

MASON CITY HY-VEE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Teams are to report to the tournament headquarters table with 6 new leather balls, team entry fee, gate fee, and roster prior to their first game played. New balls may be purchased at the registration table for \$4.00 each. All used balls will become the property of MCYBA.

Mason City Youth Baseball Association (MCYBA), volunteers, and representatives are not responsible for any injuries, accidents, lost or stolen items. Teams are responsible for their own insurance.

All divisions will follow Little League's Rule Book except as noted below.

Each game will have a 1 hour 45 minute time limit; a new inning will not start after 1 hr 40 minutes. The time will start at the first pitch of the game.

Base runners must attempt to avoid contact at any base. This is not a must slide rule.

Mandatory runner for the catcher when there are 2 outs. Runner must be the player who made the last out or a player not currently in the playing line-up.

Umpires will monitor pitcher # and innings pitched and this will be posted on the blackboard near the main concession stand.

No designated hitters are allowed. Teams may use an Extra Hitter or bat their entire line-up.

The run rule is 12 after 3, 10 after 4 and 8 after 5.

Overall age division winners and how they will be determined will be posted at the headquarters table.

Top three (3) teams in each division will receive awards. Other bracket champions will receive an award also.

Big barrel bats are allowed.

Teams shall play 9 players on defense.

MCYBA Code of Conduct will be enforced. (No profanity or unsportsmanlike behavior will be tolerated.)

International rules for extra innings (start inning with 1 out and runner on second base AND 3rd) for all games.

9 and under (9U), 10 and under (10U), 11 and under (11U), and 12 and under (12U) division specific rules

A. Stealing of home will not be allowed in the 9U and 10U (CLOSED BASE) division but will be allowed in the 11U and 12U divisions.

B. Pitching Rules:

1. A player can pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game, 5 innings per day, and 8 innings for the tournament. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched.

2. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, that player cannot return to pitcher in the same game.

C. In the 9U, 10U divisions, base runners **cannot** leave the base **until the pitch crosses the plate**. In the 11U 12U division, base runners **cannot** leave the base **until the pitch leaves the pitcher's hand**.

D. Dropped 3rd strike is the same as a caught 3rd strike.

E. No metal cleats allowed.

F. Unlimited substitution allowed in the field.

G. Player may re-enter game into his original batting position only one time.

H. Games will be six (6) innings unless shortened by the 10-run rule or by the time limit.

I. If a team chooses to do so, They may bat their entire lineup.

J. On 11U games for the Mercy/Frappier diamond only, You may not leave the base until the ball leaves crosses the plate.

13 and under (13U) and 14 and under (14U) division specific rules

A. Balks are in effect.

B. Pitching Rules:

1. A player can pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game, 5 innings per day, and 8 innings for the tournament. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched.

2. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, that player cannot return to pitcher in the same game.

C. Leading off base is allowed.

D. Dropped 3rd strike rule is in effect.

E. Metal cleats are allowed.

F. Head first sliding is allowed.

G Bat 9 players. Player may re-enter game into original batting position only one time.

H. Games will be 6 innings unless shortened by the run rule or by the time limit.

MCYBA WILL POST ANY RULE CHANGES PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT.