



HCYP Invitational Tournament Rules Summary

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RULE	8U	10U	12U	14/15U
Base Path Distance	60'	60'	70'	90'
Pitching Distance	42'	46'	50'	60'
Game Length	6 innings	6 innings	6 innings	7 innings
Complete Game	4 innings (or time limit)	4 innings (or time limit)	4 innings (or time limit)	4 innings (or time limit)
Time Limit (excl. Championships)	No new innings after 1 hour 45 minutes			No new innings after 1h 45m
Run Limit	5 runs per inning (Innings 1 - 5) Unlimited (Innings 6+)	6 runs per inning (Innings 1 - 5) Unlimited (Innings 6+)	8 runs per inning (Innings 1 - 5) Unlimited (Innings 6+)	8 runs per inning (Innings 1 - 6) Unlimited (Innings 7+)
Mercy Rule	15 runs after 3 innings	15 runs after 3 innings	15 runs after 3 innings	15 runs after 4 innings
	12 runs after 4 innings	12 runs after 4 innings	12 runs after 4 innings	12 runs after 5 innings
	10 runs after 5 innings	10 runs after 5 innings	10 runs after 5 innings	10 runs after 6 innings
Must Avoid Contact	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stealing	No	Once pitch crosses plate	Yes	Yes
Leads	No	No	Yes	Yes
Balks	No	No	Yes, one warning per Team	Yes, one warning per Team
Run on Dropped 3rd Strike	No	No	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly Rule	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bunting	No	Yes (no slash bunting)	Yes	Yes
Bats (Max Size)	2 3/4 diameter (minus unlimited)	2 3/4 diameter (minus unlimited)	2 3/4 diameter (minus unlimited)	2 3/4 diameter (minus 3)
Cleats/Spikes	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber or Metal
Batting	Must Declare # of Offensive Hitters at Plate Conference	Must Declare # of Offensive Hitters at Plate Conference	Must Declare # of Offensive Hitters at Plate Conference	Must Declare # of Offensive Hitters at Plate Conference
# of Fielders	10 (4 OF)	9	9	9
Re-Entry Rule	All fielders may re-enter at any time except for pitchers. Once a pitcher is taken out of the game, the player may not re-enter as a pitcher			
Injured Player	An injured player may be removed from the lineup without penalty - if an injured player misses an entire at bat, they cannot return to the lineup			
Courtesy Runners	Pitcher and catcher of record at any time			
Pitching Limits	4 innings/day, 8 innings/tournament	4inn/game, 5inn/day, 10inn/tournament	4inn/game, 6inn/day, 12inn/tournament	4inn/game, 6inn/day, 12inn/tournament
Mound Visits	Pitcher must be removed on second mound visit in an inning	Pitcher must be removed on second mound visit in an inning	Pitcher must be removed on second mound visit in an inning	Pitcher must be removed on second mound visit in an inning
Curve Balls	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Intentional Walk	Not allowed	An intentional walk may be declared without throwing four balls	An intentional walk may be declared without throwing four balls	An intentional walk may be declared without throwing four balls
Ejections	If a player, manager, coach, scorekeeper, parent or fan is ejected from a game, they will be suspended from participating in the next game, and possible expulsion from tournament, including Championship Series. All ejections must be reported to Tournament Director to determine eligibility			