

2018 Quad City A's Father's Day Classic

Tournament Rules

Check- In

- ❖ Check In will take place at Tournament Central which is located at the Alleman Sports Complex near the concession stand. Check-in materials must be delivered to the Tournament Director or another authorized person located at Tournament Central.
 - Any outstanding balance is due at check-in.
 - Each team will be required to donate three (3) brand new baseballs.
 - Each team will be required to provide a roster.
 - Each team will receive pool play result sheets.
 - Address for Alleman Sports Complex: 1186 43rd Ave Moline, IL 61265.

Length of Games

- ❖ Every game in age groups 9 is subject to six (6) innings or a 1 hour and 40 minute time limit, whichever occurs first. The 13U and 14U age brackets will play seven (7) innings or 1 hour and 40 minute time limit, whichever occurs first. A new inning starts as soon as the third out is made for the previous inning. No new inning can start if the time limit has expired in the previous inning. The Championship game for 9U will have a full six (6) innings and 13U – 14U will have a full seven (7) innings.
- ❖ In the event of a tie score in pool play, one (1) inning will be played with a runner on second base and one (1) out. The runner placed on second base will be the last out of the previous inning. If the score is still tied after this inning the game will result in a tie.
- ❖ In the event of a tie score in bracket play, the same rules apply except the game will continue with this format until a winner is determined. If the score is tied after the final inning of the championship game, one (1) inning of regular baseball will be played. If the score is still tied after one (1) inning, the rules will shift to the bracket play tie breaker rules.
- ❖ **Game are scheduled every hour and forty-five minutes, please be at the field thirty (30) minutes before your scheduled game time so that games can start on-time and/or early if time dictates.**

Starting a Game/ Injuries

- ❖ Each team may choose to use a Designated Hitter (DH), an Extra Hitter (EH) or bat your entire roster. In each scenario, the team must finish the game batting with the same number of players in the line-up. In the event of an injured player without a reserve available, the player's spot in the line-up will result in an out.
- ❖ Home team in pool play will be determined by a coin flip occurring five (5) minutes before game time. High seed will determine home team in bracket and championship play.

Post-Game Paperwork

- ❖ Each team will be given pool play sheets at check-in. Both coaches are responsible for validating and signing one play sheet. Winning coach is responsible for submitting the completed play sheet to tournament central.

Pitching Rules

- ❖ No specific rules but please use good judgment.

Slide Rule

- ❖ For plays at home plate the slide rule is in effect. There is **NO** warning. A runner not sliding in a play at the plate will be automatically called out. This rule is for the safety of all players. It will be up to the umpire's discretion to decide if it is a close play, therefore the tournament recommendation is to slide when in doubt.

Determination of Seeding/ Tie-Breakers

- ❖ Tiebreakers when seeding will be determined by the following:
 - 1. Win-loss record
 - 2. Head-to-head
 - 3. Fewest runs allowed
 - 4. Run differential (max of +/- 8 runs)
 - 5. Walks allowed
 - 6. Coin flip

Mercy Rule

- ❖ Mercy Rule will be in effect as follows:
 - 12 run rule after 3 innings
 - 10 run rule after 4 innings
 - 8 run rule after 5 innings

Courtesy Runners

- ❖ A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher or catcher at any time. The runner must be a player not currently in the game. If no extra players are available, the courtesy runner must be the player who recorded the last out. No player may courtesy run twice in one (1) inning.

Balks

- ❖ 9U: One warning per pitcher per inning.
- ❖ 13U – 14U: No warnings; balks will be called!

Pitching/ Base Distances

- ❖ 9U: pitching distance of 46 feet and a base distance of 65 feet.
- ❖ 13U: pitching distance of 54 feet and a base distance of 80 feet.
- ❖ 14U: pitching distance of 60 feet 6 in. and a base distance of 90 feet.

Awards

- ❖ Individual awards will be given for 1st and 2nd place.

Sportsmanship

- ❖ We ask that all players, coaches and spectators understand that unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by umpires or tournament staff. Any player or coach ejected from any game will not be allowed to participate in the next game. Any spectator ejected from a game must leave the park for the remainder of the day. Additionally penalties may be assessed as deemed necessary by the tournament or site director. Please remember that this is an event for kids, respect the rules and set a good example!

Ballpark Rules

- ❖ No food or drinks are to be brought into the ballparks. Full concessions will be available.

Refund Policy

- ❖ If the tournament is cancelled due to weather, refunds will be issued as follows:
 - 0 games started – 100% entry fee and gate fee less \$50 administration fee.
 - 1 game started – 50% of entry and gate fee.
 - 2 games started – no refunds.