal cleats are not permitted.
- 15. Players are permitted to play for one team only. Including substitutions. No exceptions
- 16. All Players must be 16 years of age or older. Players aged 16 and 17 must submit a written consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian and present their I.D. (birth certificate or driver's license) to the CCI Organizing committee before stepping on the field.