

2009 The Winning Inning Baseball Fall Classic

Oct. 17-18, 2009

Tournament Rules

National Federation High School Rules will be used with the following notations:

Age Requirement: High School level participants.

Ejections will be dealt with by the tournament committee.

- 1. Protest Fees:** \$100.00 cash (in rule interpretation only). Protest of uniform will not be allowed. The tournament director will be responsible for team's conformity.
- 2. Game time:** Starting time is forfeit time unless delay is created by tournament director. All pre-game warm-ups should be done in the outfield or designated areas. No infield permitted. Please do not hit baseballs into chain link fences.
- 3. Time Limit:** No new inning after 2 hours and 30 minutes, if the game is tied after the time limit is reached the game will immediately go to tie breaker format. Tournament director reserves right to implement lesser time limits due to inclement weather. If home team is ahead bottom half of the inning will not be played if time has expired. If a game ends in a tie, the following format will be used to break the tie.
- 4. Tie Breaker:** First extra inning the last batted out will be placed on second base to start the next new inning. Second extra inning: The last two batters will be placed on second and third base. The third and all subsequent extra innings will place the last three batters at first, second, and third base. This format will continue until a winner is chosen.
- 5. Home Team:** Will be determined by coin flip. The home team will be required to keep a score book. The umpire in chief will be responsible for the official score and changes.
- 6. Run Rule:** 15 runs after 3 innings in all gaems; 10 runs after 5 innings in all tournament games.
- 7. EH Rule:** Extra Hitter – Bat ten players, the EH can go into the field for any of the other nine players in the game and that player will then become the EH. The batting order does not change.
- 8. Bat Weight/Length:** In Wood Bat tournaments – bats must be wood or wood composite.
- 9. Courtesy Runner:** Courtesy runner for both the pitcher and the catcher may be used at any time. Courtesy runner has to be someone not presently in the line-up. The same player cannot run for both in the same inning.
- 10. Pitching rules:** No pitcher can pitch more than 8 innings in a weekend. Innings are calculated by thirds.
- 11. Inclement Weather Policy:** 0 games played-75% refund, 1 game played No Refund. If TWI cancels the tournament – 100% refund.
- 12.** All teams must play all three games. This is a three game commitment.