



Sandlots of Salem 2019 Tournament Rules

Rain Out Policy

0 games Started = Full Credit toward a future Sandlots of Salem Tournament minus \$100 Admin Fee

1 game Started = 25% Credit toward a Future Sandlots of Salem Tournament

2 games Started – Full Tournament, No additional Credits

The Start time of All games constitutes a Full Game.

Game Procedures

The following Sandlots of Salem rules apply, all others follow USSSA Rules. In Pool Play, a coin flip will determine the home team. The coin flip will be conducted by the umpiring crew at ground rules. During the bracket play in all games the higher seeded team will be the home team.

7 inning games for all divisions 10U-18U

6 inning games 9U

No New Inning will begin after 1:45

Teams must be prepared to Start a New Game 30 minutes prior to their Scheduled Start Time. Inclement weather could force Sandlots of Salem Staff to modify these established tournament game times.

Baseballs will be provided. All teams should chase foul balls and return them to game.

Both teams should keep a score book and should confer with the other team to avoid any mistakes. If dispute can't be settled Home Team scorebook is official. Both teams should maintain official game start time and confirm with home plate umpire.

The Winning Manager must report game scores by Text Message to the Tournament Director within 1 hour of the conclusion of each scheduled game to

PHONE NUMBER OF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR *_***_******
(Age level/teams/and final score
i.e. "12U Division - Team ABC 8 - Team XYZ 7"

Guidelines for Batting Lineups

9U-18U Pool Play-Coaches will bat the full roster and be allowed free defensive substitutions. A legitimate injury confirmed by the umpire will not count as an out in the batting order.

9U-12U Bracket Play will be the same continuous batting order as above.

13U-18U Bracket Play can choose lineup they feel is best for their team according to NFHS Rules

Courtesy Runners can be used at any time for Pitcher and Catcher but must be the last batted out.

Baseball Bat Limits

Sandlots of Salem will follow the "swing what you bring" mentality regarding all major branded metal baseball bats for tournament play. At the 14U level, bats must have a length to weight ratio of either -5 or -3. For 15U and above, bats must fall at the -3 or less length to weight ratio. Length to weight ratios need not apply to age levels 9U-13U.

Sandlots of Salem umpires have 100% authority to deem a bat unsafe, unusable, and unplayable if they feel in their best judgement that the piece of equipment could be a safety threat to other players, coaches, and spectators. For wood bat tournaments, bats must be of one piece of solid wood.

Pitching Limits

9u - 10u – 9 continuous outs per game

11u - 12u – 12 continuous outs per game

13u – 15 continuous outs per game

14u and up – 18 continuous outs per game

(No Pitcher may re-enter the Game as a pitcher once removed)

NO METAL CLEATS ON PORTABLE MOUNDS

9U+ Rules

[USSSA Baseball Rules Apply](#)

9u Field Dimensions – 44/65

10u Field Dimensions – 46/65

11U Field Dimensions-50/70

12u Field Dimensions – 50/70

13u Field Dimensions – 54/80

14u and up Field Dimensions – 60/90

9U No leadoffs Ball has to cross home for steal. No advancing to home except on ball put in play. No drop 3rd strikes.

Sandlots of Salem considers the health and safety of our youth players to be its highest priority, and asks coaches and parents to be mindful of the number of pitches a player has thrown in one game.

Game Procedures – Pool and Championship Play

Pool games can end in ties after allotted time has expired.

Championship round games cannot end in a tie

If elimination games are tied after time expires, Sandlots of Salem Time Breaker Rules are played. Each team will start with the previous innings last batted out on 2nd base with 1 out, 1 ball and 1 strike.

The following Pool Play Tie Breakers will be used for seeding into the Championship rounds

- 1) Head to Head Play (if All tied teams have played each other)**
- 2) Runs Allowed**
- 3) Run Differential**
- 4) Runs Scored**

Balks and Intentional Walks

One warning per pitcher will be given before a balk is called. (10u – 12u) and No Warnings Given for 13u and Above. All balks will be called according to USSSA Rules.

Intentional Walks do not require the pitches to be thrown. The Coach can announce an intentional walk and hold up 4 fingers and the player will be awarded 1st base.

Mercy Game Run Rules

9u - 18u

12 after 3 innings

10 after 4 innings

8 after 5 innings

Complete Game Rain Rules

All Games Complete After

*7 inning Games – 4 1/2 innings if Home Team is in the Lead

Inclement weather could force Sandlots of Salem to modify these established tournament game times.

No new inning may start after the time limit has elapsed. A new inning automatically begins after the 3rd out is recorded in the bottom half of the previous inning.

The official game time starts at the conclusion of the ground rules and will be announced by the umpire. Championship games will have no time limit unless presented at ground rules.

Run Rules are still in effect

Game Protest

No Protests. If a rule dispute comes about lets work hard to get the right answers according to the rules. Its hard once a tournament is started to replay games. Tournament Director has final jurisdiction.

Rules of Conduct

Sandlots of Salem strives to provide a great baseball and family atmosphere for its tournament participants and guests. No unsportsmanlike conduct by participants or fans will be tolerated and penalty for such behavior will be removal from the grounds for the duration of the tournament.

Coaches are responsible for themselves, for their players, and families at all times. Any suspension/ejection imposed by umpires or Sandlots of Salem officials will be served during the game in progress and the next tournament game and/or tournament weekend. Applies for Coaches, Players and Family Members.

HAVE FUN