

Mountaineer Country Invitational Tournament Rules

Below Senior and Junior Legion level, all younger age divisions follow National Federation High School Rules for all tournaments unless otherwise specified below. All Senior and Junior Legion levels will follow American Legion rules and regulations.

1) Registration

All teams registered for a Morgantown Post 2 tournament must submit a completed roster form and provide verification of proof of insurance that list Morgantown Post 2 as additional insured prior to their first game.

2) Eligibility

Player's birthdates must meet the age requirements of their respective age divisions. A player's tournament age is based on the age they are as of May 1. Players cannot be double rostered in the same age division. Each team must bring a copy of the official state-issued birth certificate for each player. At all times, the team manager must keep the birth certificates of all players on him/her. If any player does not have his birth certificate, he/she cannot participate in the tournament. If a team caught using a player that is older than the cutoff for the division, that team will forfeit every game that player has played in. All teams are to check in one hour before your 1st game at your game site to turn in your signed roster and make sure your bracket/schedule has not changed.

3) Time/Game Limit

All tournament games in pool play and playoffs will have a time limit. Championship games will not. The time limits are as follows: (No new inning to start after this time)

10U - 12U	1 hour and 30 minutes	6 Innings
13U	1 hour and 40 minutes	7 Innings
14U, JR, SR	2 hours	7 Innings

If the home team is losing, and the inning started with time left, the home team will be able to finish the at bat.

If a new inning has started prior to the time limit, then that inning will finish. No new inning can start after the time limit. If the game is tied at the end of regulation and time is still remaining, the game will go to extra innings. Games in pool play will end in a tie after the time limit. Umpires will announce the start time right after the plate meeting. In Bracket (single elimination) play, if the game is tied at the end of regulation and time is still remaining, the game will go to extra innings. When the time limit hits in single elimination and both teams are tied, we will play extra innings until a winner is decided. To start each half inning, the batting team will start with a runner (last recorded out) at second. Championship Games will be played out normally with no time limit and no tie breaker.

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4.) Playoffs/Tie Breakers

Seeding results will be available on the website, (morgantownpost2.com) after completion of pool play.

If teams are tied after pool play, the following process will be followed:

- A. Head to Head (only if 2 teams are tied. 3 or more, go to next tie breaker)
- B. Run Differential
- C. Runs Allowed
- D. Coin Flip

5.) Pitching

6 innings max per player per tournament for 10u-14u. JR and SR will adhere to American Legion pitching rules. Teams that use Game Changer will be asked to share stats for verification if necessary.

No Limit on the number of appearances

One pitch will be considered an inning pitched

Eight warm-ups to start, five thereafter

Once a player is removed from the mound, he/she cannot return to the mound in the same game. Second trip to the mound in the same inning results in removal of the pitcher.

If a pitcher goes over the # of innings and this is contested, the penalty will be:

- a.) If /when it is contested, the player is removed from the mound. Any pitches thrown to the current batter will be considered a balk/illegal pitch and runners will move up one base. The coach is removed for the remainder of

the game.

- b.) The Manager of the offensive team has the option for the batter at the time the pitcher is removed to either take 1st base or continue to bat with a new count.
- c.) If it is caught after the game, the outcome of the game will stand. Once the game is complete, the innings may not be contested.

6.) Balks

There will be no warnings on balk calls. Umpire discretion may be used on younger ages.

7.) Re-entry

Defensive: Each team will be allowed unlimited substitutions in the field. A player does not have to be in the batting order to play the field.

Offensive: You may bat nine players, your entire lineup, or anywhere in between. Teams may have an EH(extra hitter) and/or may utilize a DH. After the start of the game you cannot change the number of batters you have, it must remain the same for the whole game. If you bat your entire lineup and a player should get thrown out, or injured, and no substitute (a player not in the batting order) remains then you must take an out in that spot. Once a sub bats or runs for a player in the batting order, then those two players are locked into that position. From then on one of those two must hit/run in that spot only.

A team must start with a minimum of 9 players but can finish with less.

JR and SR will play under American Legion regular season rules.

8.) Home Team

In pool play a coin flip will determine who the home team is. In playoffs and the championship the high seed will have their choice of being the home or visitor. If two teams should have the same seed, then a coin flip will determine home team. All Morgantown Legion and Post 2 teams will be home team and occupy their home dugout.

9.) Scorekeeping

A. Each team's manager must prepare 1 written copy of his lineup listing first and last names and numbers of all players and substitutes prior to each game. Lineups then must be provided to the opposing team's manager. (may be substituted with GameChanger)

B. The Official Scorebook is to be kept by the home team. Both teams should confer after each inning to confirm the score.

C. Final score for all games must be sent via text to the tournament director(s) at the immediate conclusion of the game. The home team will be responsible for the official score.

10.) Slide Rule

A player may slide head first into all bases. In the event of a close play the runner must avoid contact. On double plays a runner must slide straight into the bag, not past the bag, or to the side to make contact. If a player does make contact sliding past the bag or to the side, then that player and the runner, to where the defensive player was trying to make the play, are out and the sliding player may be ejected. All close plays and slides are at the umpire's discretion.

11.) Field Restrictions

Absolutely NO metal spikes on any field at Mylan Park.

