

2018 MT RUSHMORE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This is an USA sanctioned tournament. BATS must be USA approved.
2. **UMPIRES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.** No protests.
3. The **HOME** team is the official scorekeeper.
4. **TIME LIMIT:** 7 innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes (75 minutes). Time limit will be in effect for all games except the **Championship Game for 14's, 16's and 18's in Division 1 only.**
5. **LINE-UPS** - teams may bat their roster with the first nine batters being your starting nine defensive players or you can choose to play straight nine with the Flex and DP. Please refer to the USA rulebook regarding the use of the Flex/DP.
Bracket Play— we will be playing straight 9 with the option of a Flex and DP.
6. Pool games can end in a tie if time is expired or 7 complete innings have been played.
7. Coin flip before game determines HOME team and starts the game clock.
8. **Pool games can end in tie.** Tiebreaker rule will be used in Sunday bracket play.
9. **RUN RULE:** 12 after 3, 10 after 4, and 8 after 5 innings of play. Run Rule is in effect for Championship games as well. A maximum of 8 runs per inning will be enforced in the U10 division only.
10. **THE WINNING TEAM** is responsible for notifying Tournament Headquarters of final score immediately after the game.
11. Coaches must check bracket boards and maintain contact with Tournament Headquarters in case of time changes.
12. **COURTESY RUNNER** -Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher and catcher. Any player may be used as a courtesy runner during pool play. During bracket play, courtesy runners must be substitutes. Refer to rule 8 section 10 for additional details. **Courtesy runner may not run for both the pitcher and catcher in the same inning.**
13. Saturday's pool play results will determine seeding into Sunday's single elimination tournament. **1st and 2nd place teams go to Division 1. 3rd and 4th Place teams go to Division 2.** In the event of a tie in pool, seeding will be based on the following:
 - a. Win/Loss Record
 - b. Head to head score
 - c. Runs Allowed
 - d. Coin flip (Only games in your pool count in seeding.)

14. In case of rain, tournament director may change the format and/or number of games in order to complete the tournament. If NO games are played, all but \$75 of the entry fee will be refunded.

15. Have your FIRST AID KITS available in the dugout when playing games.

16. Please clean up your dugout after each game.

17. Winners and runner-ups of each division will receive medals.

18. Please send your roster information with your team name, coaches, players with uniform numbers. If you do not have this information at the time of registration, please send it as soon as it is available.

19. Pick-up players are allowed as long as they are registered and are age appropriate for the division in which they will be playing.

20. Game balls are provided.

21. Concessions and Tournament T-Shirts will be available.

22. PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT EITHER COMPLEX.

23. NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT EITHER COMPLEX.

24. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK FACEBOOK FOR TOURNAMENT UPDATES. THIS WILL BE OUR PRIMARY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION DURING THE TOURNAMENT.