

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

**tournamentdirector@thespotsport.com** – always the best way to contact the Tournament Director during the tournament

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Rain Out  
Line: 206.205.9187

## **EQUIPMENT**

**Bat Diameter:** Maximum barrel 2 ¼. No wood bats allowed. No big barrel bats.

**Metal Spikes:** No metal spikes allowed.

**Batting Helmet:** A full use batting helmet, which covers the top and back of the head, and the front of the face must be worn when at bat, while on the bases, in the on deck circle, or if the player is the base coach.

## **USE OF THE PARK**

**Petrovitsky Park**  
16466 SE Petrovitsky Road  
Renton, WA 98058

1. Teams may warm up in the outfield grass before their game if time permits
2. Bar B Que's and items of similar nature may only be used in picnic areas outside of the baseball complex
3. Pets are not allowed in to the baseball complex. They must be kept on a leash outside of the baseball complex. No exceptions. Tournament Director has the right to eject fans/parents/spectators from the complex that do not adhere to this rule

## **CHECKING IN**

A team representative must check in with the Tournament Director at least one half hour (30 minutes) prior to the first game. Team Representative must present the Tournament Director with the following:

- a. Completed Roster & Medical Waiver Form
- b. Final team roster, limited to 14 players. Once the final roster is submitted to the Tournament Director, there may not be any changes made to the roster. If a player is on the final roster, s/he may play in the tournament. In the event that the player is unavailable to play in the first tournament game, s/he may still play in games once available to play, but no players may be added to the roster after the roster has been submitted
- c. Each team must pick up a scorecard from the concession stand at the beginning of each game and returned to the concession stand once the game is completed in order for the scores to be updated at the end of each game. Each team is responsible for turning in a scorecard for each game played.

## **GAME RULES**

### **9U DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES**

4. Players may only play on one team for the duration of the tournament
5. This division uses a hard ball
6. There is a seven (7) run rule for every inning except in the sixth
7. A bat boy/girl is NOT permitted
8. An out of order batter equals one out and must be identified after the first pitch, but before the next batter in the line up is up at bat

9. Courtesy runner is the last player out
10. A player removed from two or more innings in a game due to injury is out for the remainder of the game
11. On deck batters are NOT allowed
12. No infield fly rule
13. Stealing only after the ball crosses the plate
14. Free substitution for defensive players allowed
15. Home team will be determined by a coin flip. Dug out is first come, first serve
16. Each team will have approximately ten (10) minutes for warm up, time permitting. Visitors have the field first to warm up
17. All players must be in full uniform with numbers
18. The home team will provide an official scorekeeper. Both teams are responsible for submitting a scorecard back to the concession stand after each game
19. Any batted ball that hits the pitching coach is a dead ball and a no pitch. If the pitching coach intentionally (in the umpire's judgment) allows the ball to hit him, the batter may be out and a dead ball called. No runner may advance
20. If a defensive player is injured by being hit with a batted ball in the face, throat, or head, time will be called and all players will be awarded one base if injury to an infielder, two bases if player injured was an outfielder. The awards are from the time of the pitch. Any other injury will be directed at the discretion of the umpire
21. The catcher must have full catcher's gear on
22. Nine players will be allowed on defense. No 4<sup>th</sup> outfielder
23. Games are a maximum of two (2) hours or six (6) innings. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes

24. Teams must bat continuous and complete line up/roster. Bat the entire roster
25. There shall be no designated hitters
26. Team must have a minimum of 9 players to start
27. A player that arrives late must be placed at the end of the batting order
28. Dead ball when ball leaves the field of play (ex. Dug out) In this situation, runners may advance one base
29. Should a team forfeit any tournament game, the team may be subject to ejection from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director. No refunds, partial refunds, or requests or otherwise will be acknowledged or granted
30. Cancellations made by The Spot Sport will be credited towards a future tournament. Refunds will not be given.
31. No schedule requests will be granted for Coach/Manager who is coaching/managing two teams in the same tournament
32. Maximum of 14 players, one manager, one coach/pitcher, and two coaches per team
33. Free substitutions
34. No leading off
35. No dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike
36. 9u Division will be played on 60 foot bases and the pitching rubber will be at 46 feet
37. Headfirst slides are not allowed
38. If a runner attempting to reach home plate intentionally and maliciously runs in to a defensive player in the area of home plate, s/he will be called out and ejected from the game per the

umpire's discretion. This is a judgment call made by the umpire and is final!

