

2015 Top Gun Winter World Series **Coaches Meeting**

Tournament Directors-Donnie Broome and Wes Gregory

Please be sure that your rosters are up to date and On Line with Top Gun Sports for this event. We will be using this for all pitching, home run, wins and losses. All teams should make sure you have this done before playing your first game.

WINTER WORLD SERIES AWARDS

Awards being Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Copper Divisions will be presented for this event.

Coaches please have with you at all times during tournament a copy of your

- ON LINE ROSTER,
- BIRTH CERTIFICATES,
- TEAMS INSURANCE, NAMING TOP GUN AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED

If we have a protest on the field and you cannot produced these could result in a forfeit.

Please be sure you have your certificate of insurance, if you are using another brand of insurance Top Gun must be listed as additionally Insured.

Age Determination

Age Determination – Age cutoff date is May 1st. See Below Examples:

8u-Cannot turn 9 prior to May 1, 2016---9u-Cannot turn 10 prior to May 1, 2016

10u-Cannot turn 11 prior to May 1, 2016---11u-Cannot turn 12 prior to May 1, 2016

12u-Cannot turn 13 prior to May 1, 2016---13u-Cannot turn 14 prior to May 1, 2016

14u-Cannot turn 15 prior to May 1, 2016---15u-Cannot turn 16 prior to May 1, 2016

The season runs August 1st-July 31st. All teams will move up in age on August 1st of each year.

All General Rules are listed on our web site and we will be playing these rules.

VIOLATION OF POLICES OR TOURNAMENT RULES

Violation of polices or tournament rules.

Any parent, coach, team member, or fan that violates the polices or rules of the Top Gun Baseball Event may be removed from any and all venues and future sanctions may be placed on that person or persons.

HEAD COACHES RESPONSIBILITY

The Head Coach of a team is held responsible for the conduct of his assistance coaches, players, and fans. He should make sure that all rules of the tournament are explained to the each member above.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Tournament Director always has the authority to revise or change the format due to rain or any other reason that he feels is necessary, in the best interest of the tournament.

TEAMS ARRIVING FOR GAMES

Teams should be present one hour (1) before the schedule starting game time.

JEWERLY

Top Gun follows the National Federation rule with the exception of Phiten Necklaces; all players will be allowed to wear the Phiten break away necklaces during play.

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

Any question pertaining to the eligibility of a player at the tournament may be referred to the Play Top Gun Sports Office.

If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of the tournament, the player will be expelled from the tournament. If a player is found to be ineligible after the tournament has begun, not only the player will be expelled, but the entire team will be expelled from the tournament. Any questions during a game pertaining to the eligibility of players, must be handle by filing a protest during that game that is in question due to eligibility. If the age of the player is being protested and the coach cannot produce the legal copy of the Birth Certificate of the player in question, the game will be a forfeit and the team will be removed from the tournament. After the game is too late to file a protest on any issue.

Coaches are responsible to see their team meets all eligibility requirements, No Team Refunds.

PICK-UP PLAYER RULE

Top Gun is all open roistered. Any team may pick up players from another team as long as the player is not roistered on two teams in the same tournament, regardless of age division. Players may not play on two separate teams in the same event. No exceptions to this rule will be allowed. Once the first of the tournament begins, that roster is frozen and no additional players may be added unless approved by the tournament director. If it is found that a player is ineligible, the penalty will be as

follows. If a player is found to ineligible prior to the start of the tournament, the player or players will be expelled from the tournament. If a player or players is found to be ineligible after the tournament has begun, not only the player will be expelled, but the entire team will be expelled from the tournament.

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NATIONAL FEDERATION HIGH SCHOOL RULES

National Federation of High School rules will be used with Top Gun Baseball Exceptions; North Carolina High School Federation Rules will be used.

METAL CLEAT RULES

Metal cleats are not allowed on portable pitching mounds. Pitchers must wear either rubber cleats to tennis shoes. NO EXCEPTIONS

EARLY GAME STARTING TIMES

Games may be started early if fields are ready for play.

No game may be started more than one hour early, unless the tournament game time has been shortened due to rain, etc.

COIN FLIPPING

Teams will flip for Home Team before each game in pool play, at home plate.
Higher seeds have choice of bracket play games.

TIME LIMIT IS IN EFFECT

Coach pitch 1 hour and 30 minutes time limit.

All other ages has a 1 hour 45 minute time limit. Games will be played for the entire time limit, when the time limit expires that inning will be the last inning.

If the time limit expires after the third out is made of an inning, a new inning will start.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIME LIMIT IS WAIVED RUN RULE IS IN EFFECT

RUN RULE

Run Rule is in effect for all games for tournaments.

Mercy Slaughter Rule is in effect after three innings, and a team is losing by 15 runs, the game will be over.

15 run rules are in effect for all ages, including the championships, except for coach pitch, see rules on coach pitch.

10 run rule after 4 innings

8 run rule after 5 innings.

Coach Pitch does not have a Slaughter Run Rule

PITCHING RULES

9u---6 innings, 10u---7 innings, 11u---8 innings, 12u---9 innings, 13u-15u---10 innings, 16 and above---no pitching rule. Athletes may pitch these established number of innings in consecutive calendar days, once the athlete has reached the allowed amount of inning in consecutive calendar

days then the athlete must rest one calendar day before being allowed to pitch again. Once a player rests for one calendar day, the rest day clears him and the innings start over. An inning pitched constitutes the toeing of the pitcher rubber by the pitcher, or pitching to one batter, or being officially entered into the pitching position. The penalty for an ineligible pitcher is the Head Coach and the Ineligible Pitcher is ejected from the game when discovered. The game is continued at that point, and all related baseball scores stand. **Metal cleats are not allowed on portable pitching mounds. Pitchers must wear either rubber cleats to tennis shoes. NO EXCEPTION.**

TRIPS TO THE MOUND

Two (2) trips per inning, per pitcher will disqualify that pitcher from the game for pitching only. On the 2nd trip in the same inning, the pitcher must be removed from the game as a pitcher only. Any pitcher removed from the game on the 1st trip of an inning may reenter the game as a pitcher after one batter is retired if needed. Removal from the mound on the 2nd trip in the same inning disqualifies the pitcher from returning to the mound as a pitcher only in that game. Pinch Hitting for the pitcher is allowed and the pitcher may reenter the game, as a pitcher if deemed so, as long as a team has eligible substitutes.

