## TVGSA – 2025 Fall Season 8U - Uppers Playoff Tournament Rules

- 1. Teams may have their regularly scheduled practices as long as it is not on the same date as a playoff game. A team may not have a game and field practice on the same date. Pre-game warm ups of no more than 1 hour are allowed prior to a playoff game.
- 2. Team facility practices and field practices may not be switched with another manager, nor will they be rescheduled.
- 3. With exception of 14U/Uppers (not applicable), pitching outs will reset at the start of the first game in the playoffs.
- 4. Games are 1 hour 20 minutes, no new inning (all divisions). No "drop dead" is applied during playoffs.
- 5. There will be no ties. Ties resulting at the end of regulation will follow International Tie Breaker (ITB) Rules.
- 6. There will be a coin toss for Home and Away in all games, except when Winners bracket meets Loser, for the FIRST Championship Game. A coin toss will determine Home/Away for the "if" game.
- 7. Double elimination bracket will be determined by a blind draw. Season standings are not applicable.
- 8. The team on the **top** of the bracket will occupy the **3rd base dugout**. Both teams will contribute to field prep.

## **Post Season Rule Exceptions:**

- All Pitching Outs/Innings are reset for the start of Playoffs.
- 8U Post Season Tournament Exception: If a game ends in a tie and ITB is needed, then all pitchers that have pitched the 2-inning limit can be brought back into the game to pitch during "ITB", not to exceed an additional 2 innings.
- 8U Post Season Tournament Exception: During **BRACKET** play, the four (4) run rule is still applicable in all ITB innings, with the ability to go up +1 run. During **CHAMPIONSHIP** and "**IF**" games, there is no maximum number of runs that can be scored in ITB innings.
- 10U Post Season Tournament exception: During **BRACKET** play, the four (4) run rule is still applicable in all ITB innings, with the ability to go up +1 run. During **CHAMPIONSHIP** and "**IF**" games, there is no maximum number of runs that can be scored in ITB innings. All outs recorded during "ITB" will count against pitching outs maximums.

- 12U Post Season Tournament Exception: During **BRACKET** play, the six (6) run rule is still applicable in all ITB innings, with the ability to go up +1 run. During **CHAMPIONSHIP** and "**IF**" games, there is no maximum number of runs that can be scored in ITB innings. All outs recorded during "ITB" will count against pitching outs maximums.
- 14U/Uppers Post Season Tournament Exception: During **BRACKET** play, the six (6) run rule is still applicable in all ITB innings, with the ability to go up +1 run. During **CHAMPIONSHIP** and "**IF**" games, there is no maximum number of runs that can be scored in ITB innings.

Violation of any of the above rules will result in, and is not limited to, a game suspension for the next scheduled playoff game.

Thank you and good luck to all teams!