



# Tournament Packet

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## WELCOME LETTER

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**Dear Coaches, Players and Spectators,**

**Thank you for selecting our event to play in. We understand you have several options you can choose and we appreciate your support in our mission.**

**The Kansas City MLB Urban Youth Academy is a non-profit organization with the mission to empower Kansas City's Underserved youth ages 6-18 through baseball and softball, academic and social opportunities to be the leaders of tomorrow. The vision for the Academy is to become the epicenter for youth baseball and softball throughout the Midwest. Beginning with the urban community and its location in the backyard of the historical 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine District.**

**We hope you enjoy your time and your experience at our State-of-the-art facility, and we look forward to hosting this event.**

**Sincerely,**

**Casey Borovac**

Coordinator/ Outdoor Events

Kansas City MLB Urban Youth Academy | Kansas City Royals

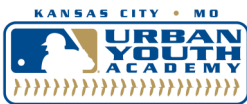
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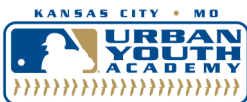
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## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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- Location:** All events related to the tournament will be located at the Urban Youth Academy of Kansas City. Located at 1622 E. 17th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64108
- Check-In:** Your Coach is required to check in with the onsite supervisor prior to your first game.
- Schedule:** The Schedule will be posted on [kc.youthacademytournaments.com](http://kc.youthacademytournaments.com) the Wednesday prior to the event.
- Cleats:** **Metal Spikes are strictly prohibited**, Molded Cleats, Turf Shoes, or Tennis are required.
- Facility Rules:** All of our state-of-the-art turf fields require strict adherence to the following rule: **NO GUM, NO SEEDS, NO METAL SPIKES, NO PETS, NO COOLERS, NO OUTSIDE FOOD, NO OUTSIDE DRINK.**
- Balls:** UYA will provide all baseballs.
- Batting Cages:** Each field has a batting cage down each line. Teams may have access to these areas 45 minutes before their scheduled game time to warm up. The UYA will have a Tee and Baseballs in each of these cages for use. Please pick up all baseballs once your team has completed your warm-up.
- Dugouts:** Players and coaches are the only individuals allowed in the dugout. Home team will occupy the first base dugout.
- Home Team:** Pool Games only: The home team and visiting team will be determined by a coin toss when line-ups are turned in to the home plate umpire prior to the game.  
Brackets Games: Home team is determined by the Higher seed.
- Playing Rules:** All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be in accordance with the 2019 NHSF playing rules with the exception of the rules listed in the appendix.
- Game Times:** All Pool Play and bracket games will be played with a strict 1 hour 45 min. time limit. No Inning can Start after the time limit. In case of a tie see additional rules listed in the appendix.
- Line Up Forms:** Managers must use First and Last Names and jersey number when filling out the line-up forms. You should turn in your line-up cards 15 minutes prior to your next game.
- Scorekeeping:** The home team will keep the Official Game Book for their game.



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**Parking:** There is no charge for parking. However, UYA shares a parking lot with other businesses in the 18th and Vine District. You can access this lot from Paseo Blvd or 18th Street. While this lot is first-come, first served, there are some areas that we reserve for other businesses in the district –PLEASE respect those areas where you see “ No Event Parking” signs.

**Admission:** **GATE FEE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE.**

**Seating:** The complex has PLENTY of seating available for spectators, so we encourage parents to leave their folding chairs in the car. While not prohibited, we encourage you to do so to make the walk in from the designated parking areas easier!

**Concessions:** UYA will have concessions available during the event. Reminder NO OUTSIDE FOOD and DRINK is permitted.

**Souvenirs:** Souvenirs will be available throughout the entire weekend.

**Photos:** With entering your team in this event you are authorizing UYA use of pictures taken on property for our website, social media and promotional materials.

**Hotels:** You are welcome to book any hotel you wish, this is not a Stay to Play event. Some regions have designated hotels, please check with your region representative if you wish to stay together.

**Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, we will do everything we can to get the event it. However in those instances were we can't the following policy will be used.

0 Games played, Entry fee minus- \$50 administrative fee

1 Game played, 50% refund

2 Games played, 25% refund

# RULES APPENDIX

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**Coaches:** Be sure you are aware of all rules. Although unforeseen, the UYA Staff reserves the right to amend these rules at any time for specific tournament play. National High School Federation Baseball Rules will be enforced with the following exceptions.

