



## **2014 Muckdogs Invitational 4<sup>th</sup> of July Tournament Rules**

**\*No alcohol allowed at any of the sites.**

**\*Bat Rules: Regulation wood bats, BBCOR approved wood composite bats and BBCOR approved Baumbats only.**

**\*Teams are to present three new baseballs to the umpires before each game. Diamond, Rawlings and Wilson are brands that will be accepted. All balls must be genuine leather.**

**\*Teams are responsible for retrieving foul balls during games and returning them to the umpires.**

\*Players participating in the 17U division of the tournament can't be born on or before April 31<sup>st</sup>, 1995

\*Players participating in the 19U division of the tournament can't be born on or before April 31<sup>st</sup>, 1993

\*Teams are required to carry birth certificate copies for all of their players, as well as make sure all players are carrying their drivers' licenses with them. If a player's age comes into question, we will require teams to prove a player's age is legal by providing both items.

\*Teams caught using older players are subject to forfeiture of games and will not be asked back to subsequent tournaments.

\*Maximum roster of 28 players per team. Teams can have a maximum of four coaches in the dugout.

\*Teams are required to have jersey numbers for every player on their team. No duplicate jersey numbers are allowed. All players must be written into the line up prior to the game to be considered legal players.

\*No infield/outfield will be taken prior to the game by either team. All pre-game warm-up must be done in the outfield areas beyond the infield dirt area. No playing catch or playing pepper in front area of dugouts. No soft-toss into any fences (wiffle balls may be hit in the outfield area).

\*All games are seven innings in length.

\*All games in round robin play will have a 2 hour and 5 minute time limit (no new inning will start after 2 hours and 5 minutes). **In round robin play, all ties after time limit has expired will be played out in the international tie breaker format for one extra inning (last batted out put on second base for each team to start the inning). If the game is still tied after the one extra inning played, the game will be deemed a tie.**

\*All Semi-Final Sunday games (including consolation semi-final games) will have a 2 hour and 15 minute time limit. 2 hour and 30 minute time limit on the championship games and the consolation championship games. **On Sunday, all ties after time limit has expired will be played out in regular extra inning format until a winner is declared.**

\*10 run rule after 5 innings will be enforced.

\*Coin flip before every game to determine home team.

\*American League Rules will be played (with the exception of the use of the college slide rule and allowing fake pickoff throws to third base, including 5-3 moves). Re-entry is allowed for the starter.

\*DH allowed for pitcher only.

\*One EH per game is allowed. The EH will be one of ten batting positions in the order and can be rotated around like any other defensive position.

\*Courtesy runner allowed for pitcher or catcher with two outs only.

**\*Any coach ejected will be required to sit out the next game of the tournament. Coaches must also leave the immediate area when ejected from a game.**

**\*Any player ejected will be required to sit out the next game of the tournament. Players must also leave the immediate area when ejected from a game.**

\*All disputes will be handled by umpiring crew and site director. All decisions are final. Protests not allowed.

\*Dugout behavior by teams will be enforced by umpiring crew and site directors. Managers are required to control their dugouts, otherwise they are subject to ejection along with players in violation of inappropriate behavior.

\*Clear out all dugouts immediately following the completion of games. All post game talks will be held outside the field of play.

\*Once a player enters the game as a pitcher, and is removed, he may not take the mound again as a pitcher during the same game.

\*Games affected by darkness will not continue to the next inning if in the best judgment of the umpires and site director there will not be sufficient daylight to finish the inning. Round robin games that are suspended (and will be called a tie at that point) due to darkness will be played off on Sunday morning before elimination play IF the game affects seeding for Sunday.

\*Seeding determined by: 1. best record, 2. head-to-head, 3. fewest runs allowed (**if three or more teams have the same record go directly to this**), 4. coin flip.

\*Galena will always occupy first base dugout at Galena High.

\*Northwest Royals will always occupy third base dugout at McQueen High.

\*North Valleys will always occupy third base dugout at North Valleys High.

\*Sparks will always occupy third base dugout at Sparks High

\*Muckdogs 19U will always occupy third base dugout at Golden Eagle Regional Park.

\*Truckee will always occupy the third base dugout at Truckee High.

\*Galena will always play at Galena High, Northwest Royals will always play at McQueen High, North Valleys will always play at North Valleys High, Sparks will always play at Sparks High, Muckdogs 19U will always play at Golden Eagle Regional Park. Sunday's schedule may/will be adjusted accordingly.

**\*All teams will be expected to finish all games in tournament, including championship round games and consolation round games. Failure to do so will result in not being asked back to subsequent tournaments.**