

AAU STARS & STRIPES SHOWDOWN 2021

Format & Rules



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Game Minimum - 3

Saturday / Pool Play - Each team will play two (2) games on Saturday, June 26

Sunday / Bracket Play- Teams will be seeded and placed in single elimination brackets for Sunday, June 27

Gold / Silver – 13u & 14u teams will be divided into a Gold and Silver bracket depending on Saturday's results

Schedule - www.neaabaseball.org/stars-stripes-showdown

GAME RULES

RULES - Major League Baseball Rules, accept where amended by the NEAAU

HOME TEAM

- Coin Flip in pool play games
- Higher seed in Sunday games is home team
- Home team in 1st base dugout unless already in 3rd base dugout from previous game

WARM UP - There will be NO infield practice before games

TIME LIMITS

- 2 hour time limit in all games except the final
- See extra inning rules below

IMPORTANT NOTES on TIME LIMITS

- If an inning was started before the time limit, the inning should be finished
- The next inning begins immediately after the 3rd out is recorded
- Make sure you confirm the start time with the umpires
- If the home team is in the lead and then the time limit is reached the game is over

EXTRA INNINGS

- Pool Play Games – no extra innings will be played in pool play games
- Bracket Play Games – If game is tied after regulation innings are complete or after the time limit has been reached, international tiebreaker innings will be played.
- International Tiebreak Rule – Coach selects the spot in the batting lineup he/she wishes to begin the first tiebreaking inning. The two previous spots in the batting lineup will be placed on 1st and 2nd base. If the game is still tied after the first tiebreaker inning, the second tiebreaker inning will resume after the last out in the lineup in the previous inning. Again, the two previous spots in the batting lineup will be placed on 1st and 2nd base. This continues until a winner is determined.

MERCY RULES

- 10 runs after 5 innings. 4½ if home team is ahead (13u-14u)
- 12 runs after 3 innings in all age groups (2 ½ if the home team is ahead)

BATTING LINEUP

- Can use continuous batting order
- If a team decides to bat 10 in the lineup, there is free defense substitution for those 10 players
- If team bats 11, then free substitution for the 11 and so on for the entire line up
- If a team bats all players, they cannot use the courtesy runner

COURTESY RUNNER

- Courtesy runner can only be used for the pitcher or catcher
- The courtesy runner must be a player that has never been in the game

INTENTIONAL WALK

- NFHS rule will apply

PITCHING RULES

- There are no pitching restrictions
- We expect and trust all coaches will put their player's safety first

BASEBALLS

- NEAAU provides **only 3** new ball games per game. Teams must supply baseballs if needed
- Teams responsible for helping shag foul balls

UMPIRES - Once the game starts the umpires have control of the game

TIEBREAKERS to DETERMINE BRACKET SEEDING - #1 Head-to-Head, #2 Runs Allowed, #3 Runs Scored, #4 Run Differential

EJECTIONS - If a player or coach is ejected from a game they must leave the field and must sit out the next scheduled game. If a player or coach is ejected for fighting they are removed from the rest of the weekend and cannot be present at any of the fields.

PROTESTS

No protest will be considered unless the follow procedure is followed. Only decisions involving the misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule may be protested. No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the umpire's judgment.

1. The game must be stopped before the next pitch and a protest must be made verbally to the umpires and coaching staff of the opposing team. The specific reason for the protest must be stated to both the umpires & opposing coaching staff.
2. Call 401-757-1857 for protest decision
3. Once a decision has been made the game can resume

RAIN

Should we experience inclement weather, the NEAAU reserved the right to make adjustments to scheduled league games. Should the weekend be shortened due to inclement weather or darkness no refunds will be issued.

If rain delays play in the morning on Saturday: If rain/snow delays the start of play more than approximately 60 minutes in the morning the 1st game will be moved to the end of the day's schedule.

If rain occurs during a game: The game will be suspended and picked up from that point if game has not reached official status. The game will become complete if the game has reached official status.

Official Status (Regulation Game): 12u and younger: Four full innings have been played, or the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four, or four and a fraction, turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns at bat. **13u and older:** Five full innings have been played, or the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four, or four and a fraction, turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns at bat.

If the game is suspended when the teams have not had an equal number of completed times at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called.

The umpire may suspend a game, but not declare the game complete, in order to hold discussions with AAU.

If rain prevents enough time to complete all games: *If rain/snow has or will prevent the completion of all games, adjustments to the weekend will be made with the intention to complete the as many games as possible. These decisions can only be made as we move through the weekend and deal with the weather conditions.*