



Showtown in O-town Tournament Rules for 2019

Common:

- *Each team should furnish 2 playable balls for each game.
- *Coin toss for home/away in pool play. Top Seed gets choice in bracket play.
- *USABat approved bats that feature the USA Baseball mark or -3 BBCOR bats only. Use of an illegal bat is an automatic out.
- *Molded cleats only. No spikes.

- *Teams must have 8 players to play. If a team is missing a 9th batter, it is an automatic out.
- *Teams may pick up players to get to 10 players in 5/6 & 7/8 and 9 players in 9/10 & 11/12.
- *Pick up players must play in OF, bat last, and be properly identified on the line-up card. Pickup players must be from the team's fall ball rec league and cannot be used as DH hitters.
- *Pick up player must be approved by the oppositions Head Coach before play begins.

- *Pool play games are 60 minutes in 5/6, 65 minutes in 7/8, 70 minutes in 9/10 and 75 minutes in 11/12.
- *Pool play games **can end in a tie** (Finish the inning, this is not drop dead)
- *No new inning will start with less than 5 minutes on the clock in pool play.

- *Bracket play games are 65 minutes in 5/6, 70 minutes in 7/8, 75 minutes in 9/10 and 80 minutes in 11/12.
- *Bracket play games **cannot end in a tie**.
- *In Bracket Play, if teams are tied at the end of an inning when time expires, each extra inning will start with the last batted out on 2nd base.
- *Seeding for bracket play will be determined by Record, then Runs Allowed, Run Differential and Runs Scored. This is done to reward teams for good defense. (Example: 2 teams finish with a 2-0 record. Team A won its games 2-1 and 3-2. Team A gave up 3 runs and posted a run differential of +2. Team B won its games 10-2 and 8-5. Team B gave up 7 runs and posted a run differential of +11. Team A would be the higher seed since they gave up less runs.

- *For any other rule not listed on this sheet, 2019 Dizzy Dean rules will apply
- *Protest fee is \$100 cash. Protest must be made immediately following the game to the Home Umpire, who will notify Tournament officials.
- *Awards for Champions and Runner-up only

Specific age group rules follow on the next two pages



5/6:

- *Teams must field 8 players to play.
- *Teams that fail to field 8 players may still play their game, but the score will be recorded as a 7-0 loss.
- ***DH hitters are allowed for batters 9 and up in the order.** A DH gets 3 Coach pitches and 2 swings off the tee (5 attempts total). Coach must notify Ump when DH comes to bat.
- *Pick up players **CANNOT** DH. They will bat last, but can NOT use a tee. **Clarification:** A team has 8 of their own players and picks up two additional players to get to 10. This team is not allowed to use a DH, since their pick-ups bat 9th and 10th.
- *5 run limit per inning
- *When a ball is hit to the Pitcher and the play is at 1st, the Pitcher must throw the ball to the base for an out. Pitcher cannot run the batter down for an out. This only applies to 1st base. **Exception:** If the pitcher fields the ball near the foul line, he/she is allowed to tag the runner in the baseline.
- *Must have 6 infielders on defense.
- *All players play on defense, regardless of whether a team has 9 or 12.
- *Pitcher must wear face gear
- *1 Coach allowed behind players in RF and 1 Coach allowed behind players in LF on defense

7/8:

- ***DH hitters are allowed for batters 9 and up in the order.** A DH gets 5 pitches/5 swings. Coach must notify Ump when DH comes to bat.
- *Pick up players **CANNOT** DH. They will bat last, but do NOT get 5 swings. **Clarification:** A team has 8 of their own players and picks up two additional players to get to 10. This team is not allowed to use a DH, since their pick-ups bat 9th and 10th.
- *5 run limit per inning
- *Must have 6 infielders on defense. Max 10 players in the field. Free substitution.
- *Pitcher must wear face gear
- *Coaches allowed behind player in RF & LF in foul territory on defense

9/10:

- *A pitching log will not be kept for pool play, although no player should pitch more than 3 innings Saturday.
- *Pitchers will have a 6 inning limit for bracket play. Knowingly violating this rule results in a forfeit.
- *3 Strikes is an out, even if the catcher drops the ball.
- *Base runners are allowed to steal, but not lead off. Runners leaving the base before the ball reaches home plate are out.
- *If the catcher overthrows the ball at 2nd attempting to throw out the base runner and the ball ends up in CF beyond the reach of a fielder, the runner can only advance to 3rd. This is to encourage the catcher to make the throw. **Exception:** CF fields the overthrow and throws the ball back into the infield. The runner may advance on the throw from CF.

- *Courtesy runner allowed for the Catcher at any time. Runner will be the last batted out.
- *4 run limit per inning
- *Balks will only be called when a batter squares to bunt when the pitcher is in his wind up & the pitcher fails to make the pitch.

11/12:

- *A pitching log will not be kept for pool play, although no player should pitch more than 3 innings Saturday.
- *Pitchers will have a 6 inning limit for bracket play. Knowingly violating this rule results in a forfeit.
- *Batters can run on a dropped third strike.
- *Base runners are allowed to lead off and steal
- *Courtesy runner allowed for the Catcher at any time. Runner will be the last batted out.
- *4 run limit per inning
- *6 infielders, 3 outfielders on defense.
- *CBO during pool play – continuous batting order with free substitutions on defense
- *During bracket play, teams may choose to bat 9 and sub players in, bat 10 with an EH (extra hitter) and sub additional players in or bat their entire line-up (CBO) and have free substitution. Line-up designation must be made before the start of the game.