

2019 BLUE RIVER LEAGUE SOFTBALL
12 & UNDER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT
June 27-30 • MALCOLM, NE
TOURNAMENT RULES

- Batters will bat in a **continuous batting** order with **free substitution** on defense.
- A game will consist of **seven innings** unless the time limit is reached. *Innings will end with 3 outs or stop with the at bat that scores the 8th run of that inning. (8) runs max per inning.*
- **Time limit is 75 minutes.** No new inning will be started after the time limit.
- **Mercy rule** is: 8 runs after 5 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 12 runs after 3 innings.
- **Tiebreaker:** If a game is tied after seven innings or after the time limit has been reached, the international tiebreaker will be used. *(The player who had the last completed at bat from the previous inning is placed on second base to start the inning. The home team does the same for their at bat. If still tied repeat the procedure.)*
- **Weather / Complete Game:** In the event of inclement weather, the WeatherBug app will be used to monitor lightning strikes. If lightning is present within a 10-mile radius of the game site, the game will be delayed 30 minutes from the most recent strike. After the 30-minute delay when no lightning is present, the game can resume play. Efforts will be made to wait out the weather delay and complete games on the day they are scheduled. If we are not able to complete the game, three (3) complete innings will constitute a game or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead. If rained out before then and unable to be completed, the game will be suspended and resumed the following day where it left off.
- To be **eligible to participate**, a player must have been born on or after January 1, 2006 and must have played in 50% or more of the league games with the team on whose league roster they are listed. Coaches must be able to show proof from a scorebook. Failure to prove a player was on the team will result in forfeiture from the tournament.
- Catchers are required to wear shin guards, throat and chest protectors, and catching helmet. Girls warming up the pitcher must wear a catching helmet and mask.
- Batters, on-deck batters, and base runners must wear helmets.
- Youth coaches or helpers under age 19 must wear helmets in the coach's boxes or on the field.
- The **Casual profanity rule** and the **Sportsmanship rule** will be in effect. If a player, coach, or fan is ejected from the game they will be removed from the area. Failure to leave will result in a forfeit. Coaches ejected will not coach the rest of the day. A second ejection will result in the coach being suspended for the remainder of the tournament.
- USA Softball rules apply in all areas not covered by league rules
- Protests will be decided by game umpires or must be filed according to USA rules.
- Game balls will be provided by the tournament host.