## Game Play:

**Pool Play:** All Pool Play games will be played with a strict 1 hour 45 min. time limit. No inning can start after the time limit. Time will be kept by the UYA Field Director. For each team's pool games, the home team will be decided by a coin flip. All pool games that are tied after 6 innings or the 1 hour 45 min. time limit will be recorded a tie. A tie is equal to a  $\frac{1}{2}$  win and  $\frac{1}{2}$  loss for each team.

**Seeding and Tie Breaker Rules:** Once advanced to subsequent tie breaker criteria, do not return to a previous criteria. These Tie Breakers will be for all events:

- Winning Percentage – Descending
- Number Wins – Descending
- Number Loses – Ascending
- Tied Teams (vs. each other) Winning Pct. – Descending (more than 2 Teams tied, skip this tie breaker)
- Avg. Runs Allowed – Ascending
- Avg. Run Differential with a maximum of (8) – Descending
- Coin Flip

**Bracket Play:** Bracket Play will continue with the strict 1 hour 45 min. time limit in all games. The home team in Bracket Play will be the higher seed.

**Tie Breaker:** If after 6 innings or 1 hour 45 min. the two teams are still tied, then the following tie breaker rules will go into effect. The last three hitters from the previous inning will load the bases with one out.

**The base runners will be placed as follows:**

- Last hitter from previous inning @ 1st Base
- Hitter before him in the lineup @ 2nd Base
- Hitter before that in the lineup @ 3rd Base
- Normal substitution rules apply to these runners.
- The hitting team will start the inning with one out.
- Play continues until one team is ahead at the end of an inning.

**Taking Infield:** No infield will be allowed during the tournaments.

**Mercy Rules:** 15 after 3, 8 after 4.

**Trips to the mound:** The members of the coaching staff (including the manager) can make one mound visit per pitcher per inning without needing to remove the pitcher from the game. If the same pitcher is visited twice in one inning, the pitcher must be removed from the contest.

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**Hitting lineup:** Can consist of 9, 10, or teams are permitted to bat their entire line up. The lineup must stay with the same number of batters for the entire game. Once the first pitch has been thrown the lineup is locked, and the number of batters may not be changed. The 10th hitter (if used) will be designated as an EH on the lineup card. The EH may bat at any spot in the order. The EH is the same as any position on the field as far as substitutions are concerned. The starting pitcher is allowed to DH for himself and bat in any slot in the order but must be listed a P/DH on the lineup card.

1. Teams may play an official game with an 8 player lineup.
2. If a team plays with an 8 player lineup, an out shall be declared for the 9th position in the batting lineup each turn at bat. A 9th player and all subsequent players may be added to the bottom of the batting lineup as soon as they become available.
3. A team may continue a game with a minimum of 8 eligible players.

**Weather:** All rain out games may not be made up depending on time constraints. In case of scheduling changes, it is the team's responsibility, not the tournament committee, to make sure they are aware of the new schedule or any scheduling changes. This information will be posted on the tournament web site when it becomes available. Note: No special requests will be honored if rescheduling becomes necessary. Tournament format is subject to change at any time if deemed necessary and will be determined based on the fairest outcome for all teams. All coaches should make sure the tournament committee has current contact info. If games are cancelled, pool winners and championship qualification will be determined by the tie breaking procedures (listed).

**Stop in Play:** If a game is stopped, the game must start within 1 hour of the stop in play. If games are not resumed, they will become suspended or called official. Games called by umpires that cannot be resumed within 1 hour will be considered an official game, if 4 innings have been completed, or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead. After 4 complete innings, a tie score will be recorded a tie in pool play. The tournament director can extend the 1 hour if there are extenuating circumstances, i.e. lightning detector, working on fields, etc. A suspended game will resume where the game was halted. In the event play is stopped for any reason before or during the Championship round, first place, second place, third place, etc. will be awarded based on Bracket Seeding and Tie Breaker Rules.

**Protests:** Judgment calls and pitching limitations are not eligible for protest. Protests will be heard and ruled on by the tournament committee. The team protesting must make cash payment of \$100 at the time of the protest. If the protest is ruled in the protesting team's favor the \$100 will be refunded. The ruling made by the committee will be final. Protests must be filed and ruled on before the next pitch if during game, or before umpires leave field if after a game.

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**Scoring:** We recommend that all teams (home and visitor) keep a scorebook. The home team, however, shall be the official scorer. To eliminate scoring disputes, scorekeepers for both teams should regularly check with each other during and after the game.

