

## Triple Crown Baseball Rules

Unless noted prior to the event, National Federation High School Rules will be used with the following notations. Triple Crown reserves the right to enforce particular invitational tournament rules.

1. Age Requirement: May 1st will be the designated date to determine ages. Photo copies of birth certificates will be required.
  2. Rosters: May not exceed 20 players during the tournament.
  3. Protest Fee: \$100 cash (on rule interpretation only).
  4. Game Time: Starting time is forfeit time, unless delay is created by Triple Crown. Game time starts at completion of coin toss.
  5. Home Team: Determined by coin flip. Home team is required to keep the official book.
  6. Player Minimum: A team must start with a minimum of 9 players but can finish with less, taking outs in the vacant batting order positions.
  7. Championship Games: No time limit. Run rules and "California tiebreaker" are still in effect.
  8. Pitching Rules (Innings per Tournament):  
9s = 6 10s = 6 11s = 6 12s = 6 13s = 7  
14s = 7 15s = 8 16s = 8 18s = 8
- \*Scorecards must be signed by both team managers to eliminate inning validation problems. (Managers, please help with this process.)
- \*One additional inning per pitcher for every game played after 4 games.
- \*No limit on the number of appearances.
- \*One pitch will be considered an inning pitched.
- \*Eight warm-ups to start, five thereafter.
- \*Mound: 14s and younger may throw on flat surfaces depending on field availability.
- \*If pitching rules are violated and the infraction is detected, the situation will be reviewed and consequences may include elimination of team from the event and suspension for the following year, coach and/or player ejection.
9. Infield Warm-Ups: All teams are encouraged to warm-up as much as possible before game time. No pre-game infield.
  10. Baseballs: Teams must provide all game balls. Estimated two new balls per game. (Diamond, Rawlings, or other acceptable.)

11. No Steel Cleats in the following age groups: 9s, 10s.
12. High School bat weight/length differential rule is waived for 9-14 and under only. 15/16/18 must adhere to -3 restriction.
13. Uniforms: Numbers necessary, matching uniforms recommended.
14. Adverse Weather: The Triple Crown Baseball Tournament will be played in adverse weather conditions. The format may be changed to lesser time limits or fewer innings to complete the tournament. Coaches and players accept these conditions when entering the tournament.
15. Decisions: Tournament Director shall have final decision on all tournament questions.
16. Hotels/Motels/Condos: Teams that leave unpaid bills or damages will be removed from the tournament and reported to their respective leagues.
17. Refund Policy: There are NO cash refunds. Refunds will be given in the form of a credit. There can be a \$100.00 administration fee charged for complete rain outs; 1 game played = 50% of entry fee; 2 or more games played = no refund. All teams accept this policy upon entering.
18. Tie-Breaker System: If a game is tied after all innings have been completed (or at time limit), the "California" tie-breaker 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.
19. No Show: Teams that no-show will forfeit their entry fee and may be subject to suspension from competition in Triple Crown events for the following season.
20. All age groups can have an EH (Extra Hitter) if they choose to bat 10. If you start with 10, you must finish with 10 or take outs in vacated batting positions. EH must be declared at the start of the game -- an EH (10th) hitter may NOT be added after the starting lineup is submitted.

\*\*\*\*TRIPLE CROWN WILL PLAY THESE DIMENSIONS AND RUN RULES\*\*\*\*

9's, 10's\*\*46'pitching\*\*65'bases\*\*1 hr 45 min\*\*6 innings\*\*10 after 4 or 8 after 5  
9's,10's Championship Game no time limit 6 innings and run rules are still in effect.

11's,12's\*\*50'pitching\*\*70'bases\*\*1 hr 45 min\*\*6 innings\*\*10 after 4 or 8 after 5  
11's,12's Championship Game no time limit 6 innings and run rules are still in effect.

13's,14's,15's,16's,18's\*\*60'6"pitching\*\*90'bases\*\*2 hrs\*\*7 innings\*\*10 after 4 or 8 after 5  
13's,14's,15's,16's,18's Championship Game no time limit 7 innings and run rules are still in effect.

\*\*\*\*\*all ages have a 20 run rule anytime after 2 completed innings\*\*\*\*\*