

DECATUR COMMODORES 18U SUNNYSIDE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

The cut-off birth date for the Commodores Sunnyside Invitational is January 1, 2012. Players who are 19 years of age before this date ARE NOT ELIGIBLE to play in the tournament. In case questions about eligibility arise, coaches are asked to bring along birth certificates and/or driver's licenses for all players.

TOURNAMENT RULES

- Tournament rules are Major League Baseball unless discussed below.
- National High School re-entry rule will be used.
- DH will be allowed for the pitcher ONLY.
- Slide Rule
 - o Players must slide directly into the base on force plays.
 - o Players must try to avoid excessive contact. A player charged with flagrant contact will be ejected from that game and barred from the next game, and could be barred for the remainder of the tournament.
- Pitches must be made for an intentional walk.
- Courtesy runners are encouraged for all catchers as soon as they reach base (to speed up game). Courtesy runners for pitchers can also be used. Players used as a courtesy runner cannot be active in the game at that time. An individual can only be used as a courtesy runner for either the pitcher or catcher in each inning.
- All games will be 7 innings with a 2-hour time limit will be used for pool games. No inning may start after 2 hours have elapsed from the game start time. Semi-final and final games will be played to completion.
- Tie Games after 7 innings or time expiration will be decided as follows:
 - o First extra inning will be played normally.
 - o 2nd extra inning will begin with runner on 2nd, 1 out, a count of 1 ball and 1 strike.
 - o Each inning thereafter will begin runners on 2nd and 3rd, 1 out, a count of 1 ball and 1 strike.
- Run Rules
 - o 4 innings: 12 runs
 - o 5 innings: 10 runs
 - o 6 innings: 8 runs
- A coin flip between teams will take place to determine the home team immediately following the preceding game.
- Please limit pre-game warm up to outfield areas as infield will be drug and watered between games.
- As all of the competing teams are veteran tournament teams, choice of dugout will be determined on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Any players, coaches or spectators ejected from a game must immediately leave the park.
- The tournament director reserves the right to alter schedules as needed due to weather or other interruptions.
- Pool tie breakers
 - o Head to head
 - o Fewest runs allowed
 - o Run differential
 - o Run differential in losses
 - o Coin flip
 - o If there is a 3 team tie, as soon as one team is eliminated by a tie breaker (runs allowed, differential, etc.), we revert back to the head to head tie breaker.