**SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

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**TOURNAMENT RULES**

3rd-8th SOFTBALL DIVISIONS

3rd-7th BASEBALL DIVISIONS

**All N.F.H.S. Association rules will apply except for the local league rules as listed below.**

**All regular season rules apply unless listed below.**

1. Tournament players must be on regular season rosters approved by local league director before season begins and play in 50% of games during the regular season to be eligible for tournament play. Any kids added off of waiting lists must be approved by league directors. Players with injuries limiting regular season play must be approved by their local league director. Only players who played during regular season on their team may compete on that team during the tournament. If a team discontinues or cannot play during the tournament those players on that team are not allowed to play in the tournament on any other team. You must also have at least 8 eligible players before a game can be played.
2. All tournament games will have a 2 hour time limit. No new innings after 2 hours from the start of the game except for the championship game which has no time limit.
3. Coaches can only use 10 players in the batting line-up in the 3rd-5th grade league. Coaches can only use 9 players in the batting line-up in the 6th-7th baseball and 6th-8th grade softball league. Players who are not in the line-up must be subbed in and have at least one at bat in each game. All players must play a minimum of 3 outs in the field and have at least one time at bat in each game unless the 13-run rule comes in effect after the 4th inning of a 6 inning game. A violation of this rule must be discovered by opposing team and brought to the attention of the umpire or game site manager no later than 10 minutes following the conclusion of the game in which the violation occurred. **The player participation rule is waived for games shortened due to the run rule or due to weather**. Free substitution on defense will be allowed each inning.
4. The coach must inform the umpire of any player who arrives late for disciplinary or illness reasons and will not play as required above.
5. If a game is called because of weather or darkness, the game will be continued from the point of interruption at a makeup date/time.
6. No team will be compelled to play more than two games in any one day.
7. Any player, coach or spectator ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct will be out for the remainder of that day and the next day that the team plays. A second ejection will be cause for dismissal from the rest of the tournament games.
8. Each team and coaches will wear uniforms they wore during regular season. Only 3 coaches are allowed in the dugout and inside the fenced area during games.
9. Local sports coordinators are responsible for going over these rules with all coaches before tournament play begins.
10. **SOFTBALL:** A pitcher may pitch AN UNLIMITED number of innings in tournament play.
11. **BASEBALL:** During tournament play, local recreation staff is responsible for keeping track of pitch count.