



**The tournament hub will be set up with concessions, food truck and merchandise in between North and South fields.**

**North and South Quake:** Turf infield, grass outfield. Covered dugouts and lights for night games. Bleacher seating on both sides.

**East Quake:** Dirt infield, grass outfield. Covered dugouts. Bleacher seating on 1<sup>st</sup> base side. This field will be used for some pool play games only.

**Evans Field:** Dirt infield, grass outfield. Covered dugouts and lights for night games. Bleacher seating on both sides. Bathroom and playground nearby.

### **Information:**

- No entry fee
- Concessions and local food truck will be available. Saturday will offer an espresso stand!
- Merchandise tent will feature tournament swag and team logo'd items
- Rings for 1<sup>st</sup> place and Medals for 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be handed out
- Tournament will supply baseballs – Please have used ones to be put into play when needed to keep pace of game

### **General Game Play:**

**8u Division** will be played on 60-foot bases with a 43-foot pitching distance. The division will play no leadoffs and no dropped third strikes. Runners may steal when the ball crosses the plate. Runners on 3<sup>rd</sup> base may only score from a batted ball or forced home by walk. There is no stealing home or advancing home on an overthrow to the pitcher. There will be no balks called. 5 run rule max per inning.

**9U division** will be played on 60-foot bases with a 46-foot pitching distance. The division will play no leadoffs and no dropped third strikes. Runners may steal when the ball crosses the plate. There will be no balks called. 5 run rule max per inning.

**10U division** will be played on 65-foot bases with a 46-foot pitching distance. The division will play leadoffs/steals and drop 3<sup>rd</sup> strike. Balks will be called after 1 warning.

**11U and 12U divisions** will be played on 70-foot bases with a 50 foot pitching distance. Both divisions will play by the same rules and allow for leadoffs/steals and dropped third strikes. Balks will be called.

**13u division** will be played on 80-foot bases with 54-foot pitching distance

**14u division** will be played on 90-foot bases with 60-foot pitching distance

### **General Game Play (cont.):**

Head first slides will be allowed in all divisions.

NO metal spikes allowed 8-12u. Metal spikes are allowed in 13-14u except on pitching mound.

Courtesy runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers only with 2 outs. Have a coach ready to warm up pitchers if needed to keep games going.

Teams will not be able to warm up on the fields prior to game start unless the field is available. Warm up space is available in the outfield near playground and skate park. East field will only be available if there are no more scheduled games for the day.

8-11u: No new inning after 1:15 for pool play. No new inning after 1:30 in consolation and championship games.

12u – No new inning after 1:20 for pool play. No new inning after 1:45 in consolation and championship game.

13-14u – No new inning after 1:45 for all games

Umpire will start the clock at conclusion of the plate meeting.

Ties are allowed in all pool play games.

Venom teams will use the dugouts that line the concession area. North field – 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout, South field – 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout

Home team for pool play has been predetermined so each team will have 1 home, and 1 away pool play. It is up to coaches to know this ahead of time.

Home team for consolation and championship will be the team of higher seed after pool play

Home team will keep official score and turn in pitch count and score to tournament admin following the game.

**\$500 entry fee** – Please send payments no later than 2/7 to secure your spot.

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## **Mercy Rules:**

- 12 runs after 3 innings
- 10 runs after 4 innings
- 8 runs after 5 innings

## **Seeding and Tie Breakers:**

1. Win/Loss record
2. Head to head (only in case of a 2-way tie OR sweep if all tied teams played each other)
3. Runs allowed
4. Run differential (min/max of 8 per game)
5. Runs scored
6. Fewest runs allowed in a single game
7. Most runs scored in a single game
8. Coin flip

## **Bat Restrictions:**

### **8U-12U**

- Metal/Composite bat
- All bats must have a branding, label, or stamp proving BPF 1.15.
- USABat, BBCOR and Wood bats are also allowed.

### **13-14u**

- BBCOR and wood bats allowed

## **Pitching Restrictions:**

8U: Event Limit is 65 pitches

9U: Event Limit is 65 pitches

10U: Event Limit is 75 pitches

11U: Event Limit is 85 pitches

12u-13u: Event limit is 95 pitches

***Friday night pool play games – pitch count toward event limit***

## **Batting order and Substitutions:**

Teams will be allowed to use EHs and a DH (for any player)

Teams will have the option of batting 9, 10 or the entire roster. If batting 10, an EH will be added, and must remain for the entire game. If batting the entire roster, all players not

currently playing in the field will be scored as an EH which will represent a position the same way a shortstop or centerfield would.

All age divisions will allow re-entry one time for the starter.

### **Age Restrictions:**

The age cutoff for is May 1st. Any player with a birthday prior to May 1st must play in that years age division or older. Example: a player turning 12 on April 30th will be required to play in the 12U division or older. A player turning 12 on May 2nd may play in the 11U division or older.

It is the coaches' responsibility to have proof of player's age in the event it is challenged. If there is no proof of age then the player will be removed from the game. If it is determined that the player is illegal, he/she will be removed from the game and the coach will be ejected. If you have a question regarding a players DOB, please stop the game immediately and find a site director. Nothing can be done retroactively.

### **Extra Innings (for Championship Games):**

Texas Tie Breaker, last 3 hitters on base with 1 out.

The base runners will be placed as follows:

- Last hitter from previous inning @ 1st Base
- Hitter before him in the lineup @ 2nd Base
- Hitter before that in the lineup @ 3rd Base
- Normal substitution rules apply to these runners.
- The hitting team will start the inning with one out.
- Play continues until one team is ahead at the end of an inning.

### **Sportsmanship**

In the interest of maintaining a quality event, the tournament committee reserves the right to eject any person from the site for unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior.

Physical or verbal attack on an umpire, tournament official, associate director, associate officer, and/or any player or fan prior, during, or immediately following a game will not be tolerated.