

Shipyard Park Tournament Rules

Coaches: Be sure you are aware of all rules and rule changes. Shipyard Park 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.

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- See - Shipyard Park SP Tournament Rules for all additional Rules.
- All games will be six innings or 1 hour and 15-minute time limit except for the championship game which will have no time limit.
- Bases 60ft. Coach Pitch distance is 35ft.
- All teams must bat a continuous lineup.
- There can only be 2 coaches out of the dugout on defense. One in the outfield in foul territory, and one by the dugout to direct the infield. While batting, only 3 coaches are allowed out of the dugout: the pitcher/coach and a coach in the first base and third base coach's box.
- Each batter will get 6 pitches or three swinging strikes with no walks.
- Max run limit of 7 per inning
 - The only time a team can score more than 7 runs in an inning is an over the fence homerun.
 - Example: A team has already scored 6 runs in an inning. The batter hit a 3-run over the fence home run, then team scored 9 runs that inning.
- Run Rule: The game is over when one team is mathematically eliminated.
 - Example: If a team is up by 20 after 4 innings, the game is over.
- With 2 strikes or on the last pitch, if the pitch is a foul ball, the bat can receive one additional pitch.
- No bunting is allowed. Penalty: The Batter is out.
- No stealing is allowed. Runner must be on the base until the ball is hit.
- If a runner is judged to have left the base early, the runner is out.
- There is not an in-field fly rule.
- Time will be called, and the play is dead at the end of each play.
- A play will be considered ended when: The player-pitcher has the ball, is on the mound, and not making a play on any runner(s). All runners have stopped their progression to the next base.
- The coach must make every effort to avoid the ball.
- If a batted ball is touched or hits the pitcher/coach, the ball is dead. If it is judged to be unintentional, the batter is awarded first base and any other runner advances one base if forced. If it is judged to be intentional, the batter is out.
- If a thrown ball is touched or hits the pitcher/coach in fair territory while the ball is live, the ball becomes dead, and umpire can judge if out(s) should be assessed.
- Extra Inning Rules – See Shipyard Park SP Tournament Rules