

TURF WARS @ SPORTIKA

Sunday, December 18, 2022

FIELD 1	TURF WARS: New 8s		TURF WARS: New 8s	BASIC RULES
	HOME		AWAY	Grit <i>Using Spring 2023 ages</i>
9:30 AM	Matawan		EEP	Hitmen
11:05 AM	Hitmen		Matawan	Matawan <i>Cannot Start New Inning after 80 Minutes</i>
12:40 PM	EEP		Marlboro	EEP <i>46' Pitching Distance</i>
2:15 PM	Grit		Hitmen	Marlboro <i>All Kid Pitch</i>
3:50 PM	Marlboro		Grit	<i>Can Steal 3rd Base</i>
5:15 PM	CHAMP		GAME	<i>USA Approved Bats Only</i>
FIELD 2	TURF WARS: New 9s		TURF WARS: New 9s	BASIC RULES
	HOME		AWAY	Wayne Wolfpack <i>Using Spring 2023 ages</i>
9:30 AM	Holmdel		South Plainfield Surge	EEP
11:05 AM	EEP		Holmdel	South Plainfield Surge <i>Cannot Start New Inning after 80 Minutes</i>
12:40 PM	South Plainfield Surge		Rockaway Raiders	Rockaway Raiders <i>46' Pitching Distance</i>
2:15 PM	Wayne Wolfpack		EEP	Holmdel <i>All Kid Pitch</i>
3:50 PM	Rockaway Raiders		Wayne Wolfpack	<i>Can Steal 3rd Base</i>
5:15 PM	CHAMP		GAME	<i>USA Approved Bats Only</i>

All games played at Sportika (150 Woodward Road, Manalapan NJ)

\$5 Admissions per Game for All Guests

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TURF WARS RULES

Sportsmanship Rules:

- **Ejections:** Coaches, players, and spectators arguing with or heckling umpires before/during/after gameplay will result in immediate ejection and up to a **4-game suspension** for a first offense, 1 year for 2nd offense, and a lifetime for 3rd offense. Gameplay will not resume until the offending person(s) leave the field of play. If they refuse to leave the field, the game will end and result in a forfeit.
- Heckling pitchers or batters is not permitted under any circumstance. This means no chanting, fence shaking, or any other kind of loud outburst when the pitcher is in their windup or on the mound. Umpires may warn, then eject, those involved along with the head coach. However, if deemed warranted by the umpire, an immediate ejection may be applied.
- No arguing balls/strikes under any circumstance.
- Coaches are responsible for their teams' parents and, in some cases, may be ejected for a parent's actions.
 - No one should be allowed to watch the game from behind the backstop behind the catcher.
- Coach, player, or parent ejections for extreme behavior may result in a lifetime ban from TURF WARS.

As of 12/1/2020, teams playing in the 13U and 14U age groups WILL NOT be allowed to roster 2 older players from the next age group, see rule #26.

All 46/60 and 50/70 games will be 6 innings long.

1. Time Limits:

- 46/60 & 50/70 - No New Inning after 1:20

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- "No new inning after" is defined as a time limit in which no new inning will start after the specified time has passed. Any inning starting ON or before this time should be completed. The new inning is considered to have started once the last out of the previous inning has been recorded.
- Please note that in some cases, time limits may be readjusted given circumstances such as daylight restrictions, field light curfew, town ordinance, back to back games, etc.
- Extra Innings: If the time has not expired, teams will play extra innings until it does. Regular season games can end in a tie after the time limit expires.
- You cannot protest a game over a time limit.

2. A protest shall be considered only when there is use of an ineligible player. No protest shall be considered on a decision involving an umpire's judgment. Likewise, protests based upon an official's judgment or misinterpretation (misapplication) of the playing rules will not be honored (same rule as High School). Equipment which does not meet specifications must be removed from the game. Appropriate penalties, if any, will be assessed but shall not be the basis for a protest.

The protest made due to the use of an ineligible player may be considered only if made to the umpire before the final out of the game. Whenever it is found that an ineligible player is being used, that player shall be removed from the game, and the game shall be continued under protest or not, as the protesting manager decides. Protests must first be submitted by the manager to the umpire on the field of play before the game concludes, and then in writing to the league president within 24 hours. The umpire chief shall submit a report as well. Protests will be ruled upon by the league office and committee composed of chief umpires. All protests must affect the outcome of the game. Protests after the game is complete will not be accepted. No protests will be accepted from teams that do not have their roster posted.

Any coach found guilty of using an illegal player will be under review by the protest committee. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the offending manager will be subject to a suspension or ban. In some cases, the player may be subject to the same penalties.

