



Elings Park – Santa Barbara, CA Baseball Tournament Rules

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- Unless modified below, tournament rules are based on Major League rules with USSSA modifications.
- Divisions are based upon player's ages as May 1st.
- Players may only play on one team in the tournament.
- Birth Certificates: Coaches are required to have copies of birth certificates for all players in their possession at all games.
- Each team is to provide 2 new balls for each game.
- For a weekend tournament, brackets will be posted on Tuesday night before the tournament date. Each team must re-check brackets up until one day before the scheduled event because brackets frequently change.
- If there are not enough teams in single age divisions, Elings reserves the right to create mixed age divisions of 10U, 12U and 14U.

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- **Pitching restrictions are as follows:** 6 innings per tournament for 8U to 12U and 7 innings per tournament for 13U & 14U. One extra inning for every game after 4th game.
 - Distances= 10U-46ft (mound)/65 ft (bases), 11U & 12U – 50/70, 13U -54/80, If the division is 13U & 14U then 54/80; if only 14U division then 60/90.
 - Teams may elect to bat 9 players **AND OR** bat 10 players with the 10th player being an EH. The EH is considered a defensive player and may switch in and out defensively. Teams may also use a DH (designated hitter) where one player plays defense only. Teams may also bat their entire roster. If team bats roster or has no subs when a starter is injured, then an out is recorded each time the injured player's spot comes up. Starters may re-enter one time only in their original spot.
 - Teams may play with 8 players with an out being taken for each time the 9th spot comes up. 9th player may be added any time during the game.
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- Length of game: 9, 10, 11, 12 year old divisions will play 6 innings with no new inning after 1:45. 13 and above will play 7 innings with no new inning after 1:45 hours. Extra innings are played if there is still time on clock. If time expires in a tie game in pool play, game is called a tie. Once an inning begins, it must be completed. There will be no time limit on championship games. Every effort will be made to finish tournament but in case of rain, darkness or other acts of God, Director reserves the right to shorten games or modify schedules in order to finish event. Rainout policy is as follows. No games played- 100% refund or credit. 1 Game played- 50% off future tournament. 2 games played- no refunds.
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- Mercy rules: 15 runs after 3 innings; 10 after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings
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- Home team will be determined by a coin flip. In playoffs, higher seeded team will be home team until championship game. In the event, two teams have the same seeding, the home team will be determined by a coin flip. Each team will provide a scorekeeper with all changes going through home plate umpire .

- All protests will be ruled on immediately and all decisions are final. No pre-game infield on any of the fields. Warm up in foul territory only.
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Any team forfeiting a game may not advance to playoff round.

- Courtesy runners will be allowed for the pitcher or catcher at any time. The courtesy runner will be someone not currently in the lineup. If a team does not have a sub player, they may not use a courtesy runner. A courtesy runner may only run one time per inning. **It is the base runner's responsibility to avoid contact with the fielder when he has the ball. Slide or avoid is in effect at all times when fielder is in possession of ball. Intentionally running into a fielder who is in possession of the ball is grounds for ejection.**
- Metal cleats are allowed for 11U and older teams.

- All conversations with an umpire should be conducted after a time out has been called and be held in a calm and professional manner. Verbal abuse of the umpire will not be tolerated and may result in ejection from the game.
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Any player, manager or coach ejected from the game will sit out the next game also. Managers are responsible for the conduct of his players and fans.

- To intentionally walk a batter, a coach simply needs to inform the umpire and point to first base. No pitches are thrown.
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- Any team using illegal players shall be subject to discipline ranging from forfeiting a game to ejection from tournament.
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- Mechanical noise makers are not allowed.
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- Visits to the Mound: You must remove a pitcher for the second trip to the mound in an inning. In the umpire's discretion, a mound visit may be charged if a coach gives an instruction to another player and that player goes and talks to the pitcher.