



Johnston June Classic
@ Lew Clarkson Park
2012 Tournament Rules

Unless otherwise noted, the playing rules for USSSA tournaments hosted at Johnston Little League will follow in accordance with USSSA national rules first, then official major league baseball rules that can be found at their website.

Team Registration

Team managers must check in with the tournament director 30 minutes prior to their 1st scheduled game. Teams must be sanctioned with USSSA. Teams **must provide a signed USSSA roster printed from USSSA on-line roster**. Please make sure we have your hotel information if you are an out of town team as we need this for contact purposes.

Brackets/Schedules

Schedules will be posted by Tuesday, 5pm the week of the tournament. Game scores will be posted nightly during the tournament at www.jllbaseball.com on the tournaments link. Championship play brackets will be posted at the same site once pool play is complete.

Pitching

Johnston Little League will be tracking pitch counts at the Johnston June Classic.

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A. One day maximum to pitch the next day.

B. One day maximum.

C. Three day maximum.

Each team will receive pitching log cards at check-in. These pitching log cards must be filled out correctly, signed by both managers and returned to the tournament director immediately following each game. Teams will not be allowed to start next scheduled game if pitching record from the previous game was not submitted to the site director.

1 out = 1/3 inning 2 outs = 2/3 inning 3 outs = 1 inning

Violation of pitching limitations will result in immediate forfeiture of the game.

BALKS:

7U – 8U No Balks will be called

9U – 10U Pitchers will be called for all major violations and warned for minor violations that do not affect the outcome of the play.

Game Time/Run Rules

As with any tournament we would like to keep as close to the schedule as possible. Please have your teams ready to go at their field of play 10 minutes prior to start of game.

AGE INNINGS POOL PLAY

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7 5 1 hour 1 hr 15 min *See age

specific rules

8 6 1 hr 30 min 1 hr 40 min 15 runs after

3 innings

8 runs after

4 innings

9 6 1 hr 40 min 1 hr 50 min 15 runs after

3 innings

8 runs after

4 innings

10 6 1 hr 40 min 1 hr 50 min

TIED GAME AFTER TIME ELAPSED – JLL TIE

BREAKER RULE

▪ If game is tied after the time limit has elapsed, additional inning(s) will be played as follows:

- Each team will place the last two players who batted from the line-up the previous inning on 2nd and 3rd base (last batter on 2nd base and 2nd to last batter on 3rd base).
- The inning will start with one out. No pitcher will be charged for the automatic first out.
- The game will continue with this format until a winner is declared.
- This rule is not in effect for the championship game only.
- The tie breaker is effective when regulation innings have been completed or at regulation time limit, whichever comes first.

FORFEITS

Forfeit in pool play may result in team not advancing to championship bracket

HOME TEAM

Home team will be determined by flip of coin in pool play. In championship play, higher seed will have choice of home or visitor unless specifically noted otherwise for event.

Home team will be official scorekeeper and must record start time in book.

When Home team is leading and time limit has expired the game is stopped. Do not finish this inning for the purpose of runs scored or allowed. However, if the inning is completed or partially completed before the error is discovered, everything at the point of discovery stands.

POOL PLAY SEED TIE BREAKER

- 1) Win-loss record
- 2) Head to head
- 3) Fewest runs allowed (versus all teams played)
- 4) Run differential (max of +8 or -8)
- 5) USSSA Points
- 6) Once you move to the next tie breaker, you do not return to any of the above.

EXTRA HITTER (EH)

The Extra Hitter (EH) is allowed. The Designated Hitter (DH) is not allowed.

EJECTIONS

Any player or coach ejected from a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the next game of the event. Anyone ejected may be asked to leave the park at the discretion of the Site Director. Additional penalties may be assessed

as deemed necessary by the Site Director.

REFUND POLICY

If tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather, refunds will be issued as follows:

0 Games started: Full refund minus \$75 administrative fee.

1 Game started: 50% of entry fee refunded.

2 Games started: No refund.

Cancellation of tournament by Johnston Little League: Full refund

Teams withdraw after entry deadline: 50% refund

Weather/Rainout information

Tournament director contact information will be provided upon registration.

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NO FOOD OR DRINK TO BE BROUGHT IN TO THE BALLPARK

No Team coolers are allowed. This is a tournament and this rule is enforced. Coaches are to notify their teams.

Player individual water jugs are allowed.

Managers are held responsible for the actions of the players and fans.

Soft toss batting practice against a backstop or fence is prohibited unless using wiffle balls.

Please police the dugout and pick up all trash and dispose in trash cans.

Number and Position of Coaches

A maximum of three coaches per team shall be allowed in the team dugout or on the field. Only two coaches will be allowed out of the dugout when a team is on offense or defense. When your team is on defense, coaches are restricted to the area from one end of the dugout to the other end and must be within arms length of the dugout. When your team is on offense, regular coach's box rules apply at first and 3rd Base. Penalty: Umpire may restrict coach or coaches to inside the dugout without warning. Umpires may also elect that no buckets be allowed outside the dugout. When buckets are allowed outside the dugout there will be a limit to one.

Field Use

Fields are drug and chalked after every other game, time permitting.

Use of empty fields for warm up or infield practice is prohibited. Warming up on pitching mound prior to start of game is also prohibited as well as infield practice.

Batting Cages

Limit your use to one side of the batting cage and limit your time to 30 minutes so that other teams can also use the batting cages. Batting cage use is based on first come, first served. Johnston Little League boasts more hitting cages than most other parks in the metro area.