



Tournament Rules

1. **Age Requirement:** May 1st will be the designated date to determine ages. Players who exceed the age of the division before May 1st will not be eligible to participate in that division. Players who turn 19 are eligible for the 18U division if they are 2010 graduates.
2. **Rosters:** Coaches must turn in rosters prior to playing the first game. A player may not be on two rosters in the same division. Copies of birth certificates or driver license must be made available upon request. Only coaches listed on rosters will be allowed through the gate, and then only with a picture ID – NO EXCEPTIONS. General managers and scorekeepers must buy a ticket. Coaches must be in uniform to be let into the facility or coach on the field.
3. **Baseballs:** All teams are required to supply a dozen baseballs prior to the first game of the tournament. These baseballs must be an approved brand such as Diamond, Rawlings, Wilson, etc. If you are not sure please call our offices to confirm.
4. **Playoff Format:**
For 18U: First place teams from each bracket plus wild card teams for a total of 16 advances to the playoffs. **Tiebreakers:** Ties will be dealt with according to the following: **1)** Best record. **2)** Head-to-head. **3)** Runs allowed. **4)** Run differential. **5)** Coin Flip.
For 16U: First place teams from each bracket plus wild card teams for a total of 8 advances to the playoffs. **Tiebreakers:** Ties will be dealt with according to the following: **1)** Best record. **2)** Head-to-head. **3)** Runs allowed. **4)** Run differential. **5)** Coin Flip.
No teams that have met in pool play will meet in first round play unless the game involves the last seed of the tournament. The seeds will be changed according to WBF rules.
5. **Ejections:** Player ejections require a one-game suspension if deemed due to inappropriate language, throwing helmets, non-sportsmanship behavior, etc. Coaches are automatically suspended one game after a second ejection – no exceptions. The tournament committee will review all ejections for further punishment. The umpires and staff reports will dictate the decision-making process.
6. **Protest Fees:** \$100.00 cash (in rule interpretation only). Protest of uniform will not be allowed. The tournament director will be responsible for team's conformity.
7. **Game Time:** Starting time is forfeit time unless delay is created by tournament director. All pre-game warm-ups should be done in the outfield or designated areas. No infield permitted. We cannot use the batting cages during this event. Please do not hit baseballs into chain link fences; however, there is a soft toss area between Field's 2 and 3 that can be used.

8. **Time Limit:** Two hours for pool play. Playoffs are untimed. Tournament director reserves the right to implement lesser time limits due to inclement weather. If home team is ahead bottom half of the inning will not be played if time has expired. Ties will stand in pool play.
9. **Home Team:** Will be determined by coin flip in pool play and by seeding in bracket play up to the championship game. The home team will be required to keep a scorebook. The umpire in chief will be responsible for the official score and changes.
10. **Run Rule:** Eight runs after five innings. Fifteen runs after three innings in all tournament games.
11. **DH Rule:** Designated hitter – Teams may use a designated hitter for the pitcher ONLY; this will be treated the same way as American League Baseball rule.
12. **EH Rule:** Extra hitter – Bat ten players, the EH can go into the field for any of the other nine players in the game and that player will then become the EH. The batting order does not change. A team can use a DH and an EH in the same lineup.
13. **Bat:** Bats must be wood or wood composite; no synthetics.
14. **Courtesy Runner:** Courtesy runner for both the pitcher and the catcher may be used at any time. Courtesy runner has to be someone not presently in the line-up. The same player cannot run for both in the same inning.
15. **Inclement Weather Policy:** 0 games played – 75% refund, 1 game played – 50% refund, 2 games played – no refund.
16. **Tournament Brackets:** Official brackets will be posted at the Osceola front offices near the front gate. There will be a seeding meeting on Thursday night at 6 pm at the Osceola main office. ALL TEAMS MUST ATTEND MEETING. Please no phone calls. Consolation brackets may be changed upon tournament director's discretion.
17. **Tickets:** Packages are \$35 for the entire week and \$10 Daily. Please note there are NO coolers allowed in this event per Osceola County policy with the exception of ONE team cooler.
18. **AABC:** A Connie Mack bid is to be offered to the winner of the 18U tournament team. If the winner chooses to go to the Memphis Regional they will immediately submit a 20-man roster after the game and supply the tournament director with a \$500 check made payable to the FABAA. If the winner does not choose to attend the regional than no teams will be selected. The check is going to Jim Cowen of the AABC and will only be cashed if the winning team does not participate in the regional. Mr. Cowen from the AABC will return the check at the end of the regional.

For more information, contact the tournament director, Bob Pincus, at (352) 396-1108.