

Rancho Bernardo Grand Slam Summer Jam 2010 Tournament Rules (updated 7-6-10)

Tournament will be played under ASA rules with the following exceptions and modifications:

1. All teams must check in at the registration table at least one (1) hour prior to their first game. All teams must register at the tent located next to the snack shack. Managers must present proof of insurance and proof of age for all players. Proof of age can be any one of the following documents: birth certificate, hospital certificate, passport, or VTD Photo Card ID. **WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE, A PLAYER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY...NO EXCEPTIONS.** Completed team roster must be turned in at this time. No player may play on more than one roster. Teams must also provide a POC (name & cell number) to contact in case of changes.
2. Pitching Distances:

8-U	30 Feet
10-U	35 Feet
12U & 14U	40 Feet
3. Worth 12" Dream Seam Optic Yellow will be used for the 12-U and 14-U divisions. The 10-U division will use the Worth RIF (11") and 8-U will use the Worth RIF (10").
4. Both the "hot plate" and dropped third strike rule will be played in all divisions except 8-U.
5. During Pool Play no new inning shall start after 1 hour and 15 minutes. If the home team goes ahead after the no new inning time has been reached the game is over and the score at that time is the final score.
6. During Elimination Play no new inning shall start after 1 hour and 15 minutes. International Tie-breaker applies after 7 complete innings or after the completion of the last inning started within the 1 hour and 15 minute rule, whichever is earlier. Must have a winner.
7. For pool play only, the International Tie-breaker rule will be in effect after 7 innings if time permits under rule 5. If there is a tie at the completion of the time limits, the game shall remain a tie.
8. Championship games will be 7 innings for all division except the 8U Division. Championship games for the 8U Division will be 6 innings.
9. During Pool Play, home team will be determined by a coin toss prior to the game. During Elimination Play, home team will be the higher seeded team and they will occupy third base dugout unless they are playing back-to-back games.
10. The Home Team will be responsible for keeping the Official score. It is recommended that each team provide their own scorekeeper, and that they check the score between innings to avoid any controversy. Official score sheets must be signed by both Managers and Umpire at the completion of the game. Official scorekeepers will not announce "out of order" batters.
11. Infield practice will not be permitted. Utilize foul territory and grass areas.
12. Any team not ready to play at the scheduled game time shall lose by forfeit (7-0).
13. "Mercy Rule" shall be per ASA Rule 5 Section 9 "Run ahead rule".

14. At the completion of pool play all teams within a division will be ranked according to the following criterion:
 - A. Win/Loss Record
 - B. Head to Head Results (However, see C. below)
 - C. At the completion of pool play if 3 or more teams **within a division** have the same record then those teams will be ranked as follows, **regardless of head to head results:**
 - i. Runs Against
 - ii. Runs For
 - iii. Coin Toss
15. 12-U & 14-U Modifications/Exceptions:
 - A. Teams will have the option of batting around with free substitution.
 - B. The designated player rule will be in effect with the exception of batting around as noted in "A" above.
16. 10-U Modifications/Exceptions:
 - A. Teams will have the option of batting around with free substitution.
 - B. The designated player rule will be in effect with the exception of batting around as noted in "A" above.
 - C. Maximum of 5 runs per inning, with unlimited runs in the last inning. The home plate umpire is responsible for declaring the last inning.
17. 8-U Modifications/Exceptions:
 - A. No dropped third strike.
 - B. No infield fly rule.
 - C. Home plate is "cold" in all situations
 - D. Ten players may be used defensively (Four outfielders)
 - E. Maximum of 4 runs per inning, with unlimited runs in the last inning. The home plate umpire is responsible for declaring the last inning.
 - F. Mercy rule shall be in effect..
 - G. Only one stolen base per runner with the following clarifications:
 - i. A runner attempting to advance illegally under this rule is liable to be put out.
 - ii. A base runner in sole possession of an illegally stolen base becomes dead, i.e. a base runner may not be tagged out while standing on the base alone.
 - iii. After a base runner touches home plate on an illegally attempted steal, she shall be returned to the correct base without liability to be put out ("cold plate" rule).
18. All protests will be finalized on the field by the home plate umpire. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE UMPIRE ARE FINAL.**
19. Managers and coaches are responsible for their actions and the actions of their team, staff, and fans on and off the field. Unruly behavior, vandalism, destruction of property or similar activities will not be tolerated. **The determination of the foregoing will be in the sole and absolute discretion of the home plate umpire and the Umpire in Chief.** Managers and coaches are ultimately responsible for all actions and/or damages. **Any coach or fan that is ejected from a game will be required to leave the field and not be visible to the team or umpires for the remainder of that game. A second ejection of anyone from the same team will result in the dismissal of the team for the balance of the tournament. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS FOR THE GIRLS.**