



# PIESTEWA GAMES BASEBALL RULES

## Rules and Regulations

### **2024 PIESTEWA GAMES BASEBALL RULES**

- Managers/Coaches are responsible for the behavior and conduct of their players, parents, and fans. There will be a limit of four (4) coaches allowed in the dugout for the games. Please tell your fans to respect the playing fields and surrounding areas. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the premises. All fields and fan areas are smoke-free and drug-free zones.
- No player can play on more than one team in the tournament; this includes the Single A, Double A, and Triple A baseball & softball divisions.
- A team may make only two protests of eligibility (age or tribal affiliation) to the Tournament Director throughout the entire tournament. The protests must be made before game time. A protest can only be made for an individual player, not an entire team. If proper documentation cannot be provided for a player – that player will be disqualified from the tournament and any games he/she participated in will be forfeited.
- Coin Flip: Home/Away Team
- Head Coaches/Managers will meet at home plate. Umpires will flip a coin to determine which team is home/away.
- A ten-minute grace period will be allowed before a forfeit. Grace Me will be included in-game time.
- Official rosters and line-ups **MUST** be turned in to the scorekeeper at least

fifteen (15) minutes before the game time.

- Once a pitcher is removed as a pitcher, he/she may not pitch again in the same game UNLESS he/ she remains in the game at another position.
- Batting helmets are required to be worn by all batters and runners.
- If a rainout call occurs after the players have played four innings, the game is considered official, which means that the team currently in the lead is the game's winner even if the game cannot be played to completion. A tie at the time a rainout is called suspends the game until play can be resumed at another time. Additionally, a rainout after one full inning but before four innings also suspends the game, with play to be resumed at another time. In both instances, play begins immediately where it stopped, with players in the same positions, including on bases if necessary – and the number of balls, strikes, and outs consistent. If a rainout occurs before one full inning, then the game will start over at another time as if it were a brand-new game. THIS EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE. NO REFUNDS.

## **2024 DOUBLE A BASEBALL RULES**

- Open roster: Ages 13 to 15 years players who turned 16 after January 1st, 2024 are not eligible. Each roster must have a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 15.
- The Double A Division will play on a conventional 90-foot field.
- Eight (8) players need to be present to officially start a game. The ninth spot in the batting order will be considered an out.
- A ten (10) run rule after four (4) innings of play shall be in effect. If the home team is ahead by ten (10) runs, the rule will be in effect after 3 1/2 innings.
- All games shall consist of seven (7) innings OR a one-hour and thirty-five (95 minute) time limit.

- A new inning will not begin after the one hour and twenty-five-minute (85-minute) mark – innings that start within that time frame will be completed. If the game is tied at the end of regulation during pool play, the game shall end in a tie. If the game is tied at the end of regulation during bracket play, the last player out will start the next inning on 2nd base. Each team will have the opportunity to bat with a runner on 2nd base. This will continue through extra innings until a winner is determined.
- There will be a five (5) run rule per inning, except for the last inning.
- Seven (7) innings may be pitched in one (1) day by an individual pitcher and a total maximum of fifteen (15) innings for the entire tournament.
- Lead-offs and base stealing are permitted.
- High School sliding restrictions will be enforced.
- Metal cleats are not permitted in the Double A division.
- Bats will need to meet the following requirements:
  - 36" or less in length
  - It should not weigh more than three ounces or be less than the length of the bat.
  - 25/8" or less in diameter.
  - BESR-ABI bats will not be allowed.
  - All high school aluminum, composite, and 2-piece (aluminum/composite)-3 bats must meet BBCOR certification standards.
  - Wood and wood composite bats are permitted.
- The top team from each pool/one wild card team (team with the best record that did not win pool) will advance to bracket play. All ties after the pool round and bracket seeding shall be settled as follows, in order:
  - Head-to-head competition (between teams tied, two (2) teams or more)
  - The fewest runs allowed in the games played between the teams tied.
  - Team that gave up the least amount of runs in all pool games.

- Runs scored.
- Coin flip

## **2024 SINGLE A BASEBALL RULES**

- Open roster: Ages 9 to 12 years. Players who turned 13 after January 1st, 2024 are not eligible. Each roster must have a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 15.
- This tournament is an Open Tournament.
- Managers/Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and fans
- No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the premises.
- No player can play on more than one (1) team in the tournament.
- No head coach can coach more than one (1) team in the tournament unless approved.
- Official rosters and line-ups MUST be turned in to the scorekeeper at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the game time. If no line-ups are in, game time will still proceed as scheduled.
- A 10-minute grace period will be allowed prior to a forfeit. Grace time will be included in-game time.
- Eight (8) players need to be present to officially start a game.
- A ten (10) run rule after four (4) innings of play shall be in effect. If the home team is ahead by ten (10) runs, the rule will be in effect after 3 1/2 innings.
- All games shall consist of six (6) innings OR a one (1) hour and thirty-five (35) minute time limit (95 mins). A new inning will not begin after (1) hour and Twenty-five minutes (85 mins).
- Once a pitcher is removed as a pitcher, he may not pitch again in the same game UNLESS he remains in the game at another position.

