



2025 TOURNAMENT RULES

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GYBA BLUE SANTA TOURNAMENT RULES

- The order of rules interpretations are as follows: these local rules, USSSA, MLB rules. Conflicts will be settled by the Umpire in Charge or Tournament Director.
- Coin flip for all pool play games to determine Home vs. Away for game play. Dugout placement on schedule.
- Pool play games can end in a tie. If Home team has a chance to win/tie game after time has expired, inning will be completed. If not, the game is over and score stands at point umpire calls game.
- Players without a jersey/number can still play. Coaches will work to identify each player on the roster.
- Roster size will be limited to 12 players per registered team.
- Coaches not occupying the field of play for their respective age groups are required to stay within arm's length of the dugout, on the porch.
- In 6U/8U, the player pitcher is to be behind or even with the pitching rubber, but with both feet inside the circle.
- Higher seed (one is higher than eight) is Home team in weekend bracket play.
- Full grain leather baseballs will be used and provided by the coaches.
No RIFF balls or synthetic leather balls allowed.
- Arguing with an official, the use of profanity or the physical abuse of anyone on or off the field by a player, parent, coach or fan may be cause for ejection from the game/park. Failure to leave the GYBA complex may result in forfeiture of participation by the team associated with the ejected party.
- **No head first slides, unless diving back to bag.**

BRACKET PLAY SEEDING FROM POOL PLAY GAMES WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Points earned (two for a win, one for a tie, zero for a loss)
2. Head to head (thrown out if more than two teams are involved in the tie)
3. Total runs allowed (lower amount given up is higher seed)
4. Total runs scored (higher amount scored is higher seed)
5. Coin flip (best two out of three to be conducted by Tournament Director)

INNING LIMITATIONS AND RUN RULES

Innings & Time Limit: 8U (6 or 75 mins.) 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U (6 or 90 mins.) 14U (7 or 105 mins.)

Inning Run Limit: 8U, 9U, 10U (8 per inning) 11U, 12U (10 per inning) 14U (10 Saturday only)

Run Rule: 15 after 3, 10 after 4, and 8 after 5 for all age divisions

TIE BREAKER REGULATION

Texas Tie Breaker - start the new inning with one out, bases loaded. Place the offensive players as follows: hitter at the plate, prior player in the line-up at first base, next player at second base, and next player at third base.

All age divisions will play Texas Tie Breaker until there is a winner (Sunday only).

PITCHING LIMITATIONS AND RULES CLARIFICATION

9U & 10U PITCHES – daily max 75 pitches per player, 100 pitch maximum over two-day event.

11U & 12U PITCHES – daily max 85 pitches per player, 110 pitch maximum over two-day event.

14U PITCHES – daily max 95 pitches per player, 120 pitch maximum over two-day event.

**THE PITCHER MUST BE REPLACED ON THE MOUND IMMEDIATELY
UPON NOTICE OF A VIOLATION, NOT A FORFEIT.**