

NVTBL 8U – 12U Playoff Rules Fall 2017

Tournament Information

- Have cell phones available. Please make sure your cell phone numbers are correct on the website or communicate them to your opponent in advance. You will need them in the event of poor weather.
- **Winning team fills out online score report form as soon as the game ends.** If you are unable to update the score on the website, please call one of the Tournament Contacts listed below. Give them the following info –
 - Team Name
 - Field
 - Time of Game
 - Score
 - Number of Innings played
- Schedule on website will display tournament results & schedules. Go to website, click on “Schedules” button, select appropriate tournament from drop-down menu. Enter all information.
- Tournament handouts/schedules are available online – www.NVTBLBaseball.org under Coach and then EOS Tournament

Tournament Contacts:

- Tournament Director- Josh Belanger (571) 639-8911
- Tournament Back-up Jenni Aiello (571) 639-8912 or Rob Hahne (703) 499-4905
- Umpire Notification – view your team schedules for the name of your umpire (s).
- In case of rain, teams should monitor the fields. It is up to each team to decide whether the field is playable or not. If the field is not playable and the game must be canceled, BOTH teams should report cancellation to the Umpire(s). You should report the date, time, and field location of the game and that you are an NVTBL team.

Pre-Game Procedures:

- **The game times set need to be followed as closely as possible due to daylight issues at many of our fields. Game times can't be moved back for IF/OF.**
- Coin toss for all pool play and bracket play until the semi-finals
- Highest seed is home team for all semi-finals and finals.
- Home team infield/outfield 30 min prior to start of game IF available and IF time.
- Away team infield/outfield 20 min prior to start of game IF available and IF time.
- Field prep & plate conference 10 min prior to start of game.
- If time does not allow for a full 30 minutes, split what time there is, or forgo infield/outfield if necessary.
- If batting cages are available at the field, split the available time fairly.
- Game Balls – Each team will provide an equal number of game balls.

Playoff rules (Following Regular Season Rules, except these changes)

With the end-of-season playoffs, the following will be the additional rules. ***Except where noted below, the regular season rules still apply.***

PITCHING RULES

- **All Ages: A player removed from the pitching position (starting pitcher or subsequent relief pitcher) may not return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game.**
- **All teams must present pitching affidavit at plate conference. You must get it signed by the opposing manager/scorekeeper after each game.**

9U - 12U Pitching Restrictions:

- 9U – 12U - a player may legally pitch a maximum of six (6) innings for Sunday, October 29th and then another 6 total innings on the weekend of November 4th/5th. Pitching resets after pool play games on October 29th.
- Pitchers may not pitch more than 75 pitches on any day for 9u – 12u. You may finish the batter if you start at 74 pitches or less.
- One (1) batter equals one-third (1/3) of an inning, two (2) batters equals two-thirds (2/3) of an inning and more than three (3) batters equals one (1) full inning regardless of the number of outs recorded.

8U Pitching Restrictions:

- For the playoffs, pitchers will not be allowed more than 50 pitches per day or 80 pitches over the two-day tournament weekend for bracket play (11/7 and 11/8). This excludes warm-ups. If a pitcher reaches his 50 pitch limit while pitching to a batter, he is allowed to finish pitching to that batter, even if his pitch count exceeds 50. The pitcher should not exceed 50 pitches on any one day.
- Use of a pitcher beyond the defined 50 pitch rule/80 pitch for weekend above will result in his automatic removal from the game, as well as the ejection of the manager. If the violation is found after the game has been completed, the game may be considered a forfeit. Pitchers will pitch at the 46' distance for all tournament games.

We will play 6 inning games, and one hour and 45 minute rule for 12u and below.

- In pool play, once the 6th inning is reached or the time limit is reached, the game will end in a tie.
- In single elimination, once either the 6th inning is reached or time limit is reached, and both teams are tied, we will then go to International Tie-breaking rules. Both teams will play to win an inning, starting with a runner on second base playing until there is a winner. To start the tie breaker, the last batted out from the previous inning becomes the runner on second when starting the tiebreaker inning.
- Note: The hour and 45 minute rule is NOT a “drop dead” rule. The inning will be completed if it has been started before the 1 hour and 45 minute limit has been reached.

