

Evanston Summer Slam Tournament Bylaws

The Evanston Summer Slam Youth Baseball Tournament will be run according to conventional Babe Ruth baseball rules. A full copy of the rules is available at the tournament. Below are some specifics on our tournament:

1. Rosters will be limited to no more than 15 players per team.
2. Pitchers will be limited to 3 innings per game. Once a pitch is thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. Once a player is removed from the mound, he may not re-enter that game as a pitcher. A second trip to the same pitcher by the coach in the same inning will cause the pitcher's automatic removal. The coach is prohibited from making a second visit while the same batter is at bat.
3. The age cut-off date will be April 30th. The age of the ball player on April 30th will be considered his playing age. In case of dispute, please have a copy of the player's birth certificate on hand. If an ineligible player is discovered on any team in the tournament, that team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participated.
4. Protective head gear must be worn by all batters, on deck batters, base runners, bat boys and player base coaches. Violators will be called out.
5. Because on neck and head injuries, no head first slides are allowed unless the player is returning to the base (runners are allowed to slide back to any base they have already reached, or in a hot box play.) Head first slides will result in a warning to the team and on the second team offense, the runner will be called out.
6. If there is a close play at any base, especially at home, base runners must slide. Catchers cannot block the baseline more than 3 feet from the plate, and then only if a throw is incoming, or if the ball is in the catcher's possession. Sliding is not required at home or any other base, if in the opinion of the umpire, the play was not close.
7. The scoreboards **are not** official. Official score is kept by the provided scorekeepers. **Both head coaches and plate umpire have to sign the official book at the end of each game.**
8. Seeding Teams: Following Pool Play, teams will be seeded for our single elimination tournament. Seeding will go as follows: 1st test – teams with the best records seeded highest. 2nd test – head to head. 3rd test – teams with the fewest runs scored against them will be seeded higher (best defense test.) 4th test – teams with the most runs scored (strongest offense test.) 5th test – winner of a coin toss (if all else fails to seed tournament.)
9. Coaches: We will be posting the scores and win/loss records for all teams on the bulletin board near the concession stand. This information will be used to seed your team, so make sure the information is accurate.
10. In the event the game goes beyond the designated time limit, the Texas Tie-Breaker rule will be used. The player that completed the last full at bat will be placed on 2nd base with 1 out for one inning. If the game is still tied, the players with the 2 last completed at bats will be placed on 2nd and 3rd bases with 1 out until the game is won.
11. In an effort to keep the game fun for everyone, we ask coaches to avoid running up the score on an opponent. A good coach can figure out ways to allow their opponent to maintain some dignity in what would otherwise be a blow-out. A 10 run mercy rule will be used at the end of 4 innings of play.
12. Home teams will be established by a coin toss for all pool play games. In tournament play, home team is the team that as a better seed.
13. No chatter rule. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, each team, player, parents and coaches are encouraged to cheer their own team. (ex: No Hey, batter, batter.... Swing, etc.)