



Best of the West – 18U/Midget - Tournament Rules

Welcome everyone to the “Best of the West” 18U/Midget Tournaments.

Time limit: Outside of playoff Games - all games are 7 innings or 2-hour time limit with no new inning starting after the 2-hour mark. If we are at time and the game is tied at that mark, it will go down as a tie. Other circumstances that could happen:

- If a game is tied after 7 innings and under the time, it will be played with a speed up rule - runner at 1st and 2nd with 1 out and all hitters start with a 1 – 1 count until 2-hour time is reached. **Please note that if the speed up rule is used only 1 run will be rewarded to the winning team as runners were placed on bases.**
- If an inning has started, it must be completed unless the home team is leading – then the game is over.
- If weather or unforeseen circumstance plays into a game, we will resume the game at the present point later – Please understand that 5 innings constitute a complete game.

Home Team: Decided by a Coin flip in round robin games and then higher seed in the Playoff round

Mercy Rule: 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 complete innings will be in effect.

Tie Breaker: 1. Best Record 2. Head to Head 3. Defensive runs against in all games played 4. Run Differential 5. Most runs scored in all round robin games 6. Sudden death mini game

(Only a + or – 12 runs** will be used in “Differential category only)**

Slide or Avoid: Straight into the bag or attempt to avoid contact.

Speed up Rule: You can run for the pitcher or catcher at any time – someone presently not in the game.

Official Book: The home team has the official book.

DH & EH: If you wish, you can have DH and EH. The EH can be freely substituted to play defense.

Re Entry: You can re enter for the starters, just make sure they come back in the same spot in batting order.

Pitching Rules: There are none. This will be left it up to you, but please abide by the rules set up by your org.

BATS: Wood bat or Wood composite Bat tournament (Baum bat is legal).

WEATHER: If weather becomes a factor here is the priority of games to be played.

1. Round Robin – no other games in the tournament can be played outside of the round Robin Games.
2. Playoff Games
3. Higher seeded Consolation Games
4. Lower seeded Consolation Games

For Tournament or Travel event play – Weather or Cancellation:

In the case of weather or cancellation of games or an event, the following will be our **Strictly Followed Refund Policy**. Of course we will do our best to get all games in but will lean on teams to help with fields as manpower may be an issue.

0 games = 90% refund 1 game = 67% refund 2 games = 33% refund 3 games or more = no refund

Age Eligibility: As different leagues have different mandates the “Best of the West” will use the following:

- **Gap year players are allowed up to one year after graduation and not turning 20 in upcoming season – Can not be on or trying out for a college team.**

Withdrawal from a BLE/Best of the West event: One month prior to the start date will result in **NO REFUND**. Once again, management does reserve that right to offer a credit under special circumstances.

Have a great tournament, cheers

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