

RHAA Baseball Tournament 13u/15u/17u Rules

7/26/20

I. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- A. **The Home Plate Umpire has complete control of the game.** Judgement calls by the Umpire may not be questioned. *Rule interpretation questions only, will be handled once a time-out is granted.*
- B. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE.** *Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in a player and/or coach being ejected from the game and/or tournament.* Swearing before, during, or after a game will not be tolerated. Any abuse of the umpires will not be tolerated and can result in removal of that individual from the game and / or remainder of the Tournament
- C. The Plate Umpire will establish all "Field Specific" Ground Rules prior the start of each game.
- D. All playing rules will follow the *MCBR* unless otherwise stated in the RHAA Tournament Rules.
- E. Anyone maliciously damaging equipment and/or property will be ejected from the Tournament and will be required to pay for ALL damages.
- F. NO SMOKING OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR ILLICIT DRUGS BY PLAYERS, COACHES OR SPECTATORS WILL BE ALLOWED ON RHAA PREMISES DURING THE TOURNAMENT. VIOLATORS WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE PREMISES FOR THE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT. .
- G. **"KEEP THE ATHLETES FIRST, WINNING SECOND"** The purpose of this Tournament is to offer a competitive level of baseball that continues to be a healthy, safe and fun environment for everyone involved, whether you win or lose.
- H. **The Tournament director and RHAA Board member in charge will make all final judgements.**

Only BBCOR -3 bats are allowed. Same bat specifications as High school Federation.

Using Subs: Use of a re-entry rule will be allowed for starters only

- Use of an Extra Hitter (EH) with subs on the bench is allowed. The EH is optional. If the game is started without an AH one may not be added. If a game is started with an EH, the EH may not be removed from the batting order. The EH may move in and out defensively with any player except the pitcher.
- If a team chooses to bat all players, substitution is "free", except the pitcher, and no "re-entry" is necessary.

- If a team bats everyone and a player gets hurt (and they still have at least 9 players), it is not an out when the injured player's turn to bat comes back around. Conversely, if a team bats everyone and a player leaves the game (not injured) then it is an out when that player comes to bat.
- No DH allowed
- If a team has only 9 players playing, and a player is ejected, the game is over and the team who had the player ejected will forfeit the game because a team cannot play with less than 9 players.
- No playing at any point with less than 9 players. If a player is injured and no substitutes are available a player from the original lineup card that has been removed from the game can be re-inserted.
- A player ejected from the game must sit the next game that they attend. (No exceptions or appeals)
- Any coach or spectator ejected from a game will not be allowed to attend the next game; nor be present at the field (No exceptions or appeals)
- Legal game is 5 innings. 4.5 innings if the home team is ahead.
- 10 run "mercy rule" is in effect after 5 innings (4.5 innings if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs) and the game will be done and further play will not occur.
- **2 hour 15 minute time limit – no new inning after 2 hours in Pool Play. No limit on Sunday games. Adverse weather may dictate a change in time limits.**
- Metal cleats are allowed.
- Line ups will be tracked by the coaches only. Home team book takes precedent.
- No use of courtesy runners for any reason
- Balk rules will be HS Federation rules.
- Intentional walks require pitching the ball until the batter receives 4 balls. No free walks.
- With runners on 1st and 3rd or 1st, 2nd or 3rd. a pitcher may fake a "pickoff" to 3rd base; this is not a balk.
 - There is no warning for balks. They will be called immediately.
- Coaches visits to the mound shall follow major league rules. 1 per inning is allowed. 2 nd visit in the same inning and the pitcher must be replaced.
- Traditional 2-piece catcher's mask (facemask separate from helmet) is permissible only if mask has dangling throat guard. One-piece mask is always permitted as long as it has extending throat protection built in or extra dangle guard.
- Pitching – Following High School Federation Pitching Rules, a Pitcher cannot pitch more than 14 innings in the tournament. A pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning.

VI.-TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 1) Each team will participate in 3 games in pool play
- 2) Teams will be seeded after pool play.
- 3) Winners of seeded games play for championship.
- 4) Tie-Breakers will be as follows:
 - a) Win – Loss Record
 - b) Head to Head
 - c) Total runs allowed (least)
 - d) Run differential
 - e) Coin Flip