



## **Best of the West – 18U/Midget - Tournament Rules**

**Welcome everyone to the “Best of the West” 18U/Midget Tournaments.**

**Time limit:** Outside of Semi Final Games - all games are 7 innings or 2-hour time limit with no new inning starting after the 2-hour mark. If we are at time and the game is tied at that mark, it will go down as a tie.

Other circumstances that could happen:

- If a game is tied after 7 innings and under the time, it will be played with a speed up rule - runner at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1 out and all hitters start with a 1 – 1 count until 2-hour time is reached. **Please note that if the speed up rule is used only 1 run will be rewarded to the winning team as runners were placed on bases.**
- If an inning has started, it must be completed unless the home team is leading – then the game is over.
- If weather or unforeseen circumstance plays into a game, we will resume the game at the present point later – Please understand that 5 innings constitute a complete game.

**Home Team:** Decided by a Coin flip in round robin games and then higher seed in the Playoff round

**Mercy Rule:** 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 complete innings will be in effect.

**Tie Breaker:** 1. Best Record 2. Head-to-Head 3. Defensive runs against in all games played 4. Run Differential 5. Most runs scored in all round robin games 6. Sudden death mini game

**Slide or Avoid:** Straight into the bag or attempt to avoid contact.

**Speed up Rule:** You can run for the pitcher or catcher at any time – someone presently not in the game.

**Official Book:** The home team has the official book.

**DH & EH:** If you wish, you can have DH and EH. The EH can be freely substituted to play defense.

**Re Entry:** You can re-enter for the starters, just make sure they come back in the same spot in batting order.

**Pitching Rules:** There are none. This will be left up to you, but please abide by the rules set up by your org.

**BATS:** Wood bat or Wood composite Bat tournament (Baum bat is legal).

**WEATHER:** If weather becomes a factor here is the priority of games to be played.

1. Round Robin – no other games in the tournament can be played outside of the round Robin Games.
2. Playoff Games
3. Higher seeded Consolation Games
4. Lower seeded Consolation Games

### **For Tournament or Travel event play – Weather or Cancellation:**

In the case of weather or cancellation of games or an event, the following will be our **Strictly Followed Refund Policy**. Of course we will do our best to get all games in but will lean on teams to help with fields as manpower may be an issue.

0 games = 90% refund    1 game = 67% refund    2 games = 33% refund    3 games or more = no refund

**Age Eligibility:** As different leagues have different mandates the “Best of the West” will use the following:

- **Gap year players are allowed up to one year after graduation and cannot be turning 20 in upcoming season or on or trying out for a college team.**

**Withdrawal from a BLE/Best of the West event:** One month prior to the start date will result in **NO REFUND**. Once again, management does reserve that right to offer a credit under special circumstances.

Have a great tournament, cheers

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