



CFBL Championship Tournament Rules

1. In Brackets home team is the higher seed. Loser Bracket is a coin flip. A team loses its seeding once it enters the loser bracket. Championship will also be a coin flip.
2. There will be no infield warm-ups. Feel free to use the outfield.
3. RUN RULES – 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings. Run rule is in effect for championship game as well.
4. There is a 2 hour time limit placed on each game. No new inning will begin after the time limit has been reached. The inning that you are in will be completed; The Championship Game will have a 2.5 hour time limit.
5. If a bracket game is tied after having played to the time limit and/or the required number of innings, the tie will be broken by California tie breaker. Bases Loaded with one out and the previous three batters occupying the bases. 3rd to last batter goes to 3rd. 2nd to last batter at 2B and the most recent batter is placed at 1B. Play until the tie is broken.
6. Lineups – You may bat either a straight 9 with no free defensive substitutions (with or without a DH not to exceed 9 batters) **or** you may bat 10 (with or without a DH) and be allowed an EP which then enables you free defensive substitution **within those 10 batters** except for pitcher.
7. Substitution: A starter may re-enter the game after being removed, as long as they re-enter into the same batting order position. Any player entering the game as a substitute, who is later removed from the game, may not re-enter in any capacity for the remainder of the game.
8. A courtesy runner may be used for each team's catcher and pitcher and will not be counted as a substitute player. The runner must be an eligible bench player. A bench player is unavailable for courtesy running if he has been inserted in any way other than courtesy running and then removed from the game. A bench player designated for courtesy running may only run for the pitcher or catcher and NOT both. In that case you would need 2 different runners. **In the event there are no eligible bench players the last batted out may run for the catcher or pitcher.**
9. Pitching restrictions. 10 innings for the Weekend. Up to 7 innings per day per pitcher. The coach **must** sign the official pitching affidavit and score sheet at the end of each game. An inning pitched constitutes throwing one pitch to one batter.
10. Rain Outs or Severe Weather - If the tournament is canceled or postponed due to severe weather
 - Before competition begins – an attempt to reschedule the entire tournament will be made and if not feasible, monies will be refunded minus any expenses that cannot be recovered.
 - During Bracket Play - the tournament will be managed on a "best effort" basis. If there are slowdowns and weather becomes a major hindrance the tournament MAY be shortened to accommodate a championship game from teams remaining in winner's bracket.
 - If all teams have not completed the bracket at the same point, the place of finish will be determined based upon initial championship bracket seeding for the remaining teams.
11. If a player or coach is ejected, he is also ejected for the next game. Ejected players or coaches must leave the competition area. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
12. The tournament rules are to be enforced as written unless an extenuating circumstance exist that is not covered in which the Tournament Director will be consulted.
13. Teams will provide baseballs as in the regular season
14. Provide a lineup to the ANNOUNCER before each game with FULL NAMES, Pronunciations and Jersey Numbers
15. **HOME TEAM WILL KEEP THE OFFICIAL SCORE**
16. **VISITING TEAM WILL PROVIDE A SCOREBOARD OPERATOR**