

WELCOME TO THE 2017 TURN 2 INVITATIONAL HOSTED BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE COMETS

TOURNAMENT STAFF

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SCORE REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

BOTH TEAMS are responsible for reporting game scores. Please text 603-731-2207 and include all relevant information (e.g., 12U pool A, Red Sox 4, Yankees 0). Please check the scores recorded for your team regularly on the Tourney Machine site established for the Turn 2. As of 6:00 pm Saturday, all scores will be considered correct and will be used to create the Sunday brackets.

Brackets will be available on Tourney Machine as close to 8:00 pm as possible Saturday evening. (Please don't call or text before then as it just delays the process.)

Please continue to report **scores** on Sunday, not just winners. We will keep the bracket updated and allow families to know what is happening.

TURN 2 TOURNAMENT RULES 2017

Each team must have a representative check in at least one hour before the start of their first game with proof of ASA registration, insurance certificate, roster, and proof of birth date for all players. **Please leave a copy of the roster and insurance information with the tournament officials when you check in.**

Check in locations: Teams playing their first games on Saturday will check in at the fields where they are playing their first games. On Friday teams playing their first games

- at Donati 1 and Donati 2 will check in at the fields.
- at Hopkinton-Blood and Hopkinton-Clark will check in at the fields.
- at Sanel-Briggs, Sanel-Towle, Volunteer-Farley, Volunteer-Loomis, and Pembroke Academy will check in at Sanel Park.
- at all other fields (Dillon, Martin, NHTI, Bow Memorial School, Bow High School, Gordon, Goodwin) will check in at Gordon Field (Hanson Park).

ASA RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED, INCLUDING THE OPTIONAL BATTING RULES FOR POOL PLAY, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

1. No infield or batting practice on playing fields. At Hanson Park, there is a warm-up area in the outfield at Gosling Field (even though Gosling Field diamond is not available to us this year) and there may be open areas at or near other fields.
2. Teams should exchange lineup cards with SHIRT NUMBER, FIRST INITIAL, LAST NAME, and POSITION at least 10 minutes before game time. If there is an official scorer, the scorer should receive his/her lineup card at the same time. Umpires will take lineup cards at the pre-game coaches and captains meeting.
3. If there is no official scorer, the home team's book is official. The visiting team scorer is encouraged to confer regularly with the home team scorer to avoid misunderstandings regarding the correct score. Digital "scorebooks" are permitted to be official as long as the scorer can quickly create a play-by-play of each inning.
4. The run rule is in effect. 15 runs after the 3rd inning, 12 runs after the 4th, 8 runs after the 5th.
5. If there is a protest, the game officials on the field will resolve the protest with the help of the UIC if necessary before the game is resumed. Protest resolutions are final. No protests will be allowed after the game is completed.
6. Should any game be suspended due to weather or unusual conditions, it will be resumed at the point of suspension, subject to the rain policy below.
7. Game time is forfeit time for all games if a team does not meet ASA rules of eligibility. A forfeit will be given a score of 3-0.
8. Please clean out the dugout/bench area after each game.
9. No smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed at any tournament site.
10. Please abide by all of the local requirements of the fields regarding parking, pets, etc. We do not know all of those rules, but will provide what information we have in a separate document regarding the fields.
11. Managers/head coaches are responsible for the conduct of their coaches, players, parents and fans.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Each team will play three pool play games that will be used to create Sunday's single-elimination brackets. Champions and runners-up will receive team and individual trophies.

Pool Play

1. Home team will be decided by a double coin toss prior to the game.
2. No new inning can start more than 90 minutes after the game begins. The umpire will start the clock and notify the teams of the start time. Pool play games may end in a tie, although the international tiebreaker will be used in pool play within the time limit.

Pool Play Results/Elimination Bracket Seeding

The Tournament Staff will determine the official pool results as follows:

1. Two points for a win and one point for a tie.
2. Ties in the standings will be broken using head-to-head play, if possible.
3. All other ties will be resolved using the following criteria, in order.
 - a. Fewest runs allowed
 - b. Best run differential (limited to plus/minus 8 per game)
 - c. Most runs scored
 - d. Single coin-flip (if between two teams)
 - e. Random drawing (if more than two teams)

Single-Elimination Play

1. Brackets will be available on tourneymachine.com as close to 8:00 pm as possible on Saturday evening. Please do not inquire earlier as that just delays the process.
2. At the 10U level, the simple bracket will be 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 for the semifinals.
3. At 12U, the teams will be ranked 1 through 12 and placed into a standard single elimination bracket, with the top four teams receiving byes in the first round.
4. At 14U, 16U, and 18U, the individual pool standings will be used to seed the teams in four groups, each of which will have a team from one of the pools.
5. The higher ranked team from pool play will be the home team. If teams with the same pool placement meet in the semis or the final, the pool play tiebreakers will apply.
6. Until the semifinals, no new inning can start more than 90 minutes after the game begins. The umpire will start the clock and notify the teams of the start time. Teams are encouraged to maintain a brisk pace of play and umpires are encouraged to keep things moving.
7. There is no time limit on semifinals or finals.
8. The international tiebreaker will be used if a game with a time limit reaches that time limit or when extra innings are needed.

RAIN AND OTHER DELAYS

The Tournament Staff may change the Tournament Format if there are prolonged delays or severe weather conditions. Our goal is to have as many teams play as many games as possible. Changes may include shortening pool play games, or eliminating some pool play games or one or more rounds of single elimination play. We will do our best to get everyone the number of innings they deserve, but circumstances may make that impossible.

In pool play and in elimination play before the semifinals, the clock will not stop during a delay.

Pool Play

If a delay would cause a game to go beyond 1:45, the score will revert to the last full inning, unless the home team has taken the lead when the delay begins.

If there are games that cannot be played on Friday or early on Saturday due to the weather, we will reschedule to later time periods on Saturday if weather and field conditions permit.

A game that cannot be played on schedule and cannot be rescheduled will be scored 3-3.

Single-Elimination Play

The Tournament Director reserves the right to call any game before the semifinals having progressed to the time limit, or to reduce the number of innings for a completed game if necessary. If a delay would cause a game with a time limit to go beyond 1:45, the score will revert to the last full inning unless the home team has taken the lead when the delay occurs. If the result is a tie, the higher seeded team will be advanced in the bracket.

In the semifinals and in championship games, if a game cannot be continued and 5 innings have been played (4 innings at 10U), the game will be declared complete. If the score is tied, or if fewer than 5 innings have been played (4 innings at 10U), or if games cannot be played at all, the top two teams that have not been eliminated will be declared the champion and runner up.

2016-2017 Tryouts

Tryouts for all New Hampshire Comets teams will take place later this summer and will be posted on our website. Visit leaguelineup.com/nhcomets for details.