- There will be no time limit for Championship games
- There will be one umpire per game for the pool play and bracket play. Each team is responsible to pay for regular umpire costs. So, for a single game each team will pay \$32.50 for the umpire for 8u – 12u.
 - 8u will have only one umpire throughout the playoffs.
 - 9u, 10u, 11u, and 12u will have two umpires for the semi finals and championship game. (Each team will pay \$65 umpire fees per semi-final and final game)
- **Fields/Hosts—some of the tournament divisions have hosts while others do not. Regardless, all teams should participate in field prep before and after games.**
- Semis and Finals - the highest seeded team will be home team.
- The home team score book will be used by the umpire to determine if the pitcher has reached his/her limit. Scorebooks should be clear in showing where the pitcher pitched. The visiting team should check every inning to make sure the home team book is accurate.
- Suspended games procedure – All tournament games stopped by inclement weather that have not become “official” (home team leading after 3 ½ innings or after the completion of 4 innings) will be played as suspended games and resumed from the point at which they were suspended. The home team score book will denote the time remaining in the 1:45 time limit and, upon resumption, the time limit will be reestablished with the umpires at the plate conference prior to the start of the game. Any “official” game that is called on account of weather will be recorded as final.
- Delays in Start Times of Games – Any games which are not started as scheduled due to weather or access to the playing field shall be deemed delayed. The official start time of the game shall be the time at which the plate conference concludes. This time should be agreed to by both managers and the home plate umpire and documented in the home team score book.
- Number of Players – A team must have at least 9 players to start a game. A team may play with 8 players once the game is in progress. The missing player in the batting order shall be deemed out each time that spot comes up to bat.
- Major league mound visits (1 per defensive inning without a change in pitchers).
- Free defensive substitution for players in the batting line-up/order.
- Batting Order – The use of the DH (designated hitter) and/or EH (extra hitter) is allowed. The DH may be used for a pitcher or any other defensive player as specified by NHFS rules. Hit 9 (with or without a DH), 10 (with an EH and with or without a DH), or all batters in the line-up.
- In case of injury where a team has no eligible substitutes available to enter the game, the opposing manager may select an ineligible substitute to replace the injured player.
- Courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher – Any eligible substitute may be used as a courtesy runner, regardless of the number of outs. For the purposes of this tournament, a starter who is eligible to re-enter the game will be deemed an eligible substitute and can be used as a courtesy runner, so long as no other official eligible substitute is available. For teams batting all players, the last batted out may be used as a courtesy runner. The same player may not run for the pitcher and catcher in the same inning.

- Home team shall keep the official book. Please have both teams keep a book and check them throughout the game to avoid discrepancies.
- No protests will be recognized. All umpire decisions are final.
- Manager and player ejection policy - Manager ejection – coach may not coach subsequent Tournament game. Player ejection – player cannot participate in subsequent Tournament game. Team needs to complete Ejection Report and have it signed by umpire. Team needs to submit Ejection Report to Umpire & Coach at the following game's plate meeting.
- 1st and 2nd place in each division will get a team trophy.
- Championship team will receive t-shirts.

Forfeited Games

- If a team forfeits their game, put the score in as 6 – 0, 6 innings played.

Format Used for Seeding from Pool Play (listed in order) –

- Wins & Losses
- Head to Head games
- Runs allowed
- Runs scored
- Coin Flip

NVTBL Ejection Report

DATE	PLATE UMPIRE & INITIALS	HOME TEAM	VISITOR	OFFENDING PLAYER OR COACH NAME & UNIFORM #	BRIEF EXPLANATION	VERIFICATION BY NEXT OPPONENT (initial)
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 5px;">S A M P L E</div> 6/7/14	Bob Miller <i>BM</i>	Braves 9U	Cats 9U	John Miller #22	Malicious contact at home plate	