

# GRAPEVINE

## BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

### GBS Baseball Tournament Rules

**Teams must have insurance and rosters on file through NCS software before play.**

#### Game Rules

1. GBS will provide pitching and score cards to registered teams for each game.
2. Each team must provide one (1) new "game quality" ball for each game.
3. Maximum of 5 runs or 3 outs per half inning
4. Run rules: 15 after 3, 10 after 4, 6 after 5
5. Maximum game time length:
  - 6U and 8U – 1 Hour 15 Minutes
  - 9U – 12U – 1 Hour 30 Minutes
  - 14U – 1 Hour 45 Minutes
6. Games can start up to 15 minutes early if the field is clear and ready to play. Bat entire line-up on submitted roster.
7. No pitch count in any age groups.
8. Seeding for Bracket:
  - 1) Best Record (if 3 or more teams are tied – go to #3)
  - 2) Head to Head
  - 3) Runs Allowed
  - 4) Runs Scored
  - 5) Coin Flip

#### Pool Play

1. Coin flip to determine home team
2. Pool games can end in tie. The game will be split between the visiting and home teams with 1/2 point each (or .5)
3. No NEW inning will start after time limit has expired. Once time has expired and it is determined that there is no way the losing team can score enough runs to tie or win the game within the inning they are playing, the batter at the plate will finish their at bat and then the game is over.
4. No ties in elimination games. The modified California Tie-breaker rules applies if an elimination game ends with a score tied. The game shall continue using a modified California Tie-breaker rule until a winner is determined at the end of the next, fully completed inning.

#### Modified California Tie-Breaker Definition:

1. Each half inning will start with the bases loaded and one (1) out
2. Each team will continue the batting order from the previous inning
3. With the three (3) previous batters occupying the bases:
  - a. With the last batter occupying 1st base

- b. With the second batter occupying 2nd base
- c. The 3rd batter occupying 3rd base

### **Other Rules:**

1. No artificial noise makers are allowed to be used. Examples include but are not necessarily limited to: air-horns, bells, shakers, rattles, drums, etc...
2. No infield practice for any teams. No opening ceremony.
3. Closing ceremony shall include the award of trophies by the Tournament Director or a designated representative (board member or other appointed individual).
4. ALL AROUND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, that goes for the coaches, parents and of course players. Set an example to the players, treat others with respect. Coaches set the tone, be the example for the girls
5. NO SELECT PLAYERS, PERIOD! This includes players who have guest played on a select roster during the current season
6. Birth certificates must be kept by coaches throughout the tournament and provided to the tournament staff if a protest has been made. Protests can be made at the time of the infraction with a \$100 protest fee. If the protest is awarded, the protesting team will get their fee returned to them.

### **Game Reporting**

1. Scores are reported by the umpires after the coaches have signed the completed score card.

### **Baseball:**

1. Follow NCS rules unless stated otherwise