

GHBL – Tom Korpowski Memorial Tournament - 12U-18U Tournament Rules and Information



- Games will be played at the following locations:

12U – Konet Field and Cranwood Park #2

13U – Cranwood Park #1 and William Foster

14U – Cranwood Park #1 and William Foster

16U – Garfield Heights Varsity Field

18U – Garfield Heights Varsity Field

- Each team is responsible for supplying 2 baseballs per game.

- All non GHBL-sponsored teams must provide proof of insurance prior to playing their first game.

- The birthday cutoff for the tournament is May 1, 2010. Therefore, no 12U player may have turned 13 before that date, no 13U player may have turned 14 before that date, no 14U player may have turned 15, no 16U player may have turned 17 and no 18U player may have turned 19. Birth certificates must be on file with the coach in case of a challenge. Failure to provide proof of age when challenged may result in a forfeit; this is at the discretion of the tournament director.

- Each team will play a minimum of three games.

- All divisions will play real baseball rules, with leading off, stealing, balks, etc. No balk warnings.

Distances:

12U – 50'6" rubber, 70 foot bases

14U – 54' rubber, 80 foot bases

16U/18U – 60'6" rubber, 90 foot bases

- Each pitcher will be allowed 12 Innings for the tournament. Pitching will reset prior to the championship game (i.e.- all pitchers will be eligible for the championship game). One pitch thrown constitutes an inning pitched. Innings must be recorded and reported to the tournament director or other GHBL personnel.

- There will be a protest fee of \$100 cash. If the protest is upheld, the \$100 will be refunded. If the protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited.

- **ALL PROTESTS WILL BE HANDLED ON THE FIELD AT THE TIME OF THE INFRACTION!!!** The Umpire and Tournament Director will handle any disputed rules violation immediately and decision of Tournament Director is final.
- Any player ejected will serve a 1-game suspension in addition to the game he is ejected from. To regain eligibility, a suspended player must be on the bench, in full uniform for the suspended game.
- The tournament will follow high school rules for re-entry.
- Each team will be allowed an AH, to be treated as a 10th defensive position. Players may be switched into and out of the AH role and enter the field. The AH is optional, teams do not have to use it.
- Teams are limited to a roster of 15 players. Rosters must be filed prior to the tournament and include player name, number and birthdate.
- **Teams that have not paid the tournament fee by game time of their first game WILL NOT be allowed to participate.**
- The 16U/18U tournaments only will have the -3 bat restriction. The 12U, 13U & 14U tournaments will have no bat restrictions.
- Metal cleats are NOT allowed in the 12U or 13U tournament, but are allowed for 14U and 16U.
- Home team will be determined by a pre-game coin flip.
- Both teams must have an official scorekeeper and the home team is the official scorekeeper.
- Doubleheaders are almost certain for all teams.
- When there are no games to follow, away team should warm up at 30 minutes until game time, and home team should warm up approximately 15 minutes until game time. The umpire or tournament director reserves the right to refuse infield/outfield warm-ups type for any reason.
- Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their fans and will be expected to address any inappropriate behavior. Razzing, heckling, chanting or making disparaging remarks towards opponents in any manner is prohibited and may result in ejections.
- Use of tobacco products is strongly discouraged around the field and prohibited in the stands, dugouts and on the field. However, fans, coaches and parents needing to smoke are requested to walk away from the field a safe distance prior to use.
- Awards will be given to 1st and 2nd Place Teams.

- All games are 7 innings in length. There is a time limit of two hours; no new inning may start after the two hour mark, after which the game will be declared official.
- Mercy Rule: 12 runs after 4, 10 after 5, 8 after 6.
- Tiebreaker Procedures:
 - In pool play, ties during single games are allowed. The tie to determine the winner of the pool will be head-to-head, followed by run differential (maximum of 7 runs per game)
 - In the playoffs and championship game, extra innings will be played until a winner is determined.
- A team MUST start with 9 players, but may finish with 8.
- TOURNAMENT FORMAT/GAMES MAY BE CHANGED DUE TO RAIN. THIS IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.
- A removed pitcher may not re-enter to pitch.
- Courtesy runners for the catcher/pitcher are allowed but must be the last batted out or a player not currently in the game.
- Teams must clean up their dugout after the games, please help keep our facilities presentable.
- In the event of massive rain that would cause the tournament to be cancelled... If a team plays 0 Games, they will receive a full refund. If the team plays 1 game, they will receive a 50% refund. If two games or more are played, they will receive no refund.
- Awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place teams.
- Any rule not explicitly stated here reverts to high school rules.