

Rochester Rundown TOURNAMENT RULES

1. American Legion rules will apply with the following modifications:
2. 7 inning games – 8 run rule after 5 innings, 12 run rule after 4 innings, with exception of Championship Game having 10 run rule after 5 innings. **No time limit** and all games must be played to their entirety including extra inning contests in pool play.
3. Games suspended after 5 innings will be official if they can't be finished that day
4. Pitching limits – 14 innings every 3 days
5. A coin toss to determine home team will take place before each game. Rochester teams will be the Home team in all pool play games.
6. All coaches must be in uniform to coach in the coaches box (**Coaches & players ONLY in coaches boxes**)
7. Teams must turn in a lineup card with first & last names of all players with the correct player numbers 20 minutes prior to game time.
- 8. Designation Hitter may be used for any spot in the lineup**
- 9. Courtesy runners are allowed**
- 10. Re-entry is allowed**
11. NFHS slide rule will be in effect
12. Trips to the mound – MSHSL/VFW rules say pitcher must be removed on the third trip to the mound. Coach can use all three trips in one inning.
13. No malicious contact will be allowed by any runner against a fielder. (Umpire discretion) Runner will be out and ejected from the game.
14. Tie Breakers:
 - A. Head to Head
 - B. Fewest Runs Allowed
 - C. Run Differential (Runs Scored – Runs Allowed)
 - D. Coin Flip
15. Each team will be allowed a 10-minute infield the 1st game of the day **ONLY** – Home team infield 25 minutes prior to the game –If time becomes a factor the tournament director may eliminate infield for both teams prior to a game starting.
16. Wood bats and non-wood bats with the BBCOR certification are permitted.
17. All types of catchers gear allowed.

18. Any forfeit will result in a 7-0 win for the team that was forfeited against. This will factor into tiebreak scenarios.

19. American Legion Baseball Code of Conduct is expected of all participants and will be enforced.

SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT (RULE 7) – From the VFW Baseball Rules

A. Conduct. Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of the department chairman or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the department baseball committee. The department baseball committee's decision will be final.

B. Heckling. No player, coach, manager or other party associated with an American Legion Baseball team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players, team officials or umpires. The umpire shall immediately eject from the game any individuals violating this regulation.

C. Sportsmanship. Any player, coach, manager or other party accompanying a team will be ejected from the game from the time of the infraction, if they:

1. Use profane language.
2. Throw bats or other equipment.
3. Make unnecessary or obscene gestures to umpires, fans or opposing players.
4. Commit unnecessary roughness on the playing field.

D. Reinstatement. Any player, coach or manager suspended from a game in tournament play by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct is subject to suspension for the remainder of the tournament. The site director/tournament director's decision is final.

E. Ejection from the Ballpark. Any player, coach or manager ejected by an umpire must leave the ballpark. Any player or coach ejected is open to further suspension at the discretion of the site director/tournament director.

20. Gold Bracket Site Selection for Rochester Teams

1. Rochester teams will discuss site of the gold bracket
2. If one pool winner happens to be 3-0 and the other is 2-1 the 3-0 team has rights to host bracket
3. If no decision can be made, or no Rochester pool play winner, the Rochester team with the fewest runs allowed will have the first opportunity to host the championship flight unless there is a team with a better record in pool play. In this case, the team with the greatest record will have the first opportunity to host championship flight.
4. If not decided by fewest runs allowed or best record...coin flip will take place.