

GHBL – Tom Korpowski Memorial Tournament - 8U Tournament Rules



- Tournament games shall be played at Donovan Park.
- Each team is also responsible for supplying 2 baseballs per game.
- All non-GHBL –sponsored teams must provide proof of insurance prior to playing their first game.
- No team member may have turned 9 before May 1, 2010. Birth certificates must be on file with each 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.
- Teams will use a round-robin batting order and are allowed free substitutions. All rostered players in uniform must bat. However, there is no requirement for innings played in the field. Any player arriving late must be added to the bottom of the round-robin order.
- There is no dropped 3rd strike rule in the 8U tournament.
- There is no stealing and no bunting in the 8U tournament.
- The 8U tournament will be coach-pitch. Each batter will see a maximum of 6 pitches. There are no walks and three strikes still is a strikeout.
- The ball is dead in the 8U tournament when it enters the pitching circle.
- The 8U tournament allows 10 players in the field.
- 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 money 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.
- Teams are limited to a roster of 15 players. Rosters must be filed prior to the tournament and include player name, number and birth date.
- **Teams that have not paid the tournament fee by game time of their first game WILL NOT be allowed to participate.**
- In the 8U tournament, bats may have a maximum barrel size of 2 ¼ inches.
- Metal cleats are NOT allowed in the 8U tournament.
- 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 for the game.
- 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 warmup 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 6 innings in length. Mercy rule will be 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings or 8 after 5 innings.
- 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.
- The distance between bases in the 8U tournament will be 60 feet.

- 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 courtesy runner for the catcher is allowed. It must be the last batted out.
- 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.
- Any rule not explicitly stated reverts to high school rules.