



**WILL DICUS MEMORIAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
15U LOCAL RULES**

Age date is May 1. To be eligible a player's 16th birthday must be May 1 or later. Birthdates of all players are to be listed on the Tournament Waiver Forms.

Unless otherwise indicated in this local rule sheet, play will be governed by the current Tar Heel League Rule Book and the National Federation of State High School Association Rule Book.

Coin flip will determine home and away for ALL games. Winner of coin flip may choose home or away OR dugout preference

Manager may elect to bat 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14 players. All players in the line up past nine are designated Extra Batters and can be substituted for a position player at any time. A player in the game that leaves for any reason without a substitute will be an out for his next at bat, if missed. Teams may play with a minimum of 8 players, but if playing with 8 the missing player will be called out each at bat. Courtesy runners are allowed for pitcher and catcher but must be a player not in lineup or last out with continuous batting order.

Line-Ups are frozen. If using NFHS substitution, any of the starting players may be re-entered once per game, provided such player occupies the same spot in the batting order.

Games will be seven innings with a time limit of one hour and fifty minutes. If a game is tied, extra innings will be International tiebreaker. Player making last out of previous inning will be placed on second base. One extra inning will be played in bracket play. Game will remain tied if no winner after the extra inning. Game will complete in elimination play.

Roster – 14 player limit. May use different players each day as long as they are on the 14 player roster and signed waivers are on file.

One offensive or defensive time out allowed per inning. On defense, pitcher must be removed on second visit in the inning.

Mercy rule is twelve runs after fourth inning and ten runs after fifth inning. A team behind by 15+ runs may concede at any time.

There are no pitch limits. Managers are in charge of all pitching decisions. No pitcher/catcher limitations except that once a pitcher is removed from the mound, they may not return to pitch for the remainder of that game.

Bat Rules For All Age Divisions: Beginning with the 2019 season, Tar Heel Leagues has adopted the USA Bat Standard for all baseball divisions. For Coach Pitch (8U), Midget Division (10U), Little Division (12U) and Junior Division (15U), all bats must be USA Baseball approved and carry the USA Baseball Stamp or must be NFHS approved and carry the BBCOR stamp (High School) for use in Tar Heel Leagues. Bats may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter nor 36" inches in length. There is no rule regarding weight / length ratio.

All players must have a helmet on when outside dugout.

Home team is responsible for keeping the scorebook. Managers should agree to score after each inning. Scorer shall agree with scoreboard operator after each inning.

Only players and adult coaches/scorekeepers allowed in dugout. One adult must be in the dugout at all times. A maximum of 4 adults allowed in dugout.

Each team will supply three baseballs per game.

Bracket play seeding: 1) Won-loss record 2) Head To Head 3) Defensive Runs Allowed 4) Run Differential 5) Coin Flip or Draw

Round Robin Tiebreakers: 1) Won-loss record 2) Head to Head 3) Defensive Runs Allowed 4) Run Differential

**ALL PLAYING FIELDS AND SPECTATOR AREAS ARE NON-SMOKING
UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED FROM PLAYERS, COACHES OR FANS**