- There will be a five (5) run rule per inning, except for the last inning.
- A team may make only two protests of eligibility (age) to the Tournament Director throughout the entire tournament. The protests must be made prior to game me. A protest can only be made for an individual player, not an entire team.
- Six (6) innings may be pitched in one (1) day by an individual pitcher (a total maximum of twelve (12) innings for the entire tournament).
- Batting helmets are required to be worn by all batters and runners.
- Bats will need to meet the following requirements:
  - **Certification:** Must have the USA Baseball stamp.
  - **Barrel Diameter:** Maximum 2 5/8 inches & No longer than 33 inches
  - **Material:** Bats can be composite, aluminum, or wood, but must carry the USA Baseball certification mark.
  - **Length-to-Weight Ratio:** No Specific weight/length ratio limit
- The top team from each pool/one wild card team (team with the best record that did not win pool) will advance to bracket play. All ties after the pool round and bracket seeding shall be settled as follows, in order:
  - Head-to-head competition (between teams tied, two (2) teams or more)
  - The fewest runs allowed in the games played between the teams tied.
  - Team that gave up the least amount of runs in all pool games.
  - Runs scored.
  - Coin flip
- There will be no leadoff. Base stealing is permitted once the ball CROSSES HOME PLATE.
- Sports using outdoor facilities are weather-dependent. Competitions will be conducted unless.
- The commissioners, facilities managers, or AZ Sports and Entertainment Commission staff determine the weather conditions to be potentially

dangerous, life-threatening or if playing fields would incur significant damage. There will be no cash refunds for canceled events due to weather. However, if a rainout call occurs after the players have played four innings, the game is considered official, which means that the team currently in the lead is the game's winner even if the game cannot be played to completion. A tie at the time a rainout is called suspends the game until play can be resumed at another time. Additionally, a rainout after one full inning but before four innings also suspends the game, with play to be resumed at another time. In both instances, play begins immediately where it stopped, with players in the same positions, including on bases if necessary – and the number of balls, strikes, and outs consistent. If a rainout occurs before one full inning, Then the game will start over at another time as if it were a brand-new game.

## **2024 TRIPLE A BASEBALL RULES**

- Open roster: Ages High School Freshman - Seniors (Class '24,'25,'26,'27)  
Each roster must have a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 15.
- The Triple-A Division will play on a conventional 90-foot field.
- Eight (8) players need to be present to officially start a game. The ninth spot in the batting order will be considered an out.
- A ten (10) run rule after four (4) innings of play shall be in effect. If the home team is ahead by ten (10) runs, the rule will be in effect after 3 1/2 innings.
- All games shall consist of seven (7) innings OR a one-hour and thirty-five (95 minute) time limit.
- A new inning will not begin after the one hour and twenty-five-minute (85-minute) mark – innings that start within that time frame will be

completed. If the game is tied at the end of regulation during pool play, the game shall end in a tie. If the game is tied at the end of regulation during bracket play, the last player out will start the next inning on 2nd base. Each team will have the opportunity to bat with a runner on 2nd base. This will continue through extra innings until a winner is determined.

- There will be a five (5) run rule per inning, except for the last inning.
- Seven (7) innings may be pitched in one (1) day by an individual pitcher and a total maximum of fifteen (15) innings for the entire tournament.
- Lead-offs and base stealing are permitted.
- High School sliding restrictions will be enforced.
- Metal cleats are not permitted in the Triple-A division.
- Bats will need to meet the following requirements:
  - **Certification:** Bats must have the BBCOR (Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution) certification mark.
  - **Length-to-Weight Ratio:** Must have a drop (length-to-weight ratio) of -3.
  - **Material:** Bats can be made of composite, aluminum, or wood, but must meet BBCOR standards.
  - **Length:** Bats cannot be longer than 36 inches.
- The top team from each pool/one wild card team (team with the best record that did not win pool) will advance to bracket play. All ties after the pool round and bracket seeding shall be settled as follows, in order:
  - Head-to-head competition (between teams tied, two (2) teams or more)
  - The fewest runs allowed in the games played between the teams tied.
  - Team that gave up the least amount of runs in all pool games.
  - Runs scored.
  - Coin flip

**Note: All rules and regulations will be enforced**