

FEDERAL WAY KNIGHTS BASEBALL CLUB

SUMMER KNIGHTS CLASSIC - 2025

8U DIVISION - BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES



GAME RULES

- Playing rules not specifically covered shall follow the 2025 rules for Little League.
- Player's age determination for all divisions will be based on player age on April 30, 2025.
- Games to be 6 innings. If after 5-1/2 innings of play the home team is ahead, the game is considered complete. The bottom half of the 6th inning will not be played.
- **TIME LIMIT:** No new inning to start after 1 hour and 10 minutes. The current inning will be completed. If the home team is ahead and at bat when the time limit is reached the game ends immediately. If a pool play game is completed with time remaining, no extra innings will be played. A pool-play game may end in a tie.
- 5 runs maximum per inning – the last inning is an open inning (unlimited runs). No mercy rule.
- Time will be called when any infielder, standing on the “Infield Dirt” (see below for clarification on this area), has possession of the ball and raises it above his / her head – runners will advance to the next base if, in the judgment of the umpire, they were more than ½ way there. If not, runners must return to the prior base.
 - “Infield Dirt” is the area from home plate to the “grass” in fair territory and includes foul territory the fence the grass line to the dugout fences. On fields that have a larger dirt surface an “Infield Dirt” line will be chalked and clarified at the plate meeting prior to game.
- Four outfielders to be allowed. Outfielders must be outside the “infield dirt” line when the play starts.
- Bases to be set at 60’
- Pitching Circle will be 16ft in diameter with Pitching rubber to be set at 38 feet in center. Pitcher / coach may come forward to throw strikes, but must remain within the circle.
- The player/pitcher must be positioned with both feet within the circle behind the pitching rubber prior to each until the pitch reaches the batter.
- Pitcher / coach cannot coach from the pitching position.
- Pitcher / coach hit by a batted ball, ball is live, play continues.
- Entire roster must bat.
- Players injured and unable to finish the game are not an automatic out. The batting order moves up.
- Teams are allowed unlimited defensive substitutions. The batting order to remain the same.
- Batters get 5 pitches. 3 swinging strikes will constitute a strike out as well as 5 pitches without a hit fair ball. If the result of the fifth or following pitch is a foul ball, batter receives another pitch. Batter to continue to receive subsequent pitches as long as the player continues to foul off pitches.
- No walks will be awarded.
- No bunting. Players must take a full swing.
- No lead offs or stealing.
- Players may slide. Head first slides are not allowed.
- No infield fly rule.
- No bat length / diameter /weight restrictions. Umpire In Chief or his on field representative may disallow the use of a particular bat(s) due to equipment safety concerns (cracks, dents, etc.).
- Ties are allowed in pool play. No ties will be allowed in playoff and championship games. In playoff games, if, at the time limit or at the completion of regulation innings the game is tied, the “California” tiebreaker rule will go into effect. Each team puts the batter who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half of the inning on second base and plays out a full inning. This happens until the tie is broken and the game is complete. NO time limit or tiebreaker in Division Championship games.