

Troy Wood Bat 2025 Tournament Rules

We play using the National Federation High School Rules with the following exceptions:
Each team will be provided the wood bat they requested prior to the start of their first game.

There are no replacements should the provided wooden bat break.

No composite bats allowed.

1. Max roster size is 16 players.
2. Teams are made up of 2025 Spring age's
3. Make sure to have a copy of birth certificates on hand in case of any questioning. A player's age can be questioned at anytime by the opposing head coach only, through the umpire. If the head coach of the player in question, is unable to provide a birth certificate within 5 minutes of being questioned the player will be removed from the lineup and be an automatic out each time his spot comes to bat.
4. This is not a sanctioned tournament.
5. Umpires will be in charge of keeping official time. They will also be in charge of getting the game balls from concession stand. Lastly, they will be in charge of turning in the final score sheet to the concession stand initialed by both coaches.
6. Umpires will return all used game balls to the concession stand after the game.
7. There are no pitching limitations. However, it is highly recommended that teams follow the standard USA pitching guidelines. As we have no knowledge of a pitcher's use prior to a tournament and each coach knows their players better than anyone, we do not enforce any pitching limitations. Every coach's first priority should be the long-term health and well-being of their players. Once taken out as a pitcher, the player may not re-enter as a pitcher in that game.
8. Coin Flip determines home and away. Team that traveled furthest will call the flip. The team listed first on the schedule will occupy the 3rd base dugout. Playoffs and Championship, higher seed determines home or away.
9. Games are one hour and forty-five minutes in duration, with a hard stop. No new inning may begin after the one hour and thirty minute time limit unless the score is tied. New inning starts immediately upon the completion of the previous inning for time keeping purposes. In the event of tie games, regardless of time remaining, the following applies: Place the person who made the last batted out in the previous inning at second base to start the extra inning, and there is 1 out. For pool play games, there is a limit of 2 extra innings, if after 2 extra innings the game remains tied it will be scored as a tie in the standings.
10. Championship games have no time limit. Mercy rules still apply.
11. Umpire may limit warm-up pitches between innings.
12. 15u & 13u games are seven (7) innings in duration. 12u games are six (6) innings in duration.
13. Mercy Rule Teams ahead by fifteen (15) runs at the end of three (3) innings or twelve (12) runs at the end of four (4) innings or ten (10) runs after five (5) innings will be declared the winner.
14. If at the end of a complete inning there is 5 minutes or less remaining on the game clock and either team is winning by 7 or more runs the game will immediately end.
15. If a game has reached or passed the time limit during the top of ANY inning the visiting team goes up by 10 runs, the game will immediately end, and the score will revert back to the score at the end of the previously completed inning. The exception to this rule is if the visiting team began the inning in question trailing, then the home team will receive their last ups. In this case, the score after the home team's last at bat will be the final score.
16. These rules are in place to keep the tournament on schedule and end lop-sided games that have reached or exceeded the time limit.
17. Teams need to be prepared to start any game up to 15 minutes prior to the posted start time. Allowances will be made for teams playing back-to-back games for the health and safety of the players. Any team, which does not take the field within 10 minutes of the declared start time, shall forfeit the game upon the opposing team taking the field and throwing the first pitch.
18. There is no mandatory slide rule, but base runners must make every effort to avoid contact with fielders. Please review the NFHS rules concerning avoiding contact. Base runner will be ejected if

umpire determines actions were malicious.

19. Balks will be called at all ages. Umpires will give each pitcher one warning at the 11U- 12U levels. There

are no warnings at the 13U level and up.

20. For 11U-14U teams, all teams must bat all players in attendance and in uniform for each game. All players can reenter the field at any position, with the exception of the pitcher. Once a pitcher is removed from the game, he cannot return to pitch in that game. In the opinion of the umpires, if a player is forced to leave a game due to an injury and the player cannot continue that player's spot in the lineup will be passed over without penalty. That player cannot reenter the game at any point. Any player arriving late for a game must arrive prior to their team batting through their order one time. The late arriving player should be placed last in the batting order and if has not arrived by their time to bat has arrived, they will not be eligible to play in that game. Batting 9 is allowed. Designated hitter for pitcher is allowed.

