

NABF 2010 Tournament Rules – Ages 14U thru 18U

All tournaments shall be governed by the playing rules of the National Association of Professional Leagues (Official Baseball Rules) except where otherwise stated in the 2010 NABF Tournament Rules (see Section 9.0 Playing Rules). The interpretation of playing rules shall be that as defined by the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs (Official Baseball Rules). NABF's tournament rules are summarized below for your convenience.

1. Wood bats only. No composites or bamboo.
2. All games shall be played at 7 innings. Official length = 4.5 or 5.
3. 10 run mercy rule – game must be of official length. If visiting team gains 10 run advantage the home team is given its full at bat in that inning (same as extra innings).
4. **No re-entry.**
5. AL DH rule (for pitcher only). See rule 9.08 of NABF Handbook.
6. Pitching Restrictions – None. If P is removed between innings or on first trip to mound, he is eligible to return to the mound in same game, provided he stays in the lineup.

LOCAL SLIDE RULES (ENYTB)

7. Non-Force Plays – Runner does NOT have to slide but if he does, he must slide within reach of the base with either a hand or a foot.
8. On a Force Play - Runner MUST SLIDE and in a direct line between the bases. The runner may not do anything to try to injure the fielder. PENALTY: Runner and batter are out and nobody advances. If the runner's slide or collision is flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the contest.
9. Catcher Contact – On non-force plays, if the C has the ball or is in the act of receiving the ball in the vicinity of home plate, the runner may attempt to score in an upright position provided he makes a clear attempt to avoid contact with the C. Minor incidental contact is permissible provided effort to avoid is clear.

MISCELLANEOUS

10. Incomplete Games - any game not of official length, regardless of reason, shall be continued from the exact point that play was called according to the Major League rules for a suspended game.
11. Any incomplete game of official length (5 complete innings if away team is in the lead and 4 and one-half if the home team is in the lead) shall be subject to rule 4.12 (a) of the Official Rules of Baseball. In accordance with rule 4.12 (a), if play is called in an uncompleted inning of an official length game, and IF AND ONLY IF the visiting team ties the score or takes the lead in the uncompleted inning, and the home team does not retake the lead in its portion of the uncompleted inning, such game shall be treated as a suspended game.
12. TIE-GAMES - When play is called in a game of official length with the score tied, the game will be continued as a suspended game.
13. PROTESTS - To enter a protest, the protesting team must cite the rule that was misapplied and provide a \$100 fee that will be returned ONLY IF the protest is upheld. If at all possible, all protests shall be settled immediately on the field of play. If not possible, then, the normal procedure for a protest shall be followed.
14. UNSPORTSMAN-LIKE CONDUCT - Any action unbecoming to amateur baseball (player or coach) will not be tolerated (i.e., ZERO TOLERANCE) and will result in expulsion from the immediate game and the next game. An ejection for fighting or other egregious act shall apply to the entire remainder of the tournament. Managers are expected to control their team parents. Failure to do so can result in a team's ejection from the tournament.

Tournament Protocols

- ! All teams must be at field no later than 45 minutes before game time. If concerned about field conditions due to weather, call the field director for that field (see below).
- ! Home teams determined by coin flip 45 minutes before each game. Tournament Director does not need to be present.
- ! If field is unoccupied, first team to arrive has choice of dugout. If both teams arrive together OR are waiting for the prior game to be completed, the home team shall take the 1B dugout.
- ! Time permitting, each team shall be given 12 minutes for warm-ups - away team first, BEGINNING 30 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED START TIME or 10 minutes after prior game is completed.
- ! No hitting balls into fences.
- ! Team manager and all coaches must be listed on official roster. Official scorekeeper may be in the dugout. No bat-boys or bat-girls allowed in dugout for safety/liability reasons.
- ! **Foul balls hit outside the enclosed ball park are to be retrieved by the team on that side of the field. The ball is to be returned to the home plate umpire.**
- ! Please clean dugouts of all trash before you leave.
- ! Full concessions and restroom facilities are available at Cahrenger Stadium.

MANAGERS - Please encourage your families to support our host concessions so that we have a place to play these tournaments in the future. Our host sites are volunteer non-profit organizations - hosting tournaments is a part of their fund-raising efforts - the only benefit they receive for lending their fields and volunteering their labor is the concession revenues.

WE ASK THAT FAMILIES REFRAIN FROM BRINGING LARGE COOLERS OR GRILLS INTO THE HOST BALLPARKS. If they absolutely must, they may tailgate in the parking lot.

Thank you and have a great tournament!