

2022 IABA Tournament Rules

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1. **The IABA** will provide the Tournament “Bracketing”, Baseballs, Awards, Prize Money, and select all the *Host Sites*.
2. **Host Sites** will retain all revenue from Advertisements, Concession Stands and Admission Fees (**Admission Fees: \$5 for adults, \$2 for high school and college students; children, and ball players actively involved in the Tournament, are free**). Host sites are responsible for Grounds Keeping, a Site Manager, two Umpires per game, Lights as needed, an Official Scorer and any other Ordinary Expense.
3. **Alcohol Usage:** No alcohol may be consumed by anyone in a dugout or on the field, during Tournament Play.
4. **Game Rules:** Major League Baseball Rules govern all games. This specifically includes: *Home Plate Collisions, Sliding at Second Base* and *Starting a Runner at Second Base in Extra Innings*; except as herein revised.
5. **Revisions to MLB Rules:** Games are initially scheduled for 7 innings, and the *Ten Run Rule* is in effect after 5 innings.
6. **Pre-Game Infield & Batting Practice:** No pre-game infield practice or hitting practice, on the ball diamond, will be allowed at any Tournament Site; on-site batting cage practice by the host team, or any team, must cease 1 hour before the scheduled start time of the day’s first game.
7. **Umpires:** No Umpire may ordinarily be scheduled to work more than 2 games in any one day, or ordinarily scheduled to be behind home plate in back to back games.
8. **Complete Game:** A *Complete Game* is defined as at least five innings of play being completed.
9. **Weather Delays:** Umpires may temporarily stop play at any time due to rain or nearby lightening, and then resume play when, in their opinion, weather and field conditions permit. If a game is actually halted because of weather before it is a “Complete Game”, as defined in Rule #8, the game is “*Suspended*” in accordance with Rule #11.
10. **Rainouts:** In the event of heavy rain or dangerous weather conditions, the game may be “*called*” by the Umpires, the IABA President or the IABA Directors in attendance; after conferring with the Site Manager. If the game is a *Complete Game*, the team scoring the most runs will be declared the winner, otherwise the game is *suspended*.
11. **Suspended Games:** If a game is halted before it is *completed*, the game will be *Suspended* and will resume when conditions permit, or at the next possible session or location, beginning where it was halted, with the same lineups on the field, if possible. IABA Directors in attendance, along with the Site Manager, will decide when play can continue or when a site change may be required due to field conditions. The IABA President will settle any disputes.
12. **Protests:** Only a Manager may lodge a *Protest*, but under no circumstance will a protest be entertained that involves a *judgment call* made by an umpire. In the event of a *Protest*, the game shall be stopped until the umpires, along with the IABA Directors in attendance, settle the protest. Once the game is completed, it is final in the standings.
13. **League Rosters:** Tournament Teams must submit their “League Roster” containing the names and – if **available** – a player’s jersey number to the IABA Secretary or President, no later than the Thursday evening before the start of Tournament Play.
14. **Release of Responsibility form:** Before the start of the first game played by a Tournament Team, the IABA’s “*Release of Responsibility*” form must be signed by the Manager and every Player who is present, in his own handwriting, and submitted to the Site Manager. Players not present for the first game, must sign the form before they are eligible to play in any subsequent Tournament Game. Parents or Guardians must sign for a player under the age of eighteen.
15. **Player Eligibility:**
 - a. All Players must be eligible to play in their respective League, and have played in at least three regularly scheduled games in the league; this requirement does not apply to high school players.
 - b. Three additional high school players may be added to a Team’s Tournament Roster, without them counting against the 21 man Tournament Roster limit.
 - c. Managers must provide proof of eligibility before any player in question will be declared eligible; once IABA Directors have declared a player eligible, he is eligible for the entire tournament.
 - d. Teams playing an ineligible player will forfeit any game in which the player participated.
16. **Tournament Rosters:** The “*Release of Responsibility*” form will constitute a team’s *Tournament Roster*.
17. **Penalties:** Any Team that fails to show for a scheduled game will be fined \$100 by the IABA, and that team will be held ineligible to play in any subsequent IABA Tournament until the fine is paid. The legitimacy of the failure to show will be determined by IABA Directors, and any fine assessed will be paid to the IABA Secretary; the IABA secretary will forward the money to the team hosting the site of the forfeited game.
18. **Format, 8 Team Single Elimination Tournament:** Tournament play will begin on Saturday, August 6th, with four teams bracketed at each of two Tournament Sites; two games will be played at each site on Saturday and the two winners from both sites will play on Sunday, August 7th, at the Championship Site. Three games will be played on Sunday as bracketed, to determine the State Champion. Play at all sites, on both days, will start at 1 PM; weather permitting.