



## Canisius High School Baseball Tournament Rules

### General Rules:

- Three game guarantees (weather permitting), can play up to five games via Championship rounds.
- Tournaments will begin on Friday. All teams need to be available to play as early as 4:00pm on Friday.
- Preliminary games played Friday & Saturday with playoffs on Sunday.
- [NFHS Rules](#) apply for all games & require BBCOR bat restrictions.
- All teams must be prepared 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Should the previous game end early games may start up to 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time.
- Games shall be seven (7) innings with a 1:50 time limit. Time limits are in effect for all games except the Championship final and semi-final games. If time limit is reached during the middle of an inning, game will not end until the completion of the fulling, but if the home team is leading, the game will end of the top half of the inning. Tie games in play are rendered a tie **unless time limit has not been reached.**
- You may bat nine (9), or 10 using an EH and/or a DH. You may also roster bat which includes free defensive substitutions. If you roster bat and a player becomes unavailable/unable for any reason, that spot in the order becomes an automatic out (unless the other team's coach agrees to skip over the batted position with no out penalty).
- Mercy rule will be 12 runs after four (4) innings or 10 runs after five (5) innings.
- Mercy rule is in effect for ALL games. ALL games receive a maximum of +10/-10 run differential for tie breaker purposes.
- No infield/outfield before games Teams may use the outfield to take pregame ground balls & pop flies. Batting coaches are available down the first base side of the varsity diamond. Teams must share the cages with each other. **NO hitting baseballs off the field fencing.**
- Courtesy runner for both the pitcher and catcher may be used at any time and is mandatory for a catcher with two outs. The courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the lineup. If no player is available, you may run your last batted out.
- Flip for home team. The higher seed will be home team during Championship round.

- Baseballs will be provided.
- Each game will have two umpires (one behind the plate, one in the basepath).
- Base runner must slide or attempt to avoid contact.
- The head coach is responsible for the behavior of coaches, parents, and fans.
- Any participant (player, coach, spectator, etc.) ejected from a game shall have the circumstances of his/her ejection reviewed by the Tournament Director and/or Chief Umpire. A decision will then be made what additional penalty, if any, shall be applied to that person. The additional penalty most likely will include suspension from a subsequent game(s) or suspension from the tournament all together.
- The umpires are in charge of the game. Excessive arguing or abuse will not be tolerated. The umpire's decision on any judgment call is final. Rule interpretation can be discussed with the Tournament Director.
- ALL teams must provide a roster (wavier) and liability insurance with "Canisius High School" listed in additionally insured.
- **NO METAL SPIKES.** If not followed, players and/or teams will be suspended.
- **No** gum, sunflower seeds, or colored drinks are permitted at on the field. If not followed, players and/or teams will be suspended.

**Pitching Restrictions:**

- Coaches' discretion

**Tiebreaker Rules:**

1. Head-to-Head competition (not applicable with ties of more than two (2) teams)
2. Run differential (max at +10/-10 mercy rule)
3. Fewest runs allowed (overall)
4. Coin flip

*Any ruling and/or situations not covered within these rules will be decided by Tournament Director/Umpires*

**NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED in the parking lots or fields at any time!**

**Canisius High School has a “zero tolerance” for any physical confrontations by players, coaches, or fans. Upon the first violation, the violating party shall be removed from the facility and the tournament.**

**Cancellation Refund Policy:**

- (0) Zero Official Games: 100% refund
- (1) One Official Game: 50% refund
- (2) Two Official Games: No refund

**Withdrawal Refund Policy:**

- In all cases, a team must provide written notice to the tournament director about their intent to withdraw from the tournament.
- If this notice is received outside of 90 days prior to the tournament, teams receive full entry refund.
- If this notice is received between 61-89 days prior to the tournament, teams receive 50% entry refund.
- If this notice is received inside of 60 days prior to the tournament, no refund rewarded.