

GCBL TOURNAMENT RULES

9U GAME PLAY

(NFHS rules will apply with the following exceptions)

1. Teams will field 10 players (including 4 outfielders.) Failure to field at least 9 players at any time will result in a forfeit. Forfeit time is 10 minutes after the scheduled game time. Pitchers will be given 5 warm up pitches before game, in between innings, and pitching changes.
3. A runner who fails to slide to avoid contact may be called out. A player may face ejection if malicious contact was made. This is at the umpire's discretion.
4. 9U pitches from a 46' rubber and use 60' bases. Each pitcher is restricted to 3 innings per game. One pitch is considered one inning. Pitchers may not re-enter as a pitcher once they have been removed.
5. A complete game consists of 6 innings. All pool play games will have a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit. No new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes. All bracket play games will have a 2 hour time limit. No new inning after 2 hours. There is no time limit for championship games.
6. Run Rule is 12 runs after 4 complete innings and 10 runs after 5 complete innings. It is not necessary to play the bottom of the inning if the home team is winning.
7. Tie breakers for seeding purposes:
 1. Win-Loss record
 2. Head to head
 3. Runs allowed
 4. Run differential (max run differential is + or - 8 runs)
 5. Coin flip
8. Courtesy runners are encouraged to help speed up the game. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher with 2 outs. The runner must be the player who made the last out at the plate.
9. Base runners may not lead off until the ball crosses the plate. An umpire may call a runner out for leaving a base early.) Base runners may steal any base, including home on a throw back to the pitcher.
10. In the event of a weather issue, every effort will be made to get all the games played. The tournament director has the right to shorten games and change all scheduling to accommodate. Refund policy is as follows: 75% refund if no games played (covers trophies and diamond dry.)
11. Teams must roster bat entire roster with free substitution.
12. No altered or shaved bats allowed.
13. Batter is out on a dropped third strike.
14. Infield fly rule will not be enforced.