12.) Bat Restrictions

All bats that are USSSA, Little League, Cal Ripken, Pony, etc approved containing 1.15bpf stamp and the new USABat are approved

Exceptions to this rule:

10U-13U division all bats -5 or greater must be stamped BPF 1.15 USSSA or USA Baseball. There are no restrictions on weight or length as long as the bat has "BPF 1.15" stamp

14U and older will follow WV High School Rules (BBCOR -3)

Bat rules apply to the age division you are playing in (not the age of the player or team)

If a player/team uses an illegal bat, the penalty will be:

- a.) Umpires will ask at the plate meeting prior to the game if both teams are properly equipped
- b.) If this is caught during the game, the bat will be removed and the batter at bat will be considered out.
- c.) If the illegal bat is contested after the game – the outcome of the game will stand. Once the game is complete, the bat may not be contested.
- d.) Bats deemed illegal:
 - 1.) Easton Hype Fire -5
 - 2.) Easton Hype Arctic -5
 - 3.) Demarini CF2EN Green/White -9
 - 4.) Demarini 2017 Blue/White -10 2 ¾
- e.) If this happens during a 2nd game, the Manager will be removed from the remainder of the tournament

13.) Protests

- A. Judgment calls by the umpire cannot be protested, rules only may be protested, and must be decided before resuming play.
- B. A \$100 cash protest fee must be presented to the tournament director at the time of the protest.
- C. A protest is only "Official" if accompanied by the \$100 and done before the next pitch.
- D. Protests include questioning a player's age.
- E. If the protest is upheld, then the \$100 will be refunded.

14.) Entry Refunds

There will be no entry refunds for withdrawal from the tournament within 21 days of the start of the event. Refunds due to weather postponement will be calculated by the number of games played. The weather refunds will go as follows:

3 Game Guarantee

0 games played:	Entry fee minus a \$75 administrative fee
1 game played:	50% of the entry fee
2 games played:	No Refunds

15.) Dugouts

Please help keep the tournament fields and common areas clean. Please be sure to pick up all your team's trash after the game. Absolutely NO tobacco or nicotine products, seeds or gum at Mylan Park fields. Usage of these products will result in a cleaning fee fine of \$250. All fields and dugouts will be checked between games by park staff. Walk up music is allowed. Please do not play music during game action & please be courteous with volume and tasteful with music selections.

16.) Ejections

- A. All ejections are at the umpires' discretion.
- B. The Manager/Head Coach shall be ultimately responsible and accountable for the conduct of his players, assistant coaches and fans.
- C. NO WARNINGS will be given to coaches, players, or fans for unsportsmanlike or unruly behavior.
- D. Upon ejection, the coach, player, or fan must completely leave the premises. If a coach, fan or player refuses to cooperate with umpires or the site director, play will be stopped and could result in a team forfeit.
- D. Any coach, player, or fan ejected from more than one game will not be permitted on the premises for the rest of the tournament.

17.) Official Game

All games are official after the completion of the 1st inning. If a game should be called due to darkness, or weather and the 1st inning has been completed and the game can be restarted, the game will restart where it left off. If the game is called due to weather, etc and will not be completed, and it is the middle of an inning, then the game will revert back to the score from the previous inning if the first inning has been completed. In the Championship game, if the score was tied at the end of the last completed inning or if the 1st inning of the game is not completed due to weather, the higher seed will be named Champion.

Despite numerous TurfFields being available, there is no guarantee that all games will be played on Turf (other grass/dirt fields in the area will be utilized if needed)

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18.) Mercy Rule

11U & 12U Age Divisions
15 after 3 innings/10 after 4 innings /8 after 5 innings

13U & UP Age Divisions
15 after 4 innings /10 after 5 innings /8 after 6 innings

19.) Format Alterations

Morgantown Post 2 reserves the right to alter, change, or abbreviate tournament formats, when necessary, in order to complete the tournament. This includes, but not limited to, shortening time limits in order to maintain the game schedule and to ensure all games. All changes, etc will be made at the Tournament Directors discretion.

20.) Baseballs

All teams are required to supply three new baseballs at the beginning of each game. Teams are responsible for chasing their own baseballs during the games. Each team will need to bring a dozen new baseballs to use throughout the tournament.

22.) Courtesy Runners

Courtesy Runners for pitcher and catcher are encouraged. If there are no players available on the bench, then you may use the last recorded out as a courtesy runner.

23.) Division Rules

11 and up divisions will play leads and steals.

10 Yr Olds

60' bases

46' mound

6 inning game

11 & 12 Yr Olds

70' bases

50' mound

6 inning game

13 Yr. Olds

80' bases

54' mound

7 inning game

14 & UP

90' bases

60' 6" mound

7 inning game

24.) Infield/Outfield

There will be no infield/outfield practice prior to tournament games.

25.) Gate Fees

There will be a \$5 entry fee per day for those age 12 and older(excludes Coaches and Players)

Concession stand will be available at Mylan Park

Each team may have 3 coaches & a scorekeeper or 4 coaches allowed in the dugout at any 1 time. These 4 will be admitted free(Managers will be asked to supply a list of names prior to the tournament)

Any questions can be sent to morgantownpost2@gmail.com