



## SPRING 2018 POST SEASON TOURNAMENT RULES

**\*All regular season rules are in effect with the addition of these post season rules\***

- A. Home team is determined by higher seed from season throughout the tournament. Team that emerges from winner's bracket will be home team for the first Championship game. Should a second championship game be needed, home team will be determined by a coin toss. The higher seeded team will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.
- B. Time Limit:
  - 1) 8U, 10U, 12U, and Upper divisions - No new inning started after 1 hour and 25 minutes. Max game is seven (7) innings.
  - 2) There will be no time limit but a maximum number of innings played - 8U (5 innings), 10U (6 innings), and 12U / Upper (7 innings) during championship games.
- C. International Tie Breakers will be used in the event of a tie score at the end of regulation time or innings in elimination round and Championship game (s). 8U & 10U – For ITB, run rule does not apply.
- D. In all divisions, all pitch counts will begin at zero for the beginning of the tournament. Any pitcher may be returned to the pitching position one (1) time. If a coach returns the same player in the game to the pitching position more than once, this is an illegal substitution. Pitching changes must be announced to the umpire.
  - 1) 8U will follow regular season pitching out rules once the tournament begins.
  - 2) 10U will have 21pitching outs every two games once tournament begins.
  - 3) 12U and Upper divisions there will be no pitching limitations during tournament.
  - 4) Pitching changes don't have to be called in the 12U and Upper divisions.
  - 5) No pitching changes need to be made in all divisions during championship games.
- E. For 8U & 10U divisions, during the Championship game (s), there will be no pitching limitations or run limitations. In 8U, players can remain in the same defensive position for the entire game.
- F. Games may be cancelled by the umpire prior to the time limit due to inclement weather, darkness, and/or unsafe conditions.
- G. If such a game has NOT completed one (1) hour of play, the game shall be rescheduled and replayed in its entirety, subject to field availability.



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- H. If such game HAS completed one (1) hour of playing time the following will apply:
- 1) If the inning is completed, the score at that point will be recorded as official.
  - 2) If the inning is not completed:
    - a. If the visiting team completes their at-bat and the home team is leading, the score at the time the game is called will be official.
    - b. If the visiting team does not complete their at-bat or is leading at the time the game is called, the score at the end of the last completed inning will be the official score. In the event that the score be tied at the end of the last completed inning, the winning team will be determined based on the number of runners reaching first base. Runners reaching first base as a result of hits and errors during the completed innings only (not including base on balls, hit by pitch or illegal pitches), as recorded in the official scorebook, shall be counted. In the event that the runners reaching first base is tied, a coin toss shall decide the winning team.
- I. In the event of tournament games requiring to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, darkness and/or unsafe conditions, games will be rescheduled within allotted time given by City of Murrieta and at board discretion.
- J. In the event of a Championship game being cancelled due to inclement weather, darkness and/or unsafe conditions, and a rescheduled game cannot be completed prior to the posted Closing Day for the season, placement shall be as follows:
- 1) The team advancing from the Winner's bracket shall be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place honors.
  - 2) The team advancing from the Loser's bracket shall be awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place honors.