

Refund Policy

3 game minimum tournaments

Play 0 Games—100% refund

Play 1 Games—50% refund

Play 2 Games—No credit or refund

All pitchers must wear turf shoes while on the mound. **NO METAL CLEATS or MOLDED CLEATS** allowed on the pitcher's mound must use tennis shoes or turf shoes – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Proof of Age: All player birth certificates must be available at all times. Failure to show proof will result in forfeit of all games.

Eligibility: Only those teams who represent a single community baseball association will be eligible to participate in a Kiski Tournament. (Unless otherwise specified) The Tournament Director or staff's decision is final.

Suspended Games Policy: Games not making it to regulation (4 complete innings for a 6 inning game, 5 innings for a 7 inning game) due to weather conditions or darkness will be suspended and will resume from the suspension point at the earliest time available. If a suspended game cannot be resumed, it will be considered complete and official at the end of the last complete inning. The information below further demonstrates this point:

Lightning Policy: On days/times when a storm is anticipated, the weather will be monitored by the Kiski staff and umpires. When lightning is detected, all games will be suspended. Players, coaches, and fans shall then proceed to a safe area. Games will continue once the lightning has moved outside of the 8-mile radius from the sports park for a minimum period of 15 minutes.

Pool Play / Consolation Games

If a game is suspended prior to being official and there is not enough time to resume, the game is considered complete at the end of the last complete inning. If a game is tied at the end of the last complete inning – the game will stand as a tie.

Elimination Games

If an inning is not completed in a suspended game and it cannot resume, then the higher seed will advance to the next round. If tied at the end of the last complete inning, the higher seed will advance. If tied at the end of the last complete inning and the two teams are the same seed from different divisions entering the game, we would revert back to the tie-breaking system in place. If a championship game starts and is unable to be completed due to weather/darkness, the game is considered official at the end of the last complete inning if the game cannot resume. If tied at the end of the last complete inning – both teams are named co-champions.

Awards: A customized team trophy or metals will be awarded to the championship and runner-up teams.

Team Insurance: Each team **MUST** maintain coverage. Kiski Baseball will require proof of insurance with the submission of there roster prior to the start of the tournament. Failure to provide proof of insurance will result in the team being terminated from the tournament.

Dress Code for Coaches: Managers and coaches are not required to be in uniform during the games. However, we do expect the adults on the field to be dressed appropriately.

Dugouts: ONLY registered coaches and the players are allowed in the dugouts and on the fields. Teams may bring a bat boy at no charge. However, batboys must be younger than the team's players and must wear a helmet at all times. Batboys need not be included on the team's official roster.

Teams should be prepared to play 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time.

General Information

Suspension: Any player or coach that is ejected from a game will be subject to suspension upon review by the tournament committee. Sportsmanship: In the interest of maintaining a quality event, the tournament committee reserves the right to eject any person from the site for unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior.

Concessions: The Kiski Baseball Concession will be open 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled game for all Kiski Sports tournaments. The Concession offers made-to-order items at a reasonable price.

First Aid: A first aid kit will be located in the Concession, the kit will only provide minor first aid products. In the event of an emergency, coaches should immediately call 911 and notify the Kiski Staff.

Parking: Kiski Baseball has FREE onsite parking available for coaches, parents, and fans. Kiski Area Baseball and Softball/Northmoreland Park is not responsible for any vehicle damage or theft.

Eligibility: A Player's Tournament Age is based on the age they are as of May 1st. Players cannot be double rostered. Each team is responsible to keep a copy of the official state-issued birth certificate, passport or other state-issued identification (no other form of ID is acceptable) for each player on the Coach at all times. If any player does not have his birth certificate, passport or state-issued ID, he/she cannot participate in the Tournament. If a team is caught using a player that does not have a birth certificate onsite or is older than the cutoff for the division, that team will forfeit every game that player has played in and the Team will be removed from the Tournament.

Injuries/Substitutions: If a player is injured and no substitute is available, that team will not be penalized with an out. If an injury occurs during an at-bat and the player can't continue the at-bat, the next batter in the lineup will take over that at-bat and assume the count. If an injury occurs while on the base paths and there no substitute is available, the player that made the last recorded out will take the place of the injured player on the bases. 8u-10u In the event that you start the game with 10 players and an injury occurs, you will not be forced to take an automatic out for your 9th batter. You may start the game with 9 batters, in which case you will be charged an automatic out for your 9th batter. 11u-14u In the event that you start the game with 9 players and an injury occurs, you will not be forced to take an automatic out for your 9th batter. You may start the game with 8 batters, in which case you will be charged an automatic out for your 9th batter.

