

Falls Aces Tournament Rules

MFL Complex – N64W15020 Mill Rd, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Fields 1-4 are the southern cloverleaf fields as you enter the complex

Fields 5-8 are as far North as you can drive beyond the tree line.

Important Reminder: Please note there are no pets allowed at the complex at any time. This is to maintain safety for all tournament attendees.

SUMMARY OF RULES

Level	Mound	Bases	Dropped 3 rd	Infield Fly	Leadoffs
8U	43'	60'	No	No	Crosses Plate
9U	46'	60'	No	No	Crosses Plate
10U	46'	60'	Yes	Yes	Ball Leaves Pitchers Hand
11-12U	50'	70'	Yes	Yes	Yes
13-14U	60'6"	90'	Yes	Yes	Yes

All ages will follow the NFHS ruleset unless otherwise specifically noted.

Inclement Weather:

- If one field goes under delay due to severe rain or thunderstorms, all fields will go under weather delay. There will be a minimum of 20 minutes that must pass before play can resume.

General Tournaments Rules:

- Please be respectful of the game, opposing teams, coaches, fans, and umpires.
- Please clean your dugout before leaving it.
- Courtesy runners are allowed at any time for the pitcher and catcher. The courtesy runner shall be the last batted out of the inning.
- Games can start up to 30 minutes early. All teams should be onsite and ready to play up to 30 minutes before their scheduled game time.
- Rosters are due to the Tournament Director 24 hours before the tournament begins and is limited to 15 players. Players may only be on one team roster.
- Managers need to have team rosters and proof of age available in case of questioning. Age division cut-off is May 1st of the current calendar year.
- If a player is found ineligible during or after a game, the team will forfeit all games they have participated in.

Game Play:

- 8U-12U game length is 6 innings, run rule, or drop-dead time limit.
- 13U-14U game length is 7 innings, run rule, or drop-dead time limit.
- **Run Rule:** 15 runs after 3 offensive chances, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5.
- **Time Limit:** *(Note: Major Update as of 2026 Summer Slam tournament)*
 - **Pool Play – There is a drop dead of 1-hour and 30 minutes. No new inning after 1-hour and 15 minutes.** The Recorded Score will be whatever the score is at the end of play (no reversion to prior innings).
 - **Bracket Play – There is a drop dead of 1-hour and 45 minutes. No new inning after 1-hour and 30 minutes.** The game ends immediately when drop dead time is reached. If the home team is ahead, the final score remains as it stands at time limit. If the two teams are tied, or the home team is behind, the final score will revert back to the last completed inning in which one team held a lead. If no winner can be determined by this method, the higher seed (home team) will be declared the winner.
 - **Championship Game –** The game only ends after 6 (8U-12U) or 7 (13U-14U) innings are completed. If it ends in a tie, the “California rule” will apply. The teams will start with a runner on second base; last recorded out from previous inning. Zero outs and standard 0-0 count to start inning. There is no time limit.
- **Bracket Seeding:**
 - Overall Record
 - Head-to-head (2 teams only)
 - Runs Allowed
 - Run Differential
 - Coin Flip
- **Batting Order & Subs:**
 - Three Options for team consideration:
 - Continuous Batting Order – All players will bat.
 - Extra Hitter – 10 players are listed in batting order. DH and EH are allowed. All other players are subs.
 - Straight 9 – 9 players are listed in batting order. DH is allowed. All other players are subs.
 - Once removed, subs cannot re-enter a game, starting pitchers can re-enter a game one time.
 - If a player becomes injured and is not able to play, their spot may be skipped and will not result in an out. They must be done for the remainder of the game.
- **Bats, Equipment, & Misc:**
 - No barrel size larger than 2 3/4” for USSSA or 2 5/8” for USA. BBCOR allowed for 13U-14U.
 - No Metal Cleats allowed for safety and pitching mound integrity.
 - No Slash Bunts. A batter will be called out if a slash bunt is attempted.
 - 8U Stealing Home is NOT allowed unless the catcher makes a play on a base runner.

- **Pitching Rules:**
 - Mound Visits: one free visit per inning; the pitcher is removed upon the second visit in the same inning.
 - Pitchers get 5 warm-up pitches between innings.
 - Starting pitchers may re-enter a game at a position other than pitcher one time after being substituted out.
 - No balk warnings for 13U-14U. One warning for 11U-12U. No balks for 8U-10U.
 - Pitcher Limits:
 - No re-entry allowed as a pitcher once removed.
 - 8U-10U: Max of 6 consecutive outs per game (and 12 outs per day).
 - 11U-12U: Max of 9 consecutive outs per game (and 18 outs per day).
 - 13U-14U: Max of 12 consecutive outs per game (and 24 outs per day).
 - If a pitcher were to pitch more than the allowed number of outs, the team will forfeit the game if the umpire is alerted during the game.