

2009 Greater Des Moines Baseball Ass. Tournament Rules

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Unless otherwise noted herein, the playing rules for GDMBA Events will follow in accordance with USSSA National Rules first, then the Official Major League Baseball Rules as published by the Sporting News.

WEATHER HOTLINE: www.dsmbaseball.com

TEAM REGISTRATION

Team managers must check in to tournament director 30 minutes prior to their 1st scheduled game.

Teams must be sanctioned with USSSA.

Teams must provide a signed USSSA roster printed from USSSA on-line roster.

ROSTERS

The team's manager is responsible for all aspects of the eligibility of the players on his team and they meet the Bylaws and rules, including player additions. This includes but is not limited to; age eligibility and classifications of previous teams the player(s) may have participated on. Managers are responsible for all information included on their team's Official On-Line Roster. Manager found adding ineligible players to their team's roster and playing such ineligible players will be suspended.

Please read through the National Bylaws on roster rules.

Teams finishing in the top 25% of all qualifiers will have their team's roster frozen (This is a new mandatory USSSA National Rule). In NIT Events, the top two teams from each age group will earn World Series Berths.

BRACKETS / SCHEDULES

Schedules will be posted by Tuesday, 8:00PM the week of the tournament.

Championship play brackets will be posted on www.dsmbaseball.com after pool play is complete.

AWARDS

Team and individual awards for 1st through 4th place for events with 7 or more teams.

Events with 3 – 7 teams will award team and individual awards for 1st and 2nd place. Some age groups will not offer consolation games. World Series berths will be awarded to the top two highest finishing teams that has not received a berth (NIT tournaments only).

GAME TIME / RUN RULES

AGE	INNINGS	POOL PLAY TIME LIMIT	CHAMPIONSHIP TIME LIMIT	RUN RULE Pool and Championship
6	5	1 hr 15 min	1 hr 30 min	*See age specific rules
7	5	1 hr 15 min	1 hr 30 min	*See age specific rules
8	6	1 hr 30 min	1 hr 45 min	15 runs after
9	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	3 innings
10	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	8 runs after
11	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	8 runs after
12	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	4 innings
13	7	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	15 runs after
				3 innings
14	7	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	12 runs after
				4 innings
				8 runs after
				5 innings

TIED GAME AFTER TIME ELAPSED

If game is tied after time limit has elapsed, teams will play additional inning(s) with the following rule:

Each team will place the last two players who batted from the line-up the previous inning on 2nd and 3rd base (last batter on 2nd base and 2nd to last batter on 3rd base).

The inning will start with one out.

The game will continue with this format until a winner is declared.

This rule is not in effect for the championship game only.

HOME TEAM

Home team will be determined by flip of coin in pool play. In championship play, higher seed will have choice of home or visitor unless specifically noted otherwise for event.

Home team will be official scorekeeper and must record start time in book.

FORFEITS

Forfeit in pool play may result in team not advancing to championship bracket

PITCHING

USSSA rules apply unless specifically noted otherwise for event.

Team manager must complete pitching record and submit to the site director after each game. Teams will not be allowed to start next scheduled game if pitching record from the previous game was not submitted to the site director or if game has started.

team may receive a forfeit for game.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	
8	6	9	A: The maximum number of innings a player can pitch in one (1) day.
9	6	9	
10	6	9	B: The maximum number of innings a player can pitch in three (3)
11	6	9	consecutive days.
12	6	9	
13	7	11	In age division 7U - 14U, any player that pitches three (3) consecutive
14	7	11	days must rest the next two (2) consecutive days.

BALKS

11 – 14 AAA: Balks called – no warning

11 – 14 AA, 9U, 10 AAA: One warning per pitcher than balks will be called

8U,9AA,10AA Pitchers will be called for all major violations and warned for minor violations that do not affect the outcome of a play.

LINE-UP

Teams may bat 9, 9 with an EH or the entire line-up. Coaches must declare their line-up to the opposing score keeper before the start of the game. (This is a new USSSA National Rule)

TIE BREAKER

- 1) Win-loss record
- 2) Head to head
- 3) Fewest runs allowed
- 4) Run differential (max of +8 or -8)
- 5) USSSA points posted at time of tie on USSSA.com
- 6) Coin flip

EJECTIONS

Any player or coach ejected from a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the next game of the event. Anyone ejected may be asked to leave the park at the discretion of the Site Director. Additional penalties may be assessed as deemed necessary by the Site Director.

REFUND POLICY

If tournament is cancelled due to incimate weather, refunds will be issued as follows:

0 Games Started: Entry fee and prepaid gate minus \$50 administrative fee applied toward a future GDMBA Event

1 Game Started: 50% of entry fee and prepaid gate applied toward future a GDMBA Event

2 Games Started: No refunds

Cancellation of tournament by Greater Des Moines Baseball Associatio: Credit for full amount applied toward a future GDMBA Event.

Team's withdrawal from tournament up to entry deadline: Entry fee minus \$50 administrative fee applied toward a future GDMBA Event.

Team's withdrawal from tournament after entry deadline: No refund.

WEATHER / TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Tournaments conducted by GDMBA will be pool play format followed by an elimination round. GDMBA reserves the right to alter, change, or abbreviate the tournament format when necessary to complete the tournament.

ADMISSION FEE

GDMBA will charge admission at the gate. All players and coaches are allowed without admission charge.

BALLPARK RULES

NO FOOD OR DRINKS TO BE BROUGHT IN TO THE BALLPARK

Managers are held responsible for the actions of the players and fans.
Soft toss batting practice against a backstop or fence is prohibited
Please police the dugout and pick up all trash and dispose in trash cans.