

2024 FRIDAY NIGHT WINTER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT RULES

Please consult the league rules and policies that have been in Tourney Machine all season in order to refresh your memory before your first tournament game.

All league rules and policies will be adhered to in tournament games, with the following special tournament exceptions:

- The horn will sound at the 60-minute mark of each game.
- If a game is in-between innings (1st pitch of the inning not thrown), the umpire will immediately send the game into an International Tie Breaker.
- If the two teams are still on the field playing when the horn sounds, the current inning will be allowed to finish as long the inning is completed by the 70-minute mark. The home team will be the winner if they are in the lead at the end of a completed inning, or in the lead when the clock sounds at 70 minutes. If the inning has not ended by the 70-minute mark or the home team is not in the lead, the score reverts back to the end of the previous inning.
- No new inning will begin once the game has reached the 65-minute mark unless a tie game must go to International Tie Breaker.
- No timeouts may be called after the 60-minute horn sounds. A coach can make a pitching change by notifying the umpire from the bench and not entering the field. The new pitcher will not receive a warm-up pitch.
- Batting Order Options (DP/Flex may be used in all scenarios):
 - Bat 9 players
 - Bat 9 players with extra hitter (total of 10 hitters)
 - Bat 9 players with two extra hitters (total of 11 hitters)
- The higher seed will be the home team in each game
- If an International Tie Breaker game causes a field to fall behind on time, the umpire on that field will keep time during the remaining games on that field so that the other fields can continue to operate on time.

Drop dead time limits do create opportunities for stalling and poor sportsmanship. We ask that all coaches remember first and foremost that the games are for fun, learning, and physical exercise for the players. The umpires will strictly enforce a “no stalling” policy and may use their discretion as to whether or not a team is doing so.