2021 WOOD BAT SUPPLEMENTAL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Babe Ruth League, Inc./Cal Ripken Baseball tournament rules will be followed unless otherwise noted.
2. **9U Minors, 10U Minors, 11U Minors & 12U Majors Divisions**
   a. Each team must present a completed line-up card prior to the game. The original will be given to the official scorekeeper, the second copy to the home plate umpire, and the third copy to the opposing manager.
   b. **Bats:** Belgrade Youth Baseball will supply each team with a minimum of 2 wooden bats for the tournament. Any team may also utilize their own wood bats provided that the bat shall not be more than 33 inches in length, nor have a bat barrel in excess of 2 5/8 inches.
   c. **Shoes:** Shoes with metal cleats or spikes are not permitted to be worn by any player, coach, or manager.
   d. **Contact Rule In Effect:** If a runner attempting to reach any base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player, the runner will be called out on the play and ejected from the game. The objective of this is to penalize the offensive team for deliberate, unwarranted, unsportsmanlike action by the runner for the obvious purpose of crashing into the defensive player, rather than trying to reach the base. Obviously, this is an umpire's judgment call.
   e. **Home / Visitor for Pool Play Games:** Prior to the start of each pool play game, an umpire will conduct a coin toss with the managers and/or captains of the opposing teams to determine home team during pool play competition.
   f. **Time Limits / Innings**
      1) Games shall consist of 6 innings. The 15 run rule is in effect through three innings and the 10 run rule is in effect through 4 innings.
      2) In pool play games & non-championship bracket games, no new inning may start after 100 minutes (1 hour and 40 minutes).
      3) In the event of a weather delay, **the delay IS NOT counted toward the game time**. Once the game resumes, the length of delay will be added to the time limit.
      4) There will be no time limits for championship games.
   g. **Pitching**
      1) No pitcher in 9U, 10U, 11U & 12U Division tournament play shall be allowed to pitch in more than six (6) innings in any two successive tournament games. Each pitcher will have a maximum innings pitched of 12 innings for the tournament. If a pitcher delivers one pitch in an inning the player will be charged for one inning pitched. **Balks will be called in 70' divisions**.
   h. Teams may use a continuous batting order with open defensive substitutions.
   i. Dropped third strike rule will be in effect in 11U & 12U Divisions.

3. **13U Division**

a. Each team must present a completed line-up card prior to the game. The original will be given to the official scorekeeper, the second copy to the home plate umpire, and the third copy to the opposing manager.

b. **Bats:** Belgrade Youth Baseball will supply each team with a minimum of two wood bats for the tournament. Any team may also utilize their own wood bats provided that the bat barrel shall not be in excess of 2 5/8 inches at the thickest part and shall not exceed 34 inches in length. Composite wood bats must BBCOR (Batted-Ball Coefficient of Restitution) certified and NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) approved.

c. **Contact Rule In Effect:** If a runner attempting to reach any base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player, the runner will be called out on the play and ejected from the game. The objective of this is to penalize the offensive team for deliberate, unwarranted, unsportsmanlike action by the runner for the obvious purpose of crashing into the defensive player, rather than trying to reach the base. Obviously, this is an umpire's judgment call.

d. **Home / Visitor for Pool Play Games:** Prior to the start of each pool play game, an umpire will conduct a coin toss with the managers and/or captains of the opposing teams to determine home team during pool play competition.

e. **Time Limits / Innings**

1) Games shall consist of 7 innings. The 15 run rule is in effect through 4 innings & the 10 run rule is in effect through five innings.

2) In pool play games & non championship bracket games, no new inning may start after 120 minutes (2 hours).

3) In the case of a weather delay, **the delay IS NOT counted toward the game time**. Once the game resumes, the length of delay will be added to the time limit.