The league commissioners office has the authority to rule on matters affecting outcomes of games when extenuating circumstances are present. All decisions will be made with consideration of the rules of the game, spirit of fair play, and sportsmanship.

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3. All players must wear the complete uniform while on the field of play and in the dugout or bench area.
4. Players may wear plastic or rubber spiked shoes on the 46/60. Turf Shoes are acceptable as well.
5. All Players must wear Little League or NOCSAE approved batting helmets while at bat and while running the bases.

6. Bat Rules

- 46/60 will follow USA Standards for League Play. All bats must have the USA stamp and not be greater than - 2 5/8" barrel
 - 1- piece solid wood bats are allowed and no USA stamp is required for a solid wood bat.
 - It is the responsibility of both coaches to check bats for a USA Stamp at ground rules.
 - Tee Ball bats are NOT allowed. Hitting with hard core baseballs may break the Tee Ball bat which poses a safety issue.
 - PENALTY (not retroactive):
 - 1st violation: Batter automatically out.
 - 2nd violation: Inning over, all runs earned in the inning will be removed from scorebook.
 - 3rd violation: Automatic forfeit.

7. All catchers must adhere to age-appropriate equipment rules, 46/60 Little League rules, 50/70 and 60/90 High School rules

8. No family or friends on the bench.

9. When a team is ahead by 10 or more runs at the end of 3 innings, the team with a 10 or more run lead will be declared the winner. The game will be declared over and complete. Please note if the home team is down by 10 runs they will still get a chance to hit in the bottom of the inning to try to close the gap and come back.

10. All teams have the option to bat as many players as they select. In order for a player to play defense, he must be listed in the current batting order. If a team chooses to replace a starter with a substitute, that person must be someone not in

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the game at all. Starters may then re-enter the game one time for the player that was substituted for him and remain in the same spot in the batting order.

11. 46/60 only: A pitcher that is replaced after throwing any number of pitches but remains in the batting order may not re-enter as a pitcher but will be allowed to play any other defensive position.

13. TURF WARS Pitch Count Rule:

- 7U - 9U - 85 Pitches per day
- Pitchers can finish a batter when the maximum number has been reached.
- It is the coach's responsibility to track pitch counts and meet between innings to make sure their pitch counts line up. In areas of disagreement, the pitch count will default to the home team's records.
- TURF WARS encourages all parents/coaches to monitor their player's arms beyond these rules. Since many players play on multiple teams from rec to school to travel, it is very important the parents/coaches take on the responsibility to monitor their players.

14. Teams may carry as many players as they wish.

15. Playing time will be solely determined by the team manager or coach. The league strongly suggests that managers and coaches give the maximum amount of playing time to the maximum amount of players.

18. Players may not turn the next age before May 1st.

19. If a team has 8 players to start a game, they may borrow a defensive player from their opponent or play the game with 8 players. The borrowed player will be a different player each inning and will not bat for the team with less than 9 players. In the event a ninth player arrives, he will be inserted in the batting order in the ninth spot. *You may play a playoff game with 8 players. No out can be taken when a team starts the game with 8 players.*

20. A team will be allowed 20 minutes to produce at least eight players.

21. If a teams batting order shrinks at any point during the game, for any reason, the team will be awarded an out for the lost spot only once. The next time the spot comes, that due spot in the batting order will be skipped over without penalty.

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It is the obligation of the defensive team to point out to the umpire that they are taking the out when that spot comes due. If the defensive team does not point the vacant spot out to the umpire at the time that the spot comes due, there will be no penalty awarded and the spot will be skipped over at that time and all other times. The one exception to this is if the batting order shrinks due to an injury caused by the action of the game (i.e. runners colliding).

22. When a team's batting order falls to 8 players during a game (with the exception of an ejection) they will be subject to the penalty stated above, however the opponent has the option to supply a rotating defensive player in order to finish the game. When a team's batting order falls below 8, the game will be declared complete and the team with less than 8 will be assessed a loss regardless of the game score at the time of this occurrence. If you drop to 8 players because of an ejection, it will be an automatic forfeit.

23. STANDING TIE BREAKERS:

When two teams finish in a tie for a playoff, the following tie-breaking formula will be used.

