



Cudahy St. Francis Little Baseball Association



2018 CSFLBA TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Tournament Rules are governed by National Federation High School Rules with the following exceptions or additions:

1. Pitchers have the following restrictions: Three (3) innings per game, and six (6) innings per day. Managers will record and confirm each pitcher's innings on the CSFLBA line up card. One (1) pitch constitutes a full inning pitched.
2. The official time limit for each game is 1 hour-40 minutes, unless the score is tied. Ties will be played out. For extra inning games, we will place the player who made the last out in the previous inning at second base to start the extra inning. Play then continues as usual. The Championship game will be a six (6) inning game with no time limit, unless agreed upon by both managers prior to the start of the game.
3. Tie breakers will be decided on the following basis and in the following order to head to the championship bracket:
 - a. Head to head
 - b. Least runs allowed
 - c. Run differential (limited to 10 runs per game)
 - d. Most runs scored
 - e. Coin toss (in presence of Tournament Official)
4. Games will be limited to six (6) innings or the official time limit, whichever is applicable.
5. A game will be called complete, if after the completion of four (4) innings, one team is ahead in scoring by ten (10) or more runs.
6. The Home Plate Umpire will be considered the Umpire in Chief and will be the official timer.
7. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director/Coordinator and/or a Tournament Official will have the authority to determine whether or not a game is to be continued.
8. Report to your scheduled diamonds 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game. In order to maintain the schedule, games will be started early if possible.
9. The home team will be determined by coin flip in pool play. The team travelling the farthest will call the flip. In the championship bracket the highest seeded team will be considered the home team.
10. No game will be forfeited nor may any team be disqualified without the authorization and approval of the Tournament Director/Coordinator or an authorized Tournament Official.
11. No player, manager, coach or team spectator will be permitted to use racial, profane or abusive language toward any other individual in Ladish Park or its surrounding areas.
12. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted within the confines or immediate surrounding areas of Ladish Park.
- 13, Please no dogs or pets are allowed in Ladish Park.
14. Smoking is not allowed on the playing fields, dugouts or player bench areas.
15. Protests can only be filed on rules violations and must be addressed to the Umpire in Chief at the moment of the violation and before the next pitch is thrown. The Team Manager, not a coach, player or spectator, can only submit protests. If the Team Manager claims that an umpire's decision is in violation of the playing rules, the Manager must file his protest verbally to the Umpire in Chief immediately. The Umpire in Chief will confer with all the umpires involved in the game and/or Tournament Management, and a decision will be made immediately after the conference.



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16. No infield or batting practice will be allowed prior to games at Pulaski Park or Ladish Park. Diamond 2 at Pulaski Park is available for practice.

17. Soft tosses against the fencing are not allowed at Ladish Park.

18. Player's roster will consist of a minimum of nine (9) players and a maximum of fourteen (14) players. Rosters may be changed at the time of registration prior to your first game. Rosters are considered frozen after the first pitch of your first game. **A copy of your team's roster with player birth dates must be submitted prior to your first game when you check-in, include names of all coaches.**

19. The line-up cards you will receive must be used as the official game rosters and turned into the Tournament Official at the end of each game. Opposing manager and Umpire in Chief must sign the line-up rosters prior to submission. We will be tracking game scores and pitcher's innings from these cards.

20. A summary of the rules is provided in the matrix below:

	9U	10U	11U	12U
Base Paths	60'	60'	70'	70'
Pitchers Mound	46'	46'	50'	50'
Dropped 3rd Strike	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lead Off	No	No	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly	No	No	Yes	Yes
Stealing	After Ball Crosses Home Plate	After Ball Crosses Home Plate	Yes	Yes
Continuous Batting Order	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Balks	No	No	Yes – 1 warning/pitcher	Yes – 1 warning/pitcher
Extra Hitter	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Metal Spikes Allowed	No	No	No	No
Championship Game Innings	6	6	6	6
Bat Size Limit	2-5/8"	2-5/8"	2-5/8"	2-5/8"

21. The dugouts at Ladish Park are limited to the Manager, two (2) coaches, one (1) team scorekeeper, and the roster players. Only adult coaches (over age 18) are allowed to coach bases. Only two coaches are allowed outside of the dugout area in the field when their team is batting.

22. Pitchers will be limited to four (4) warm-up pitches between innings and eight (8) warm-up pitches for a new pitcher entering the game.

23. Pitchers are limited to three (3) innings pitched per game, and six (6) innings per day. Managers will record and confirm each pitcher's innings on the CSFLBA line-up cards. One (1) pitch constitutes a full inning pitched.

24. Any team pitching illegal or ineligible pitchers and/or miss-recording of pitcher's innings will be subject to game forfeiture, up to and possibly including tournament forfeiture.

25. Big Barrel Bats up to 2 5/8" dia. are permitted. Bats with a diameter greater than 2-5/8" are not allowed. No wooden bats are allowed.

26. Free defensive substitution is allowed. Exception: Once a player is removed as a pitcher, that player may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.

27. All batters and base runners must wear helmets with earflaps.



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28. Catchers must wear approved catcher's gear and protective cups.
29. Catchers must wear catcher's masks during warm-ups.
30. If a catcher reaches a base with two (2) outs, or is on base after the second out is recorded, the catcher must be replaced with a pinch runner. Eligible pinch runners are any players who are not part of the starting line up.
Pinch runners must be ready to take the catcher's place on base.
31. All players must wear numbered jerseys and no two jerseys may have the same number.
32. Base runners in the 9U and 10U divisions are required to slide on any close play at all bases except first base. **No head first slides are allowed** except when returning to a base to avoid a tag out.
33. All players listed on your team roster must play a least one (1) defensive inning per game.
34. A manager or coach may request a time out to speak to his/her pitcher two (2) times in one (1) inning. On the third trip to the pitcher's mound, the pitcher must be removed from that position, and a new player instituted as pitcher. This rule applies to all pitchers entering the game.
35. After an out is recorded, the ball must be returned to the pitcher to control the time limit on each game.
36. In the event an injury occurs that prevents a team from fielding a legal team of nine (9) players, that team may without penalty or forfeiture replace the injured player(s) with player(s) previously in the line up, on the condition that all the other eligible players have been exhausted from the team roster. Previously played pitchers may not, however, return as pitchers. This rule does not apply to players ejected from the game.
37. When accessing the Ladish Park facility, we ask that you please do not cut though the adjacent parking lot via the train tracks. Please use the sidewalks along the street for safety reasons.
38. No arguing with umpires will be tolerated.
39. The tournament director or coordinator reserves the right to make any changes to the format of the tournament as necessary to keep the tournament on schedule and fair. This may be due to inclement weather or other unforeseen reasons. Any and all changes and notices will be posted on the Tourney Machine website. Teams are expected to access the site throughout the tournament for schedule changes, weather delays and results.
40. Individual trophy awards for 1st and 2nd Places with (3) game guarantee weather permitting. Once tournament play has begun there will be no refunds. If the entire tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather a refund will be given minus \$100.
41. **Full concessions available, no carry-ins at Ladish Park please. Proceeds from the concessions both fund the tournament and support park infrastructure, we thank you in advance for your patronage.**
For games at Pulaski Park, carry-ins are allowed.
42. Please make sure your players are properly equipped before the game starts including no jewelry! Also, please check all of your equipment to make sure it is legal.