



## ***MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES***

1. Pool and elimination games are 1 hour 30 minutes. All run rules will apply. Pool games can end in a tie. In elimination play, the international tiebreaker will be used. (Last batter out becomes base runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> base.)
2. The Middle School Tournament will be played in Complex D on 60' x 90' fields.
3. Teams will hit their own baseballs (2 per game per team) and use **(-3) bats only**.
4. Completed games are 6 innings.
5. Run rules are **10 after 3 innings and 8 after 4 or 5 innings**.
6. Home team will be decided by coin toss in pool games. Higher seeded team will be the home team in elimination games. Home team will be the official scorekeeper.
7. Courtesy runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers. 1<sup>st</sup> option – must use sub player on team. 2<sup>nd</sup> option – Last batted out if no sub player available. If last batted out was a pitcher or catcher, goes to batter prior to the last batted out.
8. Because of limited playing times, intentional walks are granted automatically without pitching the ball. Pitcher must make the request to the home plate umpire.
9. DH/EH - Teams may bat a nine (9) player line-up, or a nine (9) player line-up with a Designated Hitter (DH), or a ten (10) player line-up with an Extra Hitter (EH), or a 10 player line-up with a DH and EH.
10. Seeding for the tournament (1-10) in each division will be based on a team's won-lost record. Seeding will take place after the final pool game. In the event of ties:
  - a) Head to head competition (only if two are tied, if 3 or more are tied, go to "b")
  - b) Fewest runs allowed in all games
  - c) Run differential (runs scored minus runs allowed)
  - d) Coin toss
- 11. The Sportsplex will **not** keep pitching records for the weekend. We know Middle School coaches have the best interest for their young players and will not jeopardize their future.**