

## 2020 PGF LABOR DAY SHOWDOWN

1. NFHS rules will be followed with the following exceptions:

**POOL PLAY:** Free defensive substitution *and continuous batting or batting more than 9 players is an option but Coaches still need to turn in accurate line ups during pre-game conference and maintain it during the game.* Batting substitutions need to be reported to the home plate umpire as a change to the batting order. Defensive substitutes do not need to be reported. Pinch runners may be any player whether in the batting order or not, but a player is limited to pinch running once per inning.

**BRACKET PLAY:** NFHS book rules. *Decisions by umpires on the field are final as no protests will be allowed.* Free defensive substitution will be allowed. Teams must turn in a batting order and maintain it during the game. Teams may bat their entire roster if they choose to. Courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher are allowed but must be someone not in the batting order. Pinch runners will be handled as a substitution.

2. **Time Limit.** No new inning will begin after one hour, 40 minutes from the completion of the pregame conference at home plate. Game time will be kept by umpires on the field. A new inning starts with the third out of the previous inning. *Game clock starts immediately after the pregame conference has ended and the Plate umpire will announce the start time to both Head Coaches.*
3. **Run Rule.** 10 runs after 3 innings, 8 runs after 4 innings, 6 runs after 5 innings for pool and bracket play.
4. **Home Team.** Coin flip by umpires during pre-game conference to determine home team. The home scorekeeper will be the official book. Team listed first on pool schedule and on top of single elimination bracket will occupy third base dugout, except when playing back-to-back. *Winning coach is responsible for turning in game score results to the Tournament Director to determine seeding for pool play.*
5. **Proof of insurance** must be given to the Tournament Director prior to your first game. Any association's insurance is acceptable for this tournament, i.e., PGF, ASA, etc.
6. **International Tie Breaker.** In case of a tie game during the elimination tournament, the international tiebreaker rule will be used. Thus, if a game ends in a tie (after seven innings regulation or completion of a full inning after time expires), in every extra inning, each half inning will begin with a runner on second base. The runner will be the player who is scheduled to bat last in the lineup in that half inning.
7. **Pool Games ending in a tie** (after seven innings regulation or completion of a full inning after time expires) will not be played out. Teams will receive  $\frac{1}{2}$  win and  $\frac{1}{2}$  loss in the pool standings.
8. **Seeding.** If pool play results in a tie, pool standing will be determined by: a) head-to-head results between tied teams (when more than two teams tie, head-to-head will be used only if one team has beaten all other tied teams or one team has lost to all other tied teams); b) run differential in all pool games; c) fewest runs allowed in all pool games; d) won loss record of pool opponents; and e) a coin flip. When more than two teams tie, after a team is selected during any step, the tiebreaker reverts back to step a) to select the next team.
9. **Tournament Format.** The Director reserves the right to change the tournament format if circumstances require. In case of schedule changes, the official schedule will be on the board at the tournament site (Crown Point Sportsplex).
10. A **Game is Complete** after 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  innings (home team ahead) or 5 innings (visitors ahead).

11. **Forfeit Time.** Game time is forfeit time, unless a team is held up by a late-running game. In order to stay on schedule teams should be prepared to begin play as early as 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.
12. **Line-up Cards.** During the pre-game conference at home plate, teams should exchange lineups and also give a copy to the home plate umpire.
13. **Warm-ups.** Pre-game warm-up should be done in designated warm-up areas. No warm-ups on the infields inside the basepaths. No warm-up hitting into any fence! Do not warm up on fields when ballfield crews are working on the fields. There should be open areas that may be used for warm-up purposes. Please be considerate of other teams and share the available space.
14. **Poor Sportsmanship.** Any coach, player, or fan displaying unsportsmanlike behavior will be subject to suspension from the game and/or forfeit for the game or tournament. *An ejected (this does not apply if you restrict a coach or player to the dugout area) coach or player must sit the next game.*
15. **Pitching.** Both feet must be in contact with pitching rubber prior to forward stride.
16. **Weather Line.** A weather delay information phone number will be given out at the tournament. In addition, all teams must submit a text phone number at check-in.
17. **Player Roster Rules.** A player may only compete for one team during the tournament. This includes both bracket and pool play.