1. Best record head to head competition
2. Run differential in head to head competition
3. More wins
4. Fewest runs allowed against all opponents. Games played will be made equal
5. Coin Flip

When three or more teams are tied:

1. When all tied teams have played each other and one team has beaten ALL the other tied teams without a loss, that team will be awarded the play-off spot.
2. Teams with the most wins will be awarded the higher seed. If two or more teams are tied with points/wins and not one team has beaten the other team(s) without a loss, we will proceed to tie-breaker rule #3. (League Play Only does not apply to tourney).
3. Fewest runs allowed in all games played. Games played last will be eliminated until all teams have played the same number of games.
4. Coin Flip

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In divisions with an uneven number of teams, one team is scheduled for 10 games so that all teams are scheduled for 9. The 10th game of the season will not count in the standings for this team but will count for their opponent as their 9th.

24. Only players on the 46/60 diamond must slide feet first. They may slide head first when returning to a base. Base runners must slide or make every possible effort to avoid serious contact with a defensive player. Jumping over or running into a defensive player can be grounds for immediate ejection from the game. This is an umpire judgment call and is not a protest situation.

25. Players may not play on two different teams in the same division. Players will only be allowed to compete on two different teams if these teams play in different age groups or divisions where there is no possibility of the two teams meeting, including playoffs.

28. Teams will be allowed a manager, first base coach, third base coach, and one scorekeeper in the dugout or on the field during the game. No friends or family will be allowed in the dugout or on the bench.

29. At all age groups, intentional bases on balls may now be issued by the coach or catcher informing the home plate umpire of a team's intention to walk the batter. No pitches need to be delivered.

30. The league does not have a guest player policy. Any players being brought onto the team, at any point in the season, must complete a player registration form. If the team has opted to pay the individual player fee instead of the team fee, the new player to the team must pay a fee. Players playing on two different teams must pay a fee for both teams unless one of the two teams has paid the team fee.

31a. 8U and 9U teams can steal 3rd base ONLY. Runners cannot steal 2nd base or home under any circumstance which includes passed balls or wild pitches. The runner cannot advance to 2nd or home on a passed ball, wild pitch, overthrow back to the pitcher, or overthrow on a play at 3rd. There is no limit on steals per inning.

32. No slap bunt/slashing is allowed in any 46/60. A "slap or slash bunt" is defined as the act of showing or faking a bunt and swinging at the pitch instead. A slap or slash bunt will automatically be ruled a strike and a dead ball whether the batter makes contact with the ball or not.

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33. Makeup policy: Games must be rescheduled within a week of the game being rained out or canceled.

34 A. Forfeit Procedure: If your team is seeking a forfeit, you must ask your opponent to play the game(s) (give them an option if possible) or to concede to a forfeit. If they do not concede to a forfeit, the league must hear from both teams why the game was originally canceled and not rescheduled. If the game was canceled for any reason other than field conditions, it should be an easy decision. If it was canceled due to field conditions (rain out) we will need to hear from both teams and the league will make a decision from there. You may win your forfeit request, or it may go down as a no contest if both teams showed effort & flexibility in trying to make the game(s) up.

No forfeit will be issued for the regular season after the regular season deadline.

35. Each team is required to get the last names when receiving your opponent's lineup.

1. Each team is required to be able to prove the games a specific player has played in for a playoff game. If an opponent requests to see who a specific player has played against on your regular season schedule, be prepared to prove it to the coach and league at the field.
2. A player without the proper uniform: The coach must automatically prove to the other team that the player is on their roster and that he has enough innings to qualify if it is a playoff game.

36. At the 46/60 level, the batter cannot advance on a dropped third strike.

37. There is an infield fly rule at the 9U and older levels. However, at the 46/60 level, if both teams agree to not use the infield fly rule at the start of the game during ground rules with both the umpires and both managers present, that is acceptable.

37 A. 8u there is no infield fly rule

38. 8U does not use a max run per inning rule. However, if both coaches agree with the umpires present at ground rules, you can put the following rule in place: Maximum of 5 runs per inning, with the exception of the last inning.

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39. Trips to the mound: 1 free trip per inning, per pitcher. The 2nd trip in the inning to the same pitcher must result in the pitcher coming out.
40. Rainouts shall be determined by the league office with input from the home team. Once the game begins, rainouts will be determined by the umpires.
41. Suspended Games: If a game cannot be declared complete, it will be a suspended game as long as 2 complete innings are played. The game will pick up exactly where you left off (same count, batter, score etc.) If the game is rained out before 2 innings are completed. The game is to start over upon being rescheduled.
42. 7U - 10U 46/60 will normally have 1 umpire, 7U and 8U will be behind the mound.
43. **Roster Sharing 2022 Only:** Players can play on multiple teams outside of their division (i.e. American East and American North) with no restrictions. If you are sharing players across teams within your division, it must be no more than 3 players and can only pitch for one team that they must declare prior to the season with their league representative.

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