



## **AMERICAN HEROES VETERANS TOURNAMENT**

*Presented by the KINO BASEBALL LEAGUE-TUCSON, ARIZONA*

### **RULES**

The American Heroes Veterans Tournament will be played in accordance with the National Federation High Schools (NFHS) rules with the following inclusions.

#### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

Junior Varsity Division: Players are required to be presently enrolled in grades 11 and younger. Senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade) players are not eligible to play in this division.

Varsity Division: Players are required to be presently enrolled in any grade and must be of high school playing eligibility.

PENALTY: Team will forfeit any game where an ineligible player has participated in.

#### **BAT SPECIFICATION**

Bat must be stamped BBCOR .5 or must be solid one piece wood (ash, maple, birch).

PENALTY: For use of illegal bat, the NFHS penalty will be enforced.

#### **BATTING ORDER**

Teams will have the following batting order options:

- Bat 9 with a designated hitter (DH) for any defensive player.
- Bat 10 with one (1) Extra Hitter. DH is not permitted if team bats 10.
- Bats 11 with two (2) Extra Hitters. DH is not permitted if team bats 11
- Continuous batting order is not permitted
- Extra Hitters (EH) can go into the game defensively.
- If a player gets injured or leaves the game and there are no eligible substitutes the line up is compressed without penalty.
- If a player gets ejected and there are no eligible substitutes, then when that spot in the batting order comes up in the game it will be a recorded out.

## PITCHING

There is no pitching limitations or pitch count. Coaches are recommended to observe the safety of a pitcher's arm as it related to pitches, innings and days pitched in the tournament.

Balks are dead ball.

Intentional Walk: No pitchers are required to be thrown. Coach advises the umpires to intentionally walk the batter.

All other pitching rules fall under NFHS Rule 6.

Charged conferences –NFHS rule 3-4.

## SUBSTITUTION

Starter permitted to re-enter the game in the same batting order spot. Substitution that is removed from the game is no longer eligible to play in the game.

Courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher only are permitted under NFHS Rule 10 (Speed-Up Rules).

We encourage all player substitutions to be reported to the game's official scorer and umpire. Per NFHS Rule 2-36 an unannounced substitute is a player who, by rule, can be in the game but has entered without reporting

## LINE UP CARD

Tournament will provide line up cards to each team. The card is to include the player uniform number, last name, first initial and if starter, defensive position.

Line up card is exchanged at the pre-game plate meeting.

A player that has been omitted from the line up card after the plate meeting has ended can be added to the card without any penalty.

## STARTING/ENDING GAME

Team can start and finish a game with eight (8) players. If a team is playing with 8 players and they lose a player for whatever reason, then the game is forfeited to the opposing team at this point.

## LENGTH OF GAME

### Pool Play:

- Seven (7) innings. If game is tied after 7 innings, no extra innings shall be played—the game is officially a tie.
- Two (2:00) hour time limit.
- Official game is 4 ½ - 5 full innings. Game must first reach regulation before the time limit can be enforced.
- Once an inning starts it must be completed.
- There is no sudden stoppage of play in the middle of an inning. The inning once started is completed. EXCEPTION: If Home Team is ahead at the time limit and the game is regulation—at this point the game is stopped.

### Bracket Championship Rounds:

- Two (2:00) hour time limit with the exception of the semi-finals and championship games.
- Games tied, extra innings are played until a winner is determined. Regular baseball rules and process in effect for extra innings (there is no altered tie breaking system permitted)

## RUN RULE

- Ten (10) runs after 4 ½ - 5 full innings
- Coach may “quit” a game at anytime

### **FORCE PLAY SLIDE**

The force play slide rule under NFHS rules 2-32 will be in effect.

### **UNIFORM**

Players are required to be in matching colored jerseys with a number on the back, baseball cap (no visors), baseball pants.

If there are duplicate numbers, coach is required to place a letter after each duplicated number so it can decipher between the players that have duplicate numbers.

Coaches are to dress neat and appropriate. Coaches can wear baseball pants if they wish—but it is not required.

### **CONDUCT**

Player or coach that is ejected from a game by the umpires shall immediately leave the field and shall be suspended for their team's next tournament game.

Ejected individual must leave the playing field and go directly to the parking lot—out of sight out of mind.

Failure for ejected individual to leave the field immediately or is still around the field area (i.e. sitting in the bleachers, standing in the outfield, etc) will result in the game being stopped by the umpires until the individual has left to go to the parking lot.

### **DUGOUTS**

First come first serve basis.

No buckets, chairs or any coach or player is permitted to be standing outside the dugout. Umpires will issue a warning for any violation. A second violation during the same game will result in the individual that is in violation to be ejected from the game.

### **HOME TEAM**

Coin toss prior to each game is to be conducted between the coaches to determine the game's home team.

The Home Team is responsible for providing the game's official scorer. At the plate meeting the home team coach is to identify to the umpires and opposing team coach the location of the official scorekeeper. A coach from the Home Team is permitted to be the game's official scorer.

### **SAFETY**

Batting Helmets:

- Chrome helmets not permitted
- No tape is to be affixed to any helmet
- Umpires can remove any helmet if they deem unsafe for use (cracks, thin pads, etc.)
- Teams to bring adequate number of helmets to each game.
- C-flap attached to the helmet is permitted.

Players warming up the pitcher must be wearing a mask.

No jewelry/adornment is permitted to be worn by any player.

Trainer: The tournament will be providing a trainer that will on site and will be available to all players, coaches and spectators

Hydration: The tournament will be providing water coolers in each dugout with water, ice and cups. In addition, players are recommended to bring their own water, power drink, etc. to each game.

Ice will be available from the concession stand.

**WEATHER/SUSPENDED/REGULATION GAMES**

**DELAYS:** Weather issues (lightning/rain) that result in games being halted will be delayed as long as possible by the tournament officials and umpires. Determination pending weather forecast, field conditions will be a factor in whether a halted game is resumed or suspended. If a tournament game has reached regulation 4 ½ - 5 full innings and a game can no longer be resumed due to weather or field conditions, the game is official and the team ahead is declared the winner. If the game is tied at regulation, the game is official as a tie.

**LIGHTNING:** In the event there is any lightning that comes 5 miles or less to the fields, the game will be suspended by the umpires. Teams are to leave the dugout/playing field area and go directly to the parking lot. Spectators are to leave the park and go to the parking lot as well. The umpires shall wait 30 minutes. For every lightning strike within the five miles during the initial 30 minutes.

During a lightning delay, teams are to not leave the parking lot. If the game is resumed and the team does not have at minimum 8 eligible players to continue the game, the game will be declared a forfeit.

**REGULATION GAME:** Games that reach minimum regulation 4 ½-5 full innings and a game can no longer be resumed due to weather the game is declared official and the team that is ahead at this time is declared the winner. If a Pool Play game is tied at regulation and can no longer be resumed, the game is official as a tie game.

**SUSPENDED GAMES:** Games that do not reach regulation and are called due to weather are considered suspended games and will be resumed from the point that the game was halted and completed. For suspended games the time limit starts over.