

GTAA Mustang Classic 8U Tournament

BAT RULES

1. Wood bats must have a taped handle or suitable gripping substance applied for use in games to prevent loss of grip.
2. Non-Wood Bats used must be stamped with the USA Baseball (USA Bat) logo. Any batter found to be in possession of a non-approved bat while in the batter's box, will be out.

GENERAL RULES

1. Each team must have at least one coach represented at the pre-tournament coaches' rules meeting.

Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Concession Stand

2. Schedule will be presented to coaches at the pre-tournament coaches meeting.
3. The home team is listed on the schedule.
4. Coaches are to provide the opposing team with a written copy of their lineup.
5. Taking infield / outfield prior to the game is prohibited.
6. Machine set at 38 MPH with the rear leg touching the rubber - speed is not to be reduced under any circumstances.
 1. Adjustments to the machine may only be made before the first pitch at the TOP of an inning.
 2. An offensive coach is to feed the machine - under no circumstances shall a player touch or operate the machine.
 3. A batted ball that strikes the pitching machine, ball bucket or the machine operator OR that comes to rest inside the circle around the machine shall be declared dead. Each runner advances one base

7. Sliding

1. If there is a play at any base or home plate, runners are required to either slide or attempt to avoid contact. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out
2. Head first sliding (with the exception of diving back to a base the runner has already passed) is prohibited and will result in the runner being called out.
3. Defensive players who are NOT in possession of the ball must provide a path to the base (or home plate).
4. Intentional and malicious collision with a defensive player at any base or home plate will result in the player being called out AND ejected from the game.

8. Bunting is prohibited.

9. Stealing is prohibited.

10. Mercy rule: The game is ended if a team is ahead by 10 runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if home team ahead) or 8 runs after 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is ahead).

11. There shall be a 5 run cap per inning excluding the last inning. Exception if a player hits a ball over the fence, all additional runs above 5 will count for that inning.

12. After the batter receives 5 “hittable” pitches (as determined by the umpire), the batter is out. If the batter fouls off the 5th hittable pitch, they may continue to bat. NOTE: 3 swinging strikes is still an out regardless of how many hittable pitches the batter received.

13. A batted ball that strikes the pitching machine, ball bucket or the machine operator OR that comes to rest inside the circle around the machine shall be declared dead. Each runner advances one base

14. Sportsmanship

1. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of players, assistants, parents and fans. All present are expected to adhere to the NJ Model Code of Conduct
 2. There shall be no questioning of an umpire's call unless it is done respectfully and in a sportsmanlike manner by the Head Coach only.
 3. Umpires may remove anyone who does not behave appropriately
15. Runners may take no more than one base on a batted ball that does not leave the infield (as determined by the dirt/grass line). No runners may advance on an overthrow on a ball that does not leave the infield.
16. On a batted ball that reaches the outfield, runners may continue to advance until a defensive player in the infield (as determined by the dirt/grass line) has control of the ball.
17. A player who has already rounded a base and is still running when a defensive player in the infield controls the baseball may continue to the next base, however, if the runner has stopped, they must return to the base. If the runner was tagged out while attempting to return to the base, they shall be out.
18. If a runner safely takes an extra base after a fielder in control of the ball in the infield, they shall be sent back to the previous base with no further penalty. If the runner was tagged out while attempting to take the extra base, they shall be out.
19. Runners are not permitted to leave their base until the batter has put the ball in play. Violation of this rule will result in the runner being called out.
20. Players should be encouraged to tag up on fly balls
21. No walks
23. Infield fly rule IS in effect.
24. All players present are to be in the batting order

25. Defense shall consist of 10 players (standard infield positions, with 4 outfielders at equal depth - ie no "short" fielder)
26. A circle with radius of 5 feet is to be marked around the pitching machine
27. "Pitcher" must stand on one side or the other of the pitching machine and must be even with the pitching rubber with one foot inside the circle
28. Free substitution is permitted at any time.

PLAYOFFS

Teams will be seeded based on record after first 2 pool play games.

Tie Breakers will be

1. Runs Allowed
2. Runs Scored
3. Head to Head
4. Coin Flip

GAME SCHEDULE – POOL PLAY

Friday, July 13, 2018	Field 1	Field 3
6:00 PM	2 vs 1	
Saturday, July 14, 2018	Field 1	Field 3
10:00 AM	4 vs 5	3 vs 2
12:00 PM	5 vs 3	1 vs 4

PLAYOFFS

2:00 PM	Seed 5 vs Seed 4 – Game 1	
Sunday, July 15, 2018	Field 1	Field 3
10:00 AM	Winner Game 1 vs Seed 1	Seed 3 vs Seed 2
12:15 PM	Championship Game	