

San Bruno 2010 Dale Wilson 4<sup>th</sup> of July Tournament  
12 & Under Tournament Rules

**Playing Rules:**

- If a player was born on or after May 1, 1997, he would be eligible to play in the 12 & Under age group in 2010
- Teams **must** bat (10) players and field (9) defensive players. **If a team has only nine(9) players, the opposing team can choose whether it wants to bat ten (10) or (9) players.**
- All players can move freely in defensive positions (players not in the batting lineup are allowed to play defense without being reported until they are inserted in the batting lineup).
- Only batting/offensive and pitching changes need to be reported to the official scorekeeper.
- Starters removed from the lineup can re-enter one time in the same spot in the batting order.
- NO courtesy runners
- No minimum play rule.
- Dropped third strike is in effect.
- Infield-Fly rule is in effect.
- One offensive time out allowed per inning for the purpose of conferring (coach & player). Penalty is a strike on the batter.
- **Must Slide Rule:** Runners must either slide in the attempt to reach a base or attempt to avoid contact at all bases. This is a judgment call resulting in a no call or penalties of the runner declared out, multiple runners declared out (if another play could have been made) and/or ejection of the runner if considered flagrant.

**Length of Games:**

- Games shall be seven (7) innings in duration. Time limit is 2 hours and 15 minutes for all games, except semi-final and final games. No new inning will begin after time limit (except semi-final and final).
- If a game is tied after the completion of seven (7) full innings and is under the time limit, the game can proceed until the time limit is reached. If a new inning is started, then both teams must bat. If a game ends in a tie and is outside the time limit, the game will end in a tie and both teams will receive one (1) point each.
- Game starts when the first pitch is thrown. Umpire will notify the official scorekeeper to write the time down in the official scorebook.
- 12 run rule will be in effect after 4 innings for all games, except semi-final and final.

**Pitching Rules:**

- Pitching Regulations
  - Players are allowed to pitch a maximum of 7 innings per calendar day/14 innings per tournament.
  - The pitcher must be changed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the mound by a coach in an inning. An official visit occurs when a coach calls timeout or goes onto the field to talk with the pitcher.
  - Pitchers are allowed a maximum of 5 warm-up pitches between innings. A maximum of 10 warm-up pitches are allowed for relief pitchers.
- Once a pitcher has been removed from pitching, they cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher.
- One pitch constitutes an inning.
- Pitching distance is 48ft.

**Teams:**

- Minimum of 10, maximum of 15 players per team, unless approved by the tournament director before the start of the tournament.
- Players found to be ineligible will be removed from the tournament along with the manager of the team. All games played with an ineligible player will be forfeited.
- No additions to a team's roster after the start of the tournament, unless approved by the tournament or his delegate.

**Equipment:**

- Big barrel bats are allowed
- Only players in uniform will be allowed to play. All-star uniforms (different represented teams from same city) are okay. Duplicate numbers must be reported ahead of time.
- The batter, base runner, on-deck batters, or players coaching a bases must wear protective headgear.
- Any player serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher must wear a mask.

**Managers & Coaches:**

- Maximum of 2 coaches plus 1 manager will be allowed for each team in the dugout.
- Only the manager is allowed to confer with the umpire(s).

**Protests:**

- No game will be played under protest. The umpires on the field will decide all questions of rule interpretations, with the final judgment made by the tournament director or his delegate.

**Playing Field:**

- 70 ft. bases
- Pitching distance 48 ft.
- Ground rules for each game will be discussed before each game.

**General Conduct:**

- Any player, coach, manager or spectator ejected from the game will be suspended from all other tournament play/activities, subject to the discretion of the tournament director or his delegate.
- No team or individual chants will be allowed. Teams will be warned only once. Second offence will lead to forfeiture.
- No consumption of any alcoholic beverages allowed within the parks.

**Insurance:**

- Evidence of medical/liability insurance is to be presented to the tournament/field director before the teams first game.

**Others:**

- Home team is determined by coin flip.
- Home team gets third base dugouts.
- No infield practice before the game is permitted.
- Have team ready to play 15 minutes after completion of previous game. If we can start early or make up time , we will.

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT 12U:**

- Pool Play in each division, each team to play 3 game minimum.
- Four (4) teams make medal play, top 2 teams in each pool
- Seeding is through point system. Each pool winner will be seeded based on points, then fewest runs allowed, then coin toss.
- Points are: 2 points for win, 1 point for tie, 0 points for loss.
- In medal play, the highest seed will have the option of being the home team.
- Pool winner of Pool 1 plays 2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool 2, Pool Winner of Pool 2 plays 2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool 1

**TIE BREAKERS (Pool Winners)**

- Points earned
- Head-to-Head
- Fewest Runs Allowed
- Highest Run Differential
- Coin Toss

**TIE BREAKERS (Pool 1 & 2 Second & Third)**

- Points earned
- Fewest runs allowed
- Coin toss

**CONDUCT REGULATIONS:**

- Any player, coach, manager, or spectator who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner will be warned once by the umpire or a tournament official. The second time, that person will be removed from the field. If in the judgment of the umpire or tournament official, the offense is of a more serious nature, that person may be ejected without a warning having been issued.
- Any player, coach, manager, or spectator ejected from a game shall be suspended from all further tournament play of participation subject to the Tournament Director's discretion.

**Note: All other rules will be governed by the "Official Baseball Rules."**