Pitcher Re-entry: If a pitcher is removed from the mound and goes to another defensive position, they may not return as a pitcher in that game. In other words, as soon as another pitcher throws a pitch to a batter (becoming the new 'pitcher of record'), the previous pitcher is no longer able to pitch in that game. If a team substitutes for the pitcher when on offense, but then re-enters the pitcher before going out on defense, that pitcher is still the 'pitcher of record' and can continue to pitch in the game.

Pitcher's Equipment: Pitchers are allowed to wear a protective helmet or head gear. The helmet/head gear can't be glossy nor have anything else on it that can be deemed distracting to the batter (umpire's discretion). It is the umpire and Tournament Director's discretion to deem whether any other equipment or clothing that the pitcher is wearing is distracting to the opposing batter. This includes but is not limited to: Batting gloves, jewelry, sunglasses, athletic tape on wrist/arm, bracelets and two-toned fielder gloves. All pitchers must wear turf shoes while on the mound. **NO METAL OR MOLDED CLEATS** allowed on the pitcher's mound – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Avoid Contact Rule: Players must attempt to avoid contact with other players in close plays. It is the umpire's judgment if there is intentional contact, that umpire may call the runner out on that play.

Time Limit: No new inning may start after the time limit elapses. The standard time limit for ages 8U-13U is 2 hours with no new innings to start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. 14U will have a 2 hour time limit with no new innings starting after 1 hours 45 minuet. Games can go into extra innings, if tied, as long as the time limit has not expired. Pool play games can not end in a tie. If the time limit is reached and the score is tied the score will revert back to the last inning where the score was not tied. There is no drop dead time for elimination games. Time In-Between Innings: Our expectation is that teams will take 2 minutes in between innings. Pitchers are permitted to throw 8 warm-up pitches in their first inning of work or 5 warm-up pitches every other inning. If a catcher is still getting dressed, a coach should be ready to warm-up the pitcher.

Intentional Delays: Intentionally delaying a game to achieve a victory through the time limit is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will not be tolerated at a Kiski Baseball Tournament. The umpires and/or tournament officials at the game reserve the right to eject a coach or player for intentionally delaying a game and possibly declare a forfeit to that team.

Tie Games in Pool Play: Pool play games can end in a tie. A tie game in pool play equals $\frac{1}{2}$ of a win and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a loss for both teams toward their overall record and/or winning percentage. Therefore, a team that is 2-0-1 would have a winning percentage of .833 and a team that is 2-1-0 would have a winning percentage of .667. In other words, the 2-0-1 record is better than the 2-1-0 record.

Seeding Pool Play Teams

- A. Win Percentage
- B. Average runs against
- C. Average runs for

Line-Up Cards: Teams must provide their own line-up cards. A copy should be given to the umpire and opposing team each game.

On-Deck Batter: All on-deck batters are permitted to warm-up on the same side as the current hitters swing, with a helmet on. No batter is permitted to warm-up in the common areas or walkways. Only one on-deck batter permitted.

Official Scorebook: The home team will keep the official scorebook.

Number of Players: 8u-10u can start with 9 players however they will have to take the automatic out for the 9th batter. In the event that you drop below 9 players at any point during the game you must forfeit. 11u-14u may start with 8 batters, however you will take an automatic out for the 9th batter. In the event that you drop below 8 players at any point during the game you must forfeit.

Jewelry: In general, jewelry is not permitted during game play. Breakaway nylon necklaces are allowed (must be breakaway such as Phiten or Monsoon necklaces). Rubber bracelets that are not a distraction are also permitted. Jewelry worn for medical reasons is also allowed (in this case, it must be taped to the body). Any item that is deemed unsafe or distracting (Tournament Director's or Umpire's judgment) will not be allowed. The team will receive a warning if a player wears improper jewelry during the game and any players found wearing improper jewelry after the team warning will be ejected for the remainder of the game.

Cell Phones & Electronic Devices: Cell phones, iPad, and other electronic devices are permitted in the dugout only during the game. A coach, manager, or scorekeeper is not permitted to have them on the field during the game.

Forfeits: If a team forfeits a pool play game, for any reason, they are not eligible for the championship round and face suspension in future Kiski Baseball tournaments. The final score of the forfeited game will be based on the team giving up a run per inning for a complete game (e.g. for a 6 inning game the score would be 6-0; for a 7 inning game the score would be 7-0). If a team chooses to forfeit a consolation or elimination game, they face suspension in future Kiski Baseball Tournaments. If a team chooses to forfeit a championship game, they are not eligible for tournament awards. Kiski will attempt to replace a forfeited team in an elimination game if possible. If a game becomes a forfeit after it has started due to a team having less than the required 7 available players, the official score of that game still follows the guidelines above no matter what the score was at the time of the forfeit.

