**2025 Sanford 12U Baseball/Softball All-Star Tournament Rules**

**June 6th – 8th**

All Little League rules apply with the following exceptions:

* Birth certificates must be available at any time.
* Each team must provide 1 new ball per game.
* 6 innings, no new inning begins after 1 hour 30 min (Finish inning in progress; pool play can end in ties). Next inning starts as soon as 3rd out of previous inning is completed.
* There is NO time limit on the championship game.
* Mercy rule: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4, 8 after 5
* Coin toss determines home team. In semifinals and finals, higher seed is home team. Home team is official score keeper.
* Pitching distance is 46 feet for baseball, 40 feet for softball
* Pitcher can pitch 6 consecutive outs per game for baseball – max of 18 outs for tournament. 9 outs/game for softball – no tourney max.
* Runner may steal after ball reaches batter for baseball; leaves pitchers hand for softball.
* Bat roster. Bats must have USA sticker.
* 2 innings defensively per player; 3 outfielders allowed.
* Courtesy runner allowed for the catcher.
* No balks. We will play Infield Fly Rule and Dropped 3rd strike.
* International Tiebreaker Rule (for elimination games/extra innings within time limit) - The last player to have an official full at bat in the previous inning begins at second base to start the new inning with one out.
* Seeds based on, in order:
	+ Win %
	+ Head to head (if only 2 teams)
	+ Run Differential
	+ Runs Against
	+ Runs Scored
	+ Coin Toss