

# 13U Battle at the Beach Rules

**Bat Rules:** Wood Bat Only

**Game Time Limits and Extra Inning Rules:** 2 hours – No inning can start after the 2 hour mark in Pool Play. The home team may finish an inning which started prior to the 2 hour mark if losing. Pool games can end in a tie. Should a game be tied and not yet reached the 2 hour mark, play will continue until a winner is determined and/or the 2 hour time limit is up. Semi final and championship games do NOT have time limit rules. Semi final and championship games do NOT have time limits but will have speed up rules after 7 innings of play should the score be tied.

**Semi Final and Championship Game Speed Up Rules:** Should the semi final and/or championship game be tied after 7 innings, we will move to a speed up rule. The batting team will load the bases with the last 3 batters due up that inning. For example, if batter 1 is leading off, team would place the #7 hitter on 3<sup>rd</sup> base, 8<sup>th</sup> hitter on 2<sup>nd</sup> base and 9<sup>th</sup> hitter on 1<sup>st</sup> base.

**Mercy Rules:** 15 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings and 8 after 5 innings.

**General Baseball Rules:** Federation Baseball Rules

**Intentional Walk:** Coach just needs to tell the umpire and the batter will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base without pitches being thrown.

**Pitching Rules:** None but be smart with pitch counts.

**Courtesy Runners:** Teams can use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher at any time. The courtesy runner must be the last batted out or any available substitute.

**Batting Order and Rules:** The batting order must consist of at least 9 players. Teams can use an EH and a DH in the same line up. Teams also have the option of using as many EH's as they want. When you move the EH around in the field you do not have to tell the other team what position he is playing each inning. You only have to notify the opposing team if the line up changes. If a player is injured while using a continuous batting lineup (hitting all available players) and that player's lineup spot in the batting order comes up, an out is recorded and they can continue with the order. A team must start with 9 players but can finish with 8 players ONLY if there are no substitutes able to play (injuries).

**Substitutions and Re-Entry:** A player can only re-enter for the same player that went in for him and then that player he goes back in for is done for the game. You cannot re-enter for another player. You can NEVER hit in 2 different spots in the line-up during a game. Re-entry for the pitcher, in the event a pitcher is substituted for and another pitcher enters the line-up and throws a pitch, the original pitcher substituted for CANNOT pitch again that game.

**Playoff Bracket:** The Pool A winner, Pool B winner and Pool C winner all get automatic bids to the final 4. The last playoff spot will be an "at large" team. The tie breaker for the "at large" team across the division will be:

- Win %
- Runs Against
- Run Differential (Max of 10 runs per game)
- Runs Scored
- Runs against in 2<sup>nd</sup> pool game.

The tie breaker within a POOL will be the following;

- Win %
- Head to Head (if just 2 teams or tied. If 3 or more teams are tied, we will skip this tie breaker and move to the next one)
- Runs Against
- Run Differential (Max of 10 runs per game)
- Runs Scored
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## Safety Rules

### Tournament Safety

If any player/coach is presenting symptoms, has a fever or is known to have contact with any person who has tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 14 days he/she will not attend games.

All coaches and players MUST have a face covering with them at all times while at the fields and while game is being played. Most players wear the face covering around their neck in case social distancing is not possible. A pitcher and/or catcher does NOT have to have a face covering around their neck while on the field.

All coaches and players when social distancing is not achievable will wear a face mask. Dugouts must be monitored if they are closed or do not allow for the 6 foot distancing we will not use them. Players in this instance will be outside the fence and suggest that each player bring their own chair to sit in.

Each team shall have hand sanitizer in the dugout. Players and coaches should routinely sanitize their hands throughout the games. There will be game balls provide to each team prior to the game. The team will use those balls when they are the defensive team and the umpire shall NOT handle any game balls.

The umpire will call balls and strikes from behind the mound. All umpires shall have a mask available and wear should social distancing not be possible. All POOL games will have just 1 umpire. The semi-finals and the finals will have 2 umpires on the field.

Players should mark their water bottles and strongly discourage the use of store bought water bottles such as Poland Spring. If a player or coach brings one of these products, parents should clearly mark the name on the bottle. A black sharpie will be provided to each team to label if a player does not have it clearly marked.

No sharing of equipment or uniforms are allowed.

High fiving or celebrations after a big hit is not allowed. Coaches get creative and figure another way to celebrate.

Contact Log - A log of your team's players who attends these games MUST be kept by team coaches. This log should include the player full name and a good cell phone # to reach them. If they are under the age of 18 years old, you will need to get the full name of at least 1 guardian and their contact number. Stadium attendance will not be tracked as they are not on the playing surface.

We want to encourage parents and family members to adhere to the social distancing protocol when in attendance. Sanitize, sanitize and sanitize - Maintain distance and pick up after yourself.

We are strongly encouraging just 2 fans per player in an attempt to keep attendance lower. We do understand that some families have planned to bring more than that which is fine but the goal is 2 fans per player.

We ask that teams arrive NO EARLIER than 1 hour prior to game time. This will reduce the amount of fans at the field. Please find an area where you can social distance.

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Fields (All field addresses are on Tourney Machine)

## Wainwright Sports Complex Field 1

This location has batting cages and is a large multi field complex. All 3 fields are located to the left of the complex. The field will have toilets in the building open AND porta toilet near the fields.

## St. Louis Field 1 & 2

This location does NOT have batting cages. Any teams waiting for the game who want to warm up should use field 2 (field closest to the football field) if it is empty. There are porta toilets on site.

## Westbrook High School

This location has 1 batting cage behind the right field fence near the softball field. There are porta toilets at this facility.

## The Ballpark

This location has 2 batting cages located under the 1<sup>st</sup> base stadium and under the 3<sup>rd</sup> base stadium. There are bathrooms in a building behind the stadium for use.

