

GFABSA Tournaments

8u Player Pitch General Rules:

1. **IF Necessary:** GFABSA Tournament Directors may amend any rule, schedule, diamond location, game format, or combine age brackets as they deem necessary.
2. **Home Team:** The home team is determined by a coin toss during pool play. Once your team is seeded, the higher seed is the home team during bracket play. This also includes Championship Games.
1. **Time Limits:** 8u = No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes.
2. **Innings Played:** Will consist of 6 innings.
3. **Pitching Distance Base Lengths:** Pitching at 40' – Bases at 60'
4. **Malicious contact:** At any base is forbidden (umpire's discretion).
5. **Mercy Rules:** 15 after 3 Innings, 8 runs after 4 innings (Home Team Bats if Behind).
6. **Bat Rules:** Bring It – Swing It!
7. **Cleats:** Plastic or rubber cleats only.
8. **Courtesy Runner:** You may use a courtesy runner for catcher any time. This must be someone from your bench. OR if you're roster batting it would be your last recorded out.
9. **Reporting Scores:** Each coach is required to bring a signed scorecard to the designated location at the end of each game, within 10 minutes of game completion. Score discrepancies will revert to the scorebook of the home team. It is your scorekeeper's responsibility to ensure accurate scores are kept on an inning by inning basis.
10. **Batting Order and Extra Players:** Teams have the following three options for the batting lineup:
 - a. 9 players in the batting order. DH or a straight 9 is allowed. All other players are subs.
 - b. 10 players in the batting order. The use of an EH with or without a DH. All other players are substitutes (the EH is a free sub but all players must remain in the same spot in the batting order unless substituted out by someone other than the EH).
 - c. A continuous batting order. All players on the lineup card are in the batting order. If a player arrives late, he will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
11. **Pitching Limitations:** Pitchers are allowed to pitch 8 innings per tournament. How or when they are used is at the coach's discretion.
12. **Completed Game:** For inclement weather purposes a game is complete after 3 innings.

13. Pregame Warm-Up: All pregame warm up is to take place off the field. No pregame warm-up is allowed on the infield. Teams will forfeit the game if caught. **Teams must ready to take the field 15 minutes before their scheduled start.**

14. Point System for Tournament: (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie. Tie Breakers;

- Wins-Loss Record
- Head to Head
- Fewest Runs Allowed
- Highest Total Run Differential (max of 8 runs)
- Coin Flip

15. 8u Player Pitch Specific Rules:

- **Outfield:** Teams shall play 3 players in the outfield. The outfield is designated by the grass line.
- **Modified Base running:** Runners are not allowed to lead off. Runners may steal after the ball crosses home plate. Runner on 3rd base may advance home only on a batted ball or defensive play at 3rd base.
- **No Bunting is allowed.**
- **Substitution:** If roster batting you can freely substitute. If not roster batting, once removed you cannot re-enter game.
- Team can play with as few as 8 players without taking an automatic out in the batting order. Anything lower than 8 is an automatic out in the batting order.

Eligible Age of Players

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