15U may use P/O.

21. Each game must begin with at least nine (9) players, but can end with eight (8) players, unless team allows opponent to start the game with fewer than 9 players.

22. After first pitch of a team's first game, no players can be added to a team's roster.

23. All batters and runners must wear helmets with earflaps. No exceptions.

24. Courtesy runners are optional at any point for catchers and pitchers. Only the catcher or pitcher who caught the previous inning can be run for.

25. Games canceled or called due to weather will not be rescheduled. In addition, weather conditions may

result in games being shortened for all or part of the tournament. Game cancellations due to weather are under the control of the Field Provider, who has the right to cancel games as they see fit. Any game that completes 3 innings or 2 1/2 if the home team is winning is considered an official game.

Furthermore, if a game is called due to weather and less than 2 1/2 or 3 innings have been completed, but the game clock has passed one hour, it is also an official game, score reverts back to last completed inning.

26. No protests allowed on judgement calls.

27. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to show good sportsmanship at all times. We have a zero-tolerance policy for spectators or assistant coaches harassing umpires, spectators are to support their team in a positive manner. Any COACH or SPECTATOR that is ejected from a game will be banned from the complex for the duration of the tournament. There is no appeal of any ejection. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the team's forfeiture of all tournament games played or games yet to be played. No refunds will be issued.

28. Only WOOD BATS are permitted. You may bring your own, however any bat that is found to be compromised or deemed illegal will lead to immediate coach ejection from that game only, the bat will also be removed for remainder of the tournament. If the bat is found to be illegal after an at bat the outcome of that at bat will stand, the coach will be removed from the game as will the bat. IF a bat is deemed illegal PRIOR to OR DURING an at bat the batter will be an out. 29. No wooden fungo bats can be used during a

game, no composite bats are allowed either.

30. Metal spikes are allowed at the 14u and up.

31. C Flaps for helmets are allowed if they are either part of the helmet or if an added accessory, if manufactured by the same company that manufactured the helmet.

32. Base and rubber distances: 14U & 15U 90/60, 13U 54/80

33. 11U-15U age levels play real baseball,

34. On-deck batter must stand facing the back of the batter

35. Fake bunt, causing infielder to charge in, then swinging away is not allowed. Penalty is dead ball, batter is out.

36. Should a player throw their bat they are to be given an individual warning. Should that same batter throw their bat an additional time(s) the batter will be called out and a dead ball called.

37. Tiebreakers to advance to the championship bracket are as follows: 1. Overall Record 2. Head-to-Head

(does not apply to ties involving 3 or more teams) 3. Least Runs Allowed 4. Most Runs Scored 5. Run Differential 5. Coin Flip.

38. Troy Baseball reserves the right to make changes, as necessary. Any and all schedule changes or notices concerning the tournament will be posted online at www.tourneymachine.com. This includes weather delays or cancellations. Teams are expected to access the site as needed throughout the tournament for schedule changes, weather delays and results.

39. Any dispute over the score of a game needs to be reported to the on site Tournament Director. Any dispute concerning the score entered must be contested within 3 hours of the scheduled start of the game or 10:45pm, whichever comes first.

40. Any tournament not played to conclusion will not have a champion declared

41. Home team is considered to have the "OFFICIAL BOOK". It is up to the away team to confirm with the home teams' book between innings.

42. The home team will be required to provide a scoreboard operator.

43. A copy of the rules will be on hand at the concession stand to clarify any disagreement. Feel free to print your own to have on hand.

44. All divisions will play 2 pool play games. There can be consolation games to fulfill the 3 game minimum requirement

8U Only Rules:

1. Time Limit – 1 hr 30 min hard stop (6 innings)

2. No lead offs.

3. Runner can not steal until the ball crosses home plate

4. Base runners can not advance once the ball gets back to the infield.

5. No drop 3rd strike.

6. No stealing home.

7. No balks.

8. No infield fly.

9. Bunting is allowed

10. If a batter shows bunt then swings he or she is out.

11. Pitching – 3 innings max per game.

Thank you for participating in the 16th Annual Troy Titans Wood Bat Tournament. We hope you enjoy
your time
here in Shorewood. Please make sure to pass along your experience with other clubs and we will see you
again next fall.