



## 2017 Gopher State Baseball Fall Championships RULES & REGULATIONS



The following rules and regulations will govern play in the Gopher State Fall Championships. The official rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules except where modified below. Any situations not covered here or in the National Federation rule book will be determined by the Tournament Committee, which consists of the Tournament Director, the Umpire in Chief and the Tournament Host. ***It is your responsibility to read, understand and adhere to all rules.***

**Notice:** *Coaches:* You or an adult representative (team manager) must check your team in at the designated Tournament Headquarters prior to playing your first game.

**Eligibility:** Fall Championships rosters are classified as “Open.” There are no restrictions or geographic boundaries. May 1, 2018, at 12:00am is the determining date for the age of the competitor.

Any player competing in a specific age division must remain in the same age division throughout competition. **Coaches are expected to have each player’s proof of age in their possession.** Should an eligibility protest be filed during the tournament, you must submit \$100 and be able to prove a player's eligibility. If a player is found to be ineligible after a team’s first game has begun, that team will be will disqualified from further participation in that tournament.

The following documents are acceptable as proof of age (to be presented at check-in):

- \* A photocopy of a birth record from the state, county or municipal bureau of vital statistics on the place of birth; **hospital records are not acceptable**
- \* Current valid Passport
- \* A photocopy of the delayed registration of birth, if the athlete’s birth was not recorded on the day of birth, issued by the same bodies
- \* Consular Service form FS-240, “Report on Birth” issued by the U.S. State Department
- \* Immigration and Naturalization forms I-151 and I-25 and form number 43-R311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice

### Unsportsmanlike

#### Conduct:

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated on any level in MYAS baseball events. Any player, coach, manager or spectator ejected from a contest for **flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct** will be ejected for the **remainder of the tournament and will not be permitted to be within the tournament facility.** Some examples of “flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct” include but are not limited to abuse of game and/or tournament officials, cheating (use of a declared ineligible player), fighting, repeated use of profane language, etc. The Protest Committee may review the disqualification, but **only** if the situation merits further consideration. Any ruling by the Protest Committee is final. The Protest Committee consists of the Tournament Director, the Tournament Host and the Umpire in Chief.

**Home/Visitor:** **All games – the home team will be determined by a coin flip.**

**Infield Practice:** “Taking infield” will not be allowed prior to tournament games.

**Gate Fee:** The fee was included in your entry fee. A portion of your entry fee is given to the host association in order to eliminate any on-site gate (spectator entrance or parking) fee.

**Game Length:** 11-12 & Under: 6 innings                      13U & 14: 7 innings

**Time Limits:** 11-12 & Under: 1 hour, 45 minutes      13U & 14U: 2 hours

**Note:** The “stop watch” for games does not begin until the actual start of the game (first official pitch thrown), not necessarily the time listed on the tournament schedule. No new inning will be started after time has expired. **There will be no time limits for bracket play games.**

### **Pitching/**

**Base Distances:**

11 & Under	46 feet/65 feet
12-13 & Under:	52 feet/75-80 feet
14 & Under:	60 feet/90 feet

**Note:** Portable (temporary) pitching mounds may be used.

### **Pitching**

**Restrictions:** **11-12 & Under:** A player may pitch a maximum of 85 pitches for the two-day tournament.

**13-14 & Under:** A player may pitch a maximum of 95 pitches for the two-day tournament.

If a player reaches their maximum number of allowed pitches during an at-bat, they may finish pitching to that batter but then must immediately be removed from the pitching position.

**Note:** Pitches thrown will be posted at the Tournament Headquarters.

**PENALTY for pitching violations:** The head coach of the team will be ejected from that game and the next scheduled game. A **second** occurrence during the tournament results in suspension of the head coach and pitcher (from the pitcher’s position) for the remainder of the tournament, as well as possible imposition of further sanctions subject to the review of the MYAS Baseball Board of Advisors.

**Note:** Curve balls are **not** allowed in the 10-12 & under age divisions. First offense – warning; second offense – ejection from the pitcher’s position.

**Balk Rule:** **111 & Under ONLY:** No balks will be called.

**Metal Cleats:** Metal cleats are prohibited for 10U-12U teams. Metal cleats may be worn in the 13U and older age divisions.

**10-Run Rule:** **11-12 & Under:** The game will end at the conclusion of 3½ innings if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs. The game will end after four innings if the visiting team is ahead by 10 or more runs.

**13-14 & Under:** The game will end at the conclusion of 4½ innings if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs. The game will end after five innings if the visiting team is ahead by 10 or more runs.

**15-Run Rule:** The 15-run rule will apply after three innings (2½ if the home team is ahead). This rule applies to all ages and divisions.

## Free Substitution/

**Continuous Batting:** Continuous batting and free substitution will be used in **ALL** Gopher State Fall Championship age divisions.

**Pitching Re-Entry:** **Exception: The NFHS pitching substitution is in effect for all age divisions. Only a starting pitcher may re-enter once (NFHS Rule 3-1-3).**

**Base Running:** **11 & Under:** A runner may leave the base after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. The runner is out upon leaving the base early.

**12-14 & Under:** A player may lead off and steal at any time (NFHS rules apply).

**Note:** In the 11 and 12 & Under divisions, a player sliding head first into home base will be called out.

**Courtesy Runner:** A courtesy runner (the last runner to be put out) will be allowed only for the catcher and **only** when there are two outs.

**Baseballs:** Two Gopher State Diamond baseballs will be provided for all games.

**Equipment:** All bats, helmets, catcher's gear, footwear and other equipment must conform to National Federation of High Schools rules and regulations.

**Bat Rules:** All bats must comply with the new bat regulations adopted by USSSA Baseball. All regulations are posted under the Baseball portion of the [www.myas.org](http://www.myas.org) website.

The 12U-14U divisions will use the "-10" rule. The 11U divisions may use any drop size they desire.

**Uniforms:** Team jerseys should be of **identical** color and should have a six-inch number on the front or the back.

**Forfeits:** Tournament officials will administer the rule so that any team that *purposely causes a forfeit for their own benefit* will **NOT** advance to the championship round unless the Tournament Committee determines there were extenuating circumstances causing the forfeit.

**Fine:** If any team forfeits a game they will be assessed a fine.

**First Offense:** \$100

**Second Offense:** \$200 and the team will be suspended from MYAS events for one year pending appeal to the MYAS Board of Advisors.

**Team Rosters:** Rosters may consist of no more than 18 players. Coaches must input their rosters online at [www.myas.org](http://www.myas.org) through the Coaches Control Center.

**Awards:** **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Individual awards and a team trophy

**Weather Info:**

**Please call your specific Tournament Director first!** In case of rain or inclement weather please contact your Tournament Director for any schedule changes, cancellations, etc. Updates will be available on the tournament website as soon as possible. Log on to [www.myas.org](http://www.myas.org) in order to determine if your game has been canceled, postponed or rescheduled.

**MYAS REFUND POLICY**

1. If a team drops out of a tournament prior to the entry deadline, a full refund will be issued.
2. Teams dropping out of a tournament after the entry deadline will **NOT** receive a refund.
3. If a tournament should have to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e. weather, loss of electricity, etc.) a prorated portion of your entry fee will be returned based on the number of games played.
4. If a tournament is cancelled, with no games played, due to any of the above reasons, teams may elect a 75% refund of their entry fee or have 100% of their entry fee applied to a future MYAS event.