BAT RULE

Coach Pitch Bat rule-There are no restriction in the Coach Pitch Division. Ages 9u,-14u No bat rule applies and the Federation High School Rule applies for ages 15 and up. A Coach Pitch Bat or a bat recommended for 8u only, shall only be used in the 8u division.

The Coach Pitch Bat may be a Large Barrel or Composite Bat. No Artificial or Intentional means shall be used to control the temperature of the bat. All Star Divisions will have different rules posted at All Star Events regarding Legal Bats. Penalty for using an Illegal Bat will follow the penalty of the National Federations of High School Rules.

BATTING RULE OPTIONS

Teams have the option of batting just 9 players, or they can bat any number being 10, 11, or 12 players, or up to the entire roster. The rule to bat more than 9 players is an Option and is Not Mandatory, and it is left up to each individual team. If all roistered players bat, there will be no substitutes and if an injury or sickness occurs, an out will be taken when that players comes up to bat. Teams will receive only one (1) out for the sick or injured player; however the sick or injured player may Not Return to the game. High School Federation -DH Rule: Top Gun will also the High School DH Rule to be used. Teams that choose to use a DH, they must follow the NFHS rule, and only bat 9 players.

SUBSTITUTIONS AND RE-ENTRY RULE

All starting players may be redrawn from the game and reenter into the game, as long a as a team has a legal substitute. A substitute may not reenter a game.

A Pitcher may be redrawn from the game and substituted for and reenter the game as a pitcher if redrawn on the first trip during an inning.

In the 9u Open Bases the Base Runner must not be beyond the 10 feet line when the ball crosses the plate. Penalty is IMMEDIATE DEAD BALL and the Baseball Runner is Out and Removed from the base for leaving too early.

EJECTION'S

Manager, Coach, or Players in all age divisions, the first occurrence results in the suspension for the game and removal from the game venue, and also the next schedule game. The coach is not permitted at the game venue for his suspension game.

SECOND EJECTION DURING THE TOURNAMENT

The second occurrence during the tournament results in suspension for the remainder of the tournament as well as the possible impositions for further sanctions subject to the review of Top Gun Baseball.

PROTESTS

Protest must be made verbally with the umpire by the offended team at the time of the play and before the next

pitch is thrown. A fee of \$100.00 cash (Refunded if upheld) must accompany the protest. All decisions of the protest committee shall be final. Only the decision involving the Misinterpretation of Misapplication of a rule may be protested.

No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the Officials Judgment.

RAIN

Teams should report to venues, if there is any doubt of games being played. The responsibility will be on the Head Coach to find out if games are rained out or being resumed. Coaches must come to the venues to find out if games will be played, or if a game has been rescheduled. If at all possible, games will be played in complete. Games that are stopped before official game status will be continued from the point of interruption. Games stopped after official game status has been reached will be official games. Rain delays could last for any period of time. The tournament director has the authority to change the format of the tournament due to inclement weather.

OFFICIAL GAME STATUS

If rain occurs after official game status has been reached, and the games are stopped due to the rain for field conditions, that game will be called, and become a complete official game. The tournament directors will make that decision only.

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UMPIRES CONTROL

Top Gun Umpires Cannot Forfeit Top Gun Tournament Ball Games. Umpires may Eject Coaches, Players, or Fans, but do not have the power to Forfeit Games in Tournament Play, under any circumstances. When an Umpire ejects a person, that person must leave the venue immediately and the game playing time is stopped until that issue is resolved. At this time the Site Director should be notified of that situation. If the person ejected does not leave the venue immediately, the director should call the police to have the ejected person removed. Ball Games will continue from the point of interruption.

CONDUCT

Teams Coaches, Players, and Organizations are subject to sanctions imposed by the Baseball Chairman for misconduct. Sanctions may be appealed to the Play Top Gun Sports board of review committee and may include fines, suspension, forfeiture, probation, or other appropriate action. Misconduct includes but is not limited, sportsmanship detrimental to the program, destruction of property, intoxication, possession of alcohol, drugs, weapons, use of profanity, or commission of a crime during any Play Top Gun Sports competition. Sanctions may be imposed for failure to comply with this publication of the General Top Gun Baseball Rules.

COACHES AND PLAYERS DRESS CODE

Coaches or Players are not allowed to wear hats backward during tournament play. All coaches shall be dressed similarly, meaning coaches should have same color shirts, etc. No Flip Flops Sandals only closed toe shoes, No Tank Tops are allowed.

TOP GUN BASEBALL

Top Gun Baseball shall investigate complaints regarding the violation of Top Gun Baseball Rules, by Top Gun athletes, coaches, volunteers, or teams.

If Top Gun Baseball determines that a violation has occurred he may impose penalties as provided in the General Rules.

Penalties imposed by Top Gun Baseball may be appealed to the Play Top Gun Sports Board of Review in writing, appointed by CEO/President of Top Gun Sports.

Top Gun Baseball may delegate these duties to an infraction committee appointed by him CEO /President to consider Code/Rules Violations, or they may refer cases directly to the Board of Review.