**Lineup cards should be fully filled out with players first name, last name, position, and accurate jersey numbers. All substitutes should be listed with accurate jerseys numbers. Failure to produce a complete lineup card can result in games not starting on time. Lineup cards are to be exchanged between teams before the home plate meeting.**

**Sportsmanship:** In the interest of maintaining a quality event, the tournament committee reserves the right to eject any person from the site for unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior.

- >Physical attack on an umpire, tournament official, associate director, associate officer, and/or any player or fan prior, during, or immediately following a game.
- >Players, coaches, managers, fans, spectators, or sponsors threatening an umpire, tournament official, associate director, or associate officer with physical harm.
- >Any player, coach, manager, sponsor, fan, spectator, director or officer who engages in physical fighting.
- >Using unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive language, symbol tactics, or derogatory or unbecoming acts.
- >Destruction of property or abuse or failure to pay.
- >Competing under an assumed, false and/or altered name.

**Tournament hosts have the authority to eject a player, fans or team anytime during a tournament of committing any of the above listed offenses.**

Any spectator, coach, manager or player who is ejected during the tournament will be could be eliminated from participating for the remainder of the tournament.

Any event that results in physical altercation (before, during or after a game) could result in a forfeit for both teams. Tournament committee reserves the right to remove teams from playoff contention.

**Bat Specifications:** Bats shall be USSSA or USA Baseball marked. If the Umpire discovers that a bat does not conform to this rule until a time during or after which the bat has been used in play, it shall not be grounds for declaring the batter out and / or ejection from the game. If the Umpire discovers that a bat has been used to put a ball in play and before the next legal pitch, the defensive team shall have the choice of the result of play or the batter being called out and all runners returning to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. If a team is found in violation of this rule a second time, then the manager shall be ejected in addition to the First Offense penalty.

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**Pitching:** A player removed from the pitching position (starting pitcher or subsequent relief pitcher) may not return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game. The defensive team may correct this rules infraction at any time by substituting a legal pitcher without penalty. If an illegal pitcher is permitted to pitch, any pitch or play that results is legal. The rule violation should be caught by the Umpire or the offensive team and immediately corrected. If the violating pitcher has legal innings remaining, the violation is deemed an improper substitution and is corrected without penalty. If the violating pitcher has no legal innings remaining, it's deemed a pitching limitations violation pursuant to this rule.

- 1 ***One Day Maximum to Pitch the Next Day*** = 3 Innings
- 2 ***One Day Maximum*** = 6 Innings
- 3 ***Three Day Maximum*** = 8 Innings
- 4 For all cumulative totals in this rule, one (1) out equals one-third (1/3) of an inning, two (2) outs equals two-thirds (2/3) of an inning and three (3) outs equals one (1) full inning. A pitcher that pitches in a game and records no outs is not charged with any innings pitched.
- 5 Outs recorded during a game that ends in forfeit shall count towards a pitchers' innings limits.
- 6 For purposes of pitching limitations rules, a pitcher is in violation of the rule if he records any out above the legal pitching limits pursuant to these rules.
- 7 Exception: Exceeding the maximum innings allowed in the case of a double or triple play shall not be counted against the pitcher for the purpose of this rule but shall be counted towards the pitcher's limits with regards to the eligibility to pitch the next day, etc.
- 8 Per Section 9 (above), pitching imitations are not eligible for protest. It shall be the responsibility of each team to challenge pitching violations by notifying the Umpire at any point after the pitcher in violation records any out beyond his legal limit AND while the pitcher in violation is in the game as the pitcher of record. If such violation is the last recorded out of the game, the challenge MUST be raised prior to the Umpires and the challenging team leaving the field of play.
- 9 ***Any violation shall result in immediate forfeiture of the game. If such violation occurs during Pool Play, the team in violation of the rule may not advance to the Championship bracket regardless of record.***

**Courtesy Runners:** At any time, the offensive team may use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher of record from the previous inning on defense. The courtesy runner must be a player not presently in the line-up. If no players not presently in the line-up are available, the courtesy runner shall be the player making the last batted out. The re-entry status of the courtesy runner, pitcher, and catcher shall not be affected by this rule. If at any time, a courtesy runner is determined to be ineligible, a proper replacement pursuant to these rules (if available) shall be used without penalty.

**Not covered in the Rules:** In the event any item is not covered in these rules or NFHS rules, the tournament committee will make the fairest possible ruling and that ruling will be final!

## **Field Dimensions**

**9U-10U:** All games will be played on 46' x 65' fields.

**11U-12U:** All games will be played on 50' x 70' fields.

**13U:** All games will be played on 54' x 80' fields