



2010



Mankato Royals Classic Rules

10A, 10AA, 11A, 11AA, 11AAA, 12A, 12AA, 12AAA

A. Players/Coaches:

1. Age is determined as of any birthday prior to May 1st (ex. A twelve-year old cannot turn 13 before May 1st)
2. Player roster is limited to 15 players plus 2 bat persons
3. No smoking is allowed on the playing field.

B. Insurance:

1. The Mankato Royals Baseball Tournament DOES NOT carry any medical insurance coverage on tourney participants. It is the responsibility of the individual teams to provide whatever coverage is desired.

C: Playing Rules:

(The National Federation of High School Rules Book will be used with the following modifications)

1. Pool play time limit is 2hr. No new inning will start after 2hr. Games may end in a tie during pool play. Extra innings will be played if needed during the championship round, no time limit.
2. Home team determined by coin toss.
3. Ten run rule is in effect after 4 1/2 innings, (home team) or 5 innings (visiting team).
4. If a game is called because of weather, the rescheduled game will continue from the point of discontinuance unless an official game has been constituted by 4 1/2 or a full 5 innings.
5. No steel spikes.
6. The following bats are legal:
10-U Bat diameter must be 2 1/4" or smaller with unlimited weight differential.
11, 12U Bat diameter must 2 1/4" or smaller with unlimited weight differential or bats must have diameter between 2 1/2" and 2 3/4" and a drop between length and width must be 10 or less (i.e. 30" - 20 oz.)
The use of an illegal bat will result in the batter being out and any play resulting from the use of an illegal bat is nullified.
7. Pitching distance is 46 feet and base paths are 65 feet for 10 and 11 year-olds. Pitching distance is 52 feet and base paths are 75 feet for 12 year-olds.
8. **10 and 11: Pitchers may pitch 3 innings per game, 6 innings per pool, 3 per game, 6 per bracket. Maximum of 15 for the tournament.**
12: Pitchers may pitch 3 innings per game, 6 per pool, 3 per game, 8 per bracket. Maximum 15 for the tournament. Pitching limits WILL NOT be waived for the 3rd place and Championship games.
One pitch in an inning counts as an inning pitched. VIOLATION OF THE PITCHING RULES WILL RESULT IN THE EJECTION OF THE PITCHER AND COACH FOR THE REST OF THE TOURNAMENT. Pitchers innings will be displayed on the tournament board. No curve balls. 2 trips to the mound per pitcher, per game. On the second visit the pitcher must be removed.
9. The balk rule will not be enforced for 10 and 11 year-olds. Balks will be called in 12 year-old if the umpire judges that the pitcher is being intentionally deceptive.

10. In the 10 and 11 divisions, the batter MAY NOT advance to first base on a dropped third strike but the ball is LIVE and the batter is out.
11. 10 year-olds may lead off after the ball crosses the plate. 11 year-olds may lead off when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. If a base runner leaves early, there will be no pitch and the team will receive a warning from the umpire with the runner returning to his original base. The umpire will call the runner out the second time this occurs in a game.
12 year-olds: leading off, stealing, dropped 3rd strike are under high school rules.
12. A team must field 9 players to start a game. If due to injury or illness, the team may finish with 8 players. That batting position will be considered an out if not replaced.
13. Each team MUST bat the entire roster. Each team will be allowed free substitution of players. If a player is hurt during the game and is unable to compete, his place in the order will not be considered an out unless the team is under the required nine players.
14. Courtesy runners are allowed for catchers at any time. This means the catcher must be the catcher of record before and after the at bat. (must use the player recorded as the last out). The player that is run for must catch the next inning. Courtesy runner (last out) will be allowed for an injured player.
15. No fake tags. Penalty: All runners advance one base.
16. Proper helmets must be worn while batting, base running, catching and Batboys. (In accordance with High School Rules)
17. Umpire decisions are final.
18. Any player or coach ejected from a game shall be suspended for the next game. The coach may not be within 100 feet of the team bench throughout the remainder of the game and the next. If suspended individual negatively affects the tournament again in any way, they will be removed from the facility and may not set foot on any tournament facility for the remainder of the weekend. (The police may be called)
19. In case of inclement weather we will do whatever possible to play all the games. In case of a rain out and the tournament has started there will be no refunds.
20. Forfeit Rule: Should a forfeit occur within pool play at any time for lack of players ALL game results of the forfeiting team shall be canceled during its pool play. Opposing teams will be awarded a 1-0 victory. A team, which forfeits the game because of lack of players, may not advance to the Championship Round.
21. Each team must supply one new baseball for each game.
22. Tie Breaker Rules:
 - a. Head-to-Head
 - b. Least number of runs allowed in total pool play.
 - c. Run differential in total pool play (maximum plus or minus 10 runs per game)
 - d. Least number of runs allowed against tied teams.
 - e. Run differential against tied teams (maximum plus or minus 10 runs per game)
 - f. Coin toss
 - g. If a tiebreaker sets apart one team and the remaining teams are still tied, revert back to step (a).
 - h. **Wild card will be decided using the following steps:**
 - 1) Total run differential (max +/- 10 per game)
 - 2) If top teams are tied, head to head
 - 3) if teams haven't played, Total runs allowed.
 - 4) coin toss

The official schedule is the bracket board posted at Tournament Headquarters. It is the team's responsibility to be aware of any schedule changes and to be in the right place at the right time.

ENJOY THE TOURNAMENT AND GOOD LUCK!