

NJSSA 70's State Tournament Rules

The 70 Tournament is a ONE DAY event with no limit to the number of All Star Teams participating from each County.

Tournament will be played using SSUSA Rules with the following exceptions:

- 1) **FEE** - Each player will pay \$5 to participate in the Tournament. Money will be paid into the NJSSA Treasury as a membership fee. Those players participating in an NJSSA 70's sanctioned league that have paid their membership fee will not be required to pay again. Players turning 69 in the tournament year are eligible to participate.
- 2) **BATS** - ASA restricted bat list will be enforced as per www.asa.com. The Original Miken Freak is grandfathered.
- 3) **COMMITMENT LINE** - Halfway between 3rd and home plate at 32½ feet.
- 4) **HOME TEAM** - Coin flip.
- 5) **LENGTH OF GAME** - 6 innings. Only when time constraints dictate, players will start with a 1 and 1 count, otherwise full count applies. Third strike foul is OUT. No extra foul. If the game tied after 6 innings, the International tie breaker will be in effect where last batter in the previous inning starts at 2nd base. He cannot have a courtesy runner until he reaches 3rd base.
- 6) **TIME LIMIT** – Not applicable but may be changed on game day. Umpire will notify both teams at 45 minutes that they will finish this inning and the next inning is the open inning. EXAMPLE: 2 outs in the 4th inning the 45 minute mark is reached. Umpire notifies BOTH teams that we will finish this inning (the 4th) and that the 5th inning will be the open inning. No infield after 1st inning. Pitcher gets 1 warm up pitch between innings (after 1st inning). The FORFEIT TIME is game time unless a team is still playing. If a team forfeits that team will lose their entry fee and is eliminated from the tournament.
- 7) **RUN RULE** – 5 runs per at bat. No catch up. Last inning is an open inning. Mercy 12 runs after 4.
- 8) **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** Eleven (11) men in the field. Team can start with 10 players but the 11th slot is slot out. Must bat 10 players but can bat as many as desired. The maximum number of players on a team is 20.
- 9) **SLOT OUT** - player leaves game and is not replaced. Slot out each time his spot comes up. NO slot out for injury. Injured player cannot return.
- 10) **RABBIT RULE** – No Rabbit Rule.
- 11) If a batter hits a ball that touches the outfield grass before being touched by a fielder, the batter cannot be thrown out at 1st base but all other runners are subject to be put out.
- 12) **PITCHER PROTECTION** – The use of pitchers protection mask is mandatory and must be worn as intended on the pitchers face. Shin guards and chest protectors are optional.

- 13) **FIGHTING** – Player(s) will be removed from the park for the remainder of the Tournament. If it results in a team having fewer than 9 players, a forfeit will result.
- 14) **STRIKING AN UMPIRE** - Forfeit and team eliminated from the Tournament.
- 15) **LEAGUE DIVISION:** Cross over. If possible, each team will play 3 teams in the other Counties. Rosters must be primarily of the league team with as-desired additions of league players from non-participating league teams.
- 16) **ROSTER** – All rosters must contain player's name and year of birth. To play in the Open Division, players are NOT limited to playing for a team from their County. Teams can be formed from within or from outside a County. Players can play for any team from any County and a County is NOT limited to one team. Teams can be League Teams or a combined team from a 70's League. A Roster must be submitted 1st week before the Tournament date. Player must be on submitted roster. The tournament committee, at its discretion, can form divisions in an attempt to balance the teams. To play in the League Division, teams can only add players from non-participating teams in their specific league.
- 17) **UNIFORMS** - All players must wear the same color shirts with number. No duplicate numbers are allowed.
- 18) **TIE BREAKERS** - (Final Standings)
- A. Head to head
 - B. Least runs allowed between tied teams
 - C. Least runs allowed - all games
 - D. Run differential - all games
 - E. For a 3 way tie - After 1st tie is broken, remaining 2 teams start over at (A) above.
- 19) All rosters must be submitted to Bob Lorincz at njscores@hotmail.com