Protest: Judgment calls by umpires may not be protested, rules only. Protests will be heard and ruled by the tournament director. The ruling made by the committee will be final. Protests must be filed and ruled on before the next pitch if during game, or before umpires leave the field, if after a game. A game should never be stopped for umpire judgment calls as those cannot be protested. Our staff will do everything possible to resolve issues as they occur. Kiski Tournaments will be following Pony rules and the Pony rule book will be on-hand. Time limit does not stop when a protest is made.

Expected Behavior: Negative behavior/bad sportsmanship is strictly prohibited. Please remember that the games are for the kids, not the adults, and we expect each adult to set a positive example for the players through their words and actions. Any violation will result in removal from the park and possible banishment from future tournaments. **Cheering and Noisemakers:** All individuals (players, coaches, parents, and fans) are expected to cheer in a positive manner for their own team and never in a negative manner toward the opposing team. Noise makers are not permitted in the dugouts and if they

are used by parents/fans, they must not cause any sort of distraction to the opposing team. Realizing the term “distraction” can be subjective, if an issue arises at a field involving noise makers, then Kiski Tournament staff may mandate that they not be used during moments of game play. They would only be permitted to be used when the ball is dead or in between innings. If that stipulation is not followed, the noise makers would be prohibited all together for that team for the remainder of the tournament.

Balks: We follow Major League Baseball rules pertaining to balks except for the 11u-12u age group, where there will be one warning per pitcher issued. There will be no warnings issued for 13u and older age groups.

Mound Visits: We follow Major League Baseball rules regarding mound visits. The pitcher must be removed on the second mound visit in an inning for all age groups.

Mercy Rule: For all games – 15 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; and 8 runs after 5 innings.

Bat Restrictions: 8u-12u Must be USA,BBCORE bats or true wood only. 13u – 14u: All bats must have BBCOR designation displayed on the bat or true wood.

Ejection/Suspension Policy

Managers/Coaches: Managers or coaches (or scorekeepers or anyone else that is in the dugout or on the field during a game) that are ejected from a game (either by an umpire or by a Kiski Official) must leave the facility immediately and will automatically be suspended for 1 additional game. The Tournament Director may also lengthen the suspension to more games or even expulsion from the facility for a period of time.

Players: If a player is ejected from a game they may face further suspension or even expulsion from the facility for a period of time.

Parents / Fans: If a fan or parent is ejected from a game (either by an umpire or a Kiski Baseball official), they must leave the facility immediately and will be suspended for the remainder of the event.

Lineup: At The start of the game the manager may select a batting line up of the following options. Once the game begins the line up may not change.

- Continues batting order of the entire line up with unlimited free substitutions of defensive players. All pitching changes must be reported immediately to the opposing manager. Pool play must use consecutive batting order.
- Substitutions – Starting line up of 9 players with substitution of remaining roster. Starters may re-enter in the same line up position once. All line up changes and pitching changes must be reported immediately to the opposing manager.

Rosters: No more than 13 on player roster. Up to 1 manager, 3 coaches and 1 score keeper allowed in the dugout. Rosters are locked once a team’s first game begins. If a roster has not been submitted to Kiski Staff, prior to the start of the tournament, Kiski Staff has the right to penalize at its discretion. 8u – 12u must bat a consecutive batting order.

Bunting: If a batter shows bunt, he must either bunt or pull back. The batter can NEVER show bunt, then swing away, or it will be considered an out. 8U-12U: Slashing is not permitted.

Courtesy Runner/Speed Up Rule: Teams may pinch run for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The last recorded out will be the runner. If the pitcher or catcher is the last recorded out, the next spot in the line up will be the runner.

Umpires: 13U-14U will have two umpires for all pool play and single elimination games , including the championship game. 9U teams will have one umpire for all games.

The entire Kiski Sports Park and it's parking lots is a Foul Ball area. Parking and entry is at your own risk.

Fire arms are not permitted on the premises.

Disorderly conduct and physical/verbal assault will not be tolerated and will result in expulsion from the park for the remainder of the tournament Pets are permitted on a leash at the park.

Loudspeakers/radios are prohibited Private vehicles are prohibited on turf surfaces, sidewalks, service driveways and emergency zones.

All vehicles must be in proper designated parking areas. Violators will be ticketed and towed at owner's expense

Overnight parking is prohibited

Glass bottles or containers are prohibited

Grills or cookers are prohibited

No fireworks or any open flame is allowed

No soft toss against permanent fencing/netting

Children must be supervised by an adult