

**PULASKI YOUTH ORGANIZATION
TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION
14U – DIVISION**

** The home team will be responsible to run the scoreboard for each game

A team roster will consist of no more than fifteen (15) players. Once a team begins its first game, its roster will be set for the tournament. Team rosters are to be turned into the tournament director 30 minutes prior to the first game. Copies of birth certificates must be available if requested by the tournament director – age cut-off date APRIL 30.

WIAA Baseball Rules are in effect with the following exceptions noted below:

A. Games will be seven (7) innings in length, with the 10-run rule in effect after five (5) full innings or 4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.

B. Diamonds have 90 foot bases and a 60 foot pitching distance.

C. A pitcher may pitch in any and all games; however, a pitcher will be limited to four (4) innings in any game or 12 outs total. Once removed from the mound, a pitcher may not return to the mound during the remainder of that game.

D. Coaches are allowed one (1) trip to the mound each inning. A second trip in the same inning shall require the removal of the pitcher. A pitcher walking toward the baseline to discuss play with the manager/coach shall be counted as a trip to the mound.

E. ALL substitutions must be reported to the home plate umpire prior to their entering the game. Opposing team is to receive a copy of lineup. Starters may re-enter once. Home book is the official scorebook.

F. Designated hitters are allowed.

G. Throwing the ball around the horn is NOT allowed due to time limitations.

H. No appeal on a missed base—it is an automatic out to be called by the umpire at the end of play.

I. Any runner is out when he does not slide or attempt to avoid contact with a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag or if he maliciously runs into a fielder. Base runners may not hurdle a fielder or catcher. (Umpires Discretion)

J. Only players and coaching staff are allowed in dugouts for liability reasons.

K. Winning team coaches are to report all game results (Winner, Loser, Score) to the MEMORIAL Park standings board or a PYO representative. Teams are responsible for determining their standings for the following day's game prior to leaving the park for the night.

L. No inning will start later than one (1) hour and fifty (50) minutes from the actual starting time of the game.

M. The team listed on top in the game bracket uses the third base dugout, while the team on the bottom uses the first base dugout. Home team determined by coin flip in all games.

N. Only the team's head coach may discuss a decision with the umpire.

O. Tournament sponsors are not liable for injuries occurring during the tournament.

P. No infield practice will be allowed prior to any game. NO soft toss is allowed into any fencing, with any type of ball. Pitchers are to warm-up in bullpen only – NO practice using fencing as back stop.

Q. Steel spikes are allowed in the 14 year-old division.

R. Individual awards will be given out to 1st place and 2nd place

S. A courtesy runner for the catcher is mandatory with two (2) outs and may also be used with less than two (2) outs. A courtesy runner may also be used for the pitcher, but he must be inserted in the game immediately upon the pitcher reaching base. All courtesy runners shall be players not currently in the game.

T. No protests are allowed—umpires' decisions are final. Umpires shall be treated with respect.

U. Team chanting is not allowed and will be ruled as an un-sportsmanlike behavior and subject to game forfeiture. (This also includes No clapping while on base, and No yelling while a pitcher is in their windup or release).

V. The time limit and 10-run rule will be waived for the championship game.

W. Leading off will be allowed at any time.

X. Bat differential will be WIAA rule. (-5) for 14U

The tournament officials reserve the right to change the tournament format in the event of extended delays caused by inclement weather in order to allow the completion of the tournament. In the case of rain delays, team managers or representatives shall report to MEMORIAL PARK and apprise tournament officials of their telephone number so they can be contacted when necessary.

Teams not available to re-start at the proper time will be subject to game forfeiture.

In case of inclement weather, the following procedures should be followed to ensure that coaches and tournament officials maintain the best line of communication possible:

***If the weather interrupts play once a day's slate has been started, coaches should report to tournament headquarters at MEMORIAL Park to receive updates and/or directions.**

***If rain occurs during the night, coaches should call Pat McDermid at 920-822-8375.**

If there is any question relative to whether or not a game is to be played as scheduled, we recommend that you show up as scheduled or check at tournament headquarters.

NO "CARRY INS" WILL BE ALLOWED in MEMORIAL PARK. Please patronize our full service concession stand so that our organization can continue to improve.

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