

TVGSA – 2026 Spring 8U–12U 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. 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. Home and Away is determined by season standings; the higher seeded team remains Home team throughout playoffs, 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 was determined by season standings.
8. Home team 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: 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 a Tie Breaker (ITB) the maximum number of runs that can be scored is 8 runs.
- 10U – Post Season Tournament Exception: During a Tie Breaker (ITB) the maximum number of runs that can be scored is 8. All outs recorded during “ITB” will count against pitching outs maximums.
- 12U – Post Season Tournament Exception: During a Tie Breaker (ITB) the maximum number of runs that can be scored is 12. All outs recorded during “ITB” will count against pitching outs maximums.

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!