

Oakland Yard Athletics
Baseball at the YARD
Indoor Tournament Rules



Games will be 1:10 in length. The umpire will announce “LAST BATTER” at 69 minutes and the game is over once that batter completes his at-bat.

Hitters will start with a 1 Ball 1 Strike count.

Bunting – Regardless of how a batter fouls a pitch on the second strike and the batter attempts to bunt thereafter, and the ball goes foul, the batter is out. This modification will warrant a batter an extra attempt of a second strike.

Maximum 7 runs per inning. No Mercy Rule.

Batted balls that hit any part of the dome or lights are dead ball fouls unless the ball carries over the home run fencing.

In the event of an incomplete inning and the home team is losing, the score reverts back to the last completed inning. If the home team was losing the last completed inning but tied the score or taken the lead in the incomplete inning, that score stands. There can be a tie games.

Base runners may not score on passed ball unless the defensive team puts the ball back into play. All runners may advance to 2nd and 3rd on passed balls.

Lead offs and Steals allowed including home.

8U ONLY – No leading off. Runners may steal 2nd and/or 3rd base once a pitched ball crosses home plate. Runners shall not advance from 3rd base to home unless the runner is batted home or forced by a base on balls, hit batsman, or award from the Umpire. Runners shall not advance from 3rd base to home on passed balls, wild pitches or dropped / missed 3rd strikes by the catcher.

No head first slides at home plate! Immediate Dead Ball, the base runner is out, and all trailing runners must return to the last base gained. Base runners that slide head first into home are automatically out even if there is no throw or play at home.

Dropped 3rd strikes are playable 11/12U only. (8U, 9U, 10U – batter is out, live ball)

Home team will be decided by coin flip.

No bat restrictions – Wood bats may be used but this is not a wood bat tournament.

Free Substitutions – Teams may bat everyone and players may re-enter multiple times but the batting order must remain the same. Teams electing not to bat everyone may re-enter players multiple times provided the players re-entering bat in their original order.

In the event of an injury with no substitute available, the batting order will condensed. The injured player’s spot in the batting order is not an out.

Courtesy Runners for pitcher/catcher only and must be the last batted out.

Oakland Yard will provide game balls.

Dugout Areas – Coaches, players, and one scorekeeper only. No parents, siblings, or spectators.

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NO METAL CLEATS! Molded rubber cleats, turf shoes, basketball type shoes only

Tie Breakers:

1. Head to head
2. Fewest runs allowed
3. Most runs scored
4. Coin Flip

Wild Card:

1. Best record (non pool winner)
2. Head to head
3. Fewest runs allowed
4. Most runs scored
5. Coin flip

Seeding for divisions with Wild Card:

1. Best record
2. Fewest runs allowed
3. Most runs scored
4. Coin flip

In the event of a tie game in a Semi-Final, the team with the fewest runs allowed in the tournament advances to the championship game.

In the event of a tie game in the Championship game both teams will be declared Co-Champions and both teams will receive Tournament Champions awards.

All players **MUST** be of appropriate age and are required to provide proof of age if requested. Failure to provide requested proof of age will result in team forfeit and player ejection from the tournament.

Base and pitching Distances:

8U – 40/60

9/10U – 46/65

11/12U – 50/70

NO SEEDS OR TOBACCO allowed in the buildings. Anyone found eating seeds or using tobacco of any kind will be immediately ejected from the game. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Rules are subject to change and Tournament Director's decisions are final.

Oakland Yard is a family friendly facility. Any player, coach or spectator that demonstrates unsportsmanlike behavior (i.e. violent play, fighting, foul/abusive language) toward umpires, opponents, spectators, Or tournament administrators, will be ejected from the game and/or asked to leave the property. Family friendly behavior is expected and appreciated.