39. A player judged by the umpire as throwing the bat after successfully hitting the ball will be warned once. A second offense by the same player will result in an out. The third offense by any player will result in rejection
40. Teams that no show for the first game or any game afterwards forfeit their registration fee. No refunds, partial refunds, credits, or requests will be acknowledged or granted
41. The Tournament Director has the right to modify the tournament schedule in the event of rain or other unforeseen circumstances

#### **STARTING AND ENDING THE GAME**

42. A coin flip between two team representatives, prior to the game start, will determine home team for each game
43. All teams must pick up trash and debris following completion of their game
44. Games shall be six (6) innings or two (2) hours in length. No new innings will begin after the 1 hour 45 minute mark. If two teams are currently in an inning at the 1 hour 45 minute mark, the inning shall be completed and no new inning will be started. In the case of a tie at the 1 hour 45 minute mark, the inning will be completed. If the score is still tied at the end of the inning, one additional inning may be played to completion. If the score is still tied at the end of the additional inning, the score will revert to the last untied inning to determine the winner.
45. A game shall be ruled official and complete if, the umpires call it or the Tournament Director due to rain, inclement weather or other reasons beyond our control, provided that three full innings have been completed. If three innings have not been completed, the game shall be suspended and resumed from that point when safe play can be resumed

46. In a six (6) inning game, if the home team has a 10 run lead after 3 ½ innings, or the visitor is ahead by 10 runs after 4 complete innings, the game shall be terminated. The 10 run rule will be waived during the Championship game; however, the team that is behind has the option to call the game
47. There is no time limit in the Championship Game. The game will continue until a winner is declared
48. Rain Delays – The Tournament Director has the right to modify the tournament schedule in the event of rain or other unforeseen circumstances. There will be no refunds or partial refunds granted or acknowledged in the case of weather induced delays or cancellations of games

### **SEEDING**

49. Seeding for Sunday brackets will be made available by 10 pm on Saturday night. Seeding will be communicated to the Manager/Coach by email. It is the Manager/Coaches' responsibility to provide an email address to the Tournament Director that will be accessible to him/her on Saturday night
50. Facebook will also be used to communicate seeding at the end of the Saturday night games. Become a follower on facebook.

### **TIE BREAKERS**

51. In the event of a tie, these are the methods used:
  - a. Win loss records
  - b. Head to head (with teams involved in tie)
  - c. Fewest runs allowed
  - d. Total runs scored
  - e. Coin toss

### **PITCHING**

52. Pitching rule for this tournament is two (2) innings per pitcher, per game
53. A pitch thrown in an inning is an inning pitched

54. A third visit to the mound is removal of the pitcher
55. Violation of the pitching rules will result in manager disqualification for the balance of the current game plus the next game. Pitcher to be removed from the mound

### **SUBSTITUTION**

56. All players will be required to play in the field for a minimum of two innings. A team roster shall be submitted to the Tournament Director prior to the first game. No player may be added to the roster after the initial roster has been submitted
57. 8u to 12u Division teams will bat their entire line up. Free substitution will be in effect. If, for some reason, a player is unable to bat, and is removed from the inning, this will be considered an "out." If the player is removed from the remainder of the game, the first inning will be considered "out," and the player will be removed from the line up.

### **UMPIRES**

58. The umpires' calls are final – Managers/Coaches that leave the dugout may be ejected from the game at the Umpire's discretion
59. No protests will be acknowledged. No arguing of judgment calls is allowed. Only the Manager may address the umpires. The Home Plate Umpire will be the final decision maker. Umpires are empowered to eject any player, coach, or fan for unsportsmanlike behavior or disruption of the tournament. Anyone ejected must leave the fields and may not return to the fields for the duration of the tournament. Failure to comply may result in the team's forfeiture of remaining games

### **BENCH/DUG OUT**

60. No one except the players, manager, and coach(es) are to be in the dug out during the game. Base coaches may be players or a recognized adult that is a manager or coach for the team. Two adult base coaches are permitted at all levels

61. Fans/spectators/parents/family must remain specifically in the bleacher area and may not be in the dug out or inside the fenced area
62. Dug outs are first come, first serve. Home team is determined by coin flip

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

63. All players, coaches, and fans will be expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times
64. Profanity will not be tolerated
65. Razzing, heckling, taunting and/or the making of disparaging remarks to the opposing team and/or umpires will not be tolerated. Any player, coach, or fan whose conduct is unbecoming or abusive will, at a minimum, be removed from the premises at the discretion of the Tournament Director and/or umpires
66. Radios, portable stereos, and/or other amplified audio devices may not be played at any time during games. Use of such devices by teams or spectators associated with a team will result in forfeiture of the game by the offending team. This includes cowbells, musical equipment, or foghorn type devices

### **REFUNDS**

67. In the case that a team should forfeit any tournament game for any reason, said team may be subject to ejection from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director. No refunds, partial refunds, credits, requests or otherwise will be acknowledged or granted
68. There are no refunds
69. Once fees are paid for tournament entry/registration, funds are non refundable at any point
70. Cancellations made by The Spot Sport will be credited towards a future tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Refunds will not be given.

**ADDENDUM**

71. The use of tobacco/alcohol/drugs/weapons are not allowed within the baseball complex
72. Any questions that may arise from fans, parents, players, spectators regarding rules/schedule/standings are to be directed towards the team Coach and/or Manager
73. The Tournament Director will submit any addendums made to these Tournament Rules to each Manager/Coach prior to the start of the Tournament
74. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make changes to these Rules and/or Tournament Schedule as needed
75. Once fees are paid for tournament entry, funds are non refundable at any point