4) There will be no time limits for championship games.

f. **Pitching:** No pitcher in 13U Division tournament play shall be allowed to pitch in more than seven (7) innings in any two successive tournament games. If a pitcher delivers one pitch in an inning he shall be charged for one inning pitched. Each pitcher will have a maximum innings pitched of 14 innings for the tournament.

g. Teams may use a continuous batting order with open defensive substitutions.

4. BRACKET PLAY

a. All Divisions

1) Teams will be seeded at the beginning of single-elimination competition according to the position they finished in pool play. Teams will be seeded by Win Los Record, then Head to Head Record, then Runs Allowed, then Run Differential (max 10 runs per game), then coin flip. In the event of a tie based on win-loss record, head to head will only be applicable if every team in the tie has played each other and there is a clear winner. Otherwise seeding will proceed to the next tie breaker, runs allowed.

2) The highest seeded team will be the home team in all bracket games.

3) Medals will be awarded to the first & second place finishers.

b. 12U Division

1) ***Gold Bracket***

   i. Based on pool play standings, the top five teams shall advance to the Gold Bracket for single-elimination competition.

   ii. Medals will be awarded to the first and second place finishers in the Gold Bracket.

2) ***Silver Bracket***

   i. Based on pool play standings, the bottom five teams shall advance to the Silver Bracket for single-elimination competition.

   ii. Medals will be awarded to the first place finisher in the Silver Bracket.

c. 13U Division

1) ***Gold Bracket***

   i. Based on pool play standings, the top four teams shall advance to the Gold Bracket for single-elimination competition.

   ii. Medals will be awarded to the first and second place finishers in the Gold Bracket.

2) ***Silver Bracket***

   i. Based on pool play standings, the bottom four teams shall advance to the Silver Bracket for single-elimination competition.

   ii. Medals will be awarded to the first place finisher in the Silver Bracket.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

a. All conversations with an umpire should be conducted after a time-out has been called and be handled in a calm and professional manner. Verbal abuse of the umpire will not be tolerated and may result in ejection from the game.

b. Any manager or coach ejected from the game is required to sit out the next game also. After being ejected, a manager or coach must vacate the premises of the current game and the next game in which he is suspended. Any manager caught continuing to coach after being ejected or suspended will be suspended for an additional period of time. Any player ejected from a game is subject to a one game suspension at the tournament director's discretion.

c. Managers are responsible for the conduct of his/her players and fans at all times. Managers are subject to ejection if his/her players or fans are out of control.

d. To protest a game, the umpire must be informed that the game is being played under protest. A $100 cash protest fee must be submitted at the time of the protest. Once the protest has been made, you must get a ruling from a tournament director immediately. Do not continue the game under any circumstances. Once the next pitch is thrown, both teams have lost the right to protest. If the protest is successful, the protest fee will be refunded.

e. Any team forfeiting a game may not advance to playoff round if it is determined that it is beneficial to that team with regards to runs allowed/differential etc.

f. All substitutions MUST be reported to the plate umpire, and the official book.

g. Your lineup must include the NAMES & NUMBERS of the players.

h. In the event of an injury, a player may be removed from the lineup without penalty. If a substitute is available they must enter into the game for that player.

i. In the event of a player being ejected from a game and no substitute available, that team must take an out each time that player is at bat in the lineup.

j. **BROKEN BAT POLICY** – If a bat is broken or cracked during play, the bat is to be immediately removed from the game & given to the score keeper's table. The bat may be retrieved by a parent/guardian during the game. If the bat is not retrieved during the game, the broken bat will be given to the head coach at the end of the game. **DUE TO INJURY RISK, BROKEN/CRACKED BATS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES.**

k. MVP Pins will be awarded at the end of each game. The scorekeepers will determine an MVP for each team and notify the Umpire. The Umpire will then award the selected players with the MVP pins.

l. Score Sheets & Pitching sheets will be signed prior to the MVP presentation. Once the pitching sheets are signed, they are final and cannot be disputed – pay attention when you sign.

m. In the event of a weather delay with schedule changes, all information will be posted on Tourney Machine.