



## ***MT. LAUREL SUMMER SLAM BASEBALL Tournament Rules (8 - 12yr olds)***

***\*For GPS: 1031 Union Mill Road***

### **A. TEAM ROSTER:**

- 1) A team will consist of one (1) adult manager, two (2) coaches, one (1) scorekeeper and a maximum of fifteen (15) players. There must be a minimum of nine (9) players present at the start of each game. If, for any reason, the lineup subsequently drops below 9 players (i.e. injury, etc.), an out will be recorded at the vacated position in the batting order.
- 2) No one other than these team members are permitted on the field or in the dugout areas at any time.
- 3) The team final roster must be in hand and available to the Tournament Committee at the start of the tournament. Rosters must include (1) team name, (2) player's name, (3) player's date of birth, (4) player's uniform number, (5) coaches' names, (6) phone numbers, and (7) an E-mail address.
- 4) No changes will be accepted after the start of the tournament.
- 5) A player may not appear on the roster of more than one team.

### **B. ENTRANCE FEE:**

- 1) \$525 For the 9 & 10 year old brackets and \$575 for 11 & 12 year old age brackets.

### **C. INSURANCE:**

- 1) Insurance coverage is the responsibility of the individual teams entered into the tournament. A copy of the insurance policy must be available for inspection.

### **D. UMPIRES:**

- 1) Mt. Laurel Baseball will furnish umpires. One (1) umpire will officiate each 46/60 game. Two (2) umpire will officiate each 50/70 game.
- 2) Two (2) umpires will officiate all championship games.

### **E. BASEBALLS**

- 1) Mt. Laurel Baseball will supply all game balls (2 per game). Return home run balls to game. You can give the player the ball after the game. It is each team's responsibility to chase their foul balls.

## **F. GAME LOCATION**

- 1) Games will be played at the Laurel Acres complex (Union Mill road entrance). Games will be played at the Laurel Acres Triplex complex (Union Mill road entrance) Make left at first driveway and proceed to the back upon entering park gates. Fields are indicated by the color of the dugouts and scoreboard (For GPS use 1031 Union Mill Road)

## **G. ELIMINATION:**

- 1) *After pool games are completed. Teams are reseed for consolation and playoff games.*
- 2) **MLB reserves the right to modify the format should inclement weather cancel games.**

## **H. HOME TEAM**

- 1) **Schedule defines home team- Each team will have one home and road pool games**
- 2) **Home team occupies 1st base dugout**
- 3) **Playoffs and Consolation Rounds: Higher seed is the home team.**

## **I. DEFINITION OF A GAME:**

A game will be comprised of six (6) innings unless the following occurs:

- a) A game is terminated and 4 innings have been played (3½ innings if the home team is leading).
- b) **A game is terminated by the game time limit rule which is: a new inning may not begin after one hour and 45 minutes from the official start time. This will be announced and monitored by the game umpire. However, if the game is tied and additional inning or innings will be played to break the tie. (Essentially if the first inning lasts one hour and 46 minutes, the game is ended.)**

**Note- the start of new inning, for the purpose of this 1 hour 45 minute rule, is defined as the last out of the previous inning. Therefore, if the last out of an inning is recorded before the 1 hour 45 minute mark, the next inning is to be played regardless of the fact that the first pitch of the new inning may not be delivered until the 1 hour 46 minute mark.**

### **c) Mercy Rule: 15 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5.**

- d) Games that are “suspended” prior to one of these occurrences due to weather will be rescheduled and will resume at the point of suspension.
- e) **MLB tournament officials may terminate a game due to conduct that is deemed to be inappropriate. Coaches and Parents will respect an umpires call or decision. Umpires will be instructed to eject coaches or parents, and if deemed necessary, terminate the game. The MLB tournament director or an MLB representative if conduct deemed inappropriate, reserves the right to remove coaches or parents and terminate a game. I would strongly urge you to pass this along to your parents. I can assure you that there will be a zero tolerance policy with coaches and parents who do not follow the rules...**
- f) **8U- runs will be capped at 5 runs per inning with an unlimited last inning.**

## **J. INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

- 1) In the event of inclement weather, MLB officials will notify the manager or coach of cancellation in advance (by E-mail and/or text message), when possible.

2) If there is any doubt, assume the game will be played.

**K. TEAM EQUIPMENT**

- 1) Each team will supply its own equipment.
- 2) The pitcher's glove cannot be white nor have a substantial portion of white. The pitcher's undershirt cannot be white or gray if long sleeve.
- 3) All batters, base runners and catchers must wear protective helmets.
- 4) All bats must display the new USABat Logo and meet the standards that went into effect on January 1, 2018.

**L. FOOD, DRINKS, ECT.**

- 1) Managers, coaches and players may not eat any food in the dugout. Water bottles, 'Powerade', etc., however, are encouraged. Please remember to clean up as you leave a dugout after a game.
- 2) Managers and coaches may not smoke during the game. No tobacco use of any kind in the dugouts.

**M. CONDUCT:**

- 1) No manager or coach may come on the playing field once the game has begun until he has requested time, and permission granted by the umpire.
- 2) Any manager, coach, scorekeeper or parent ejected from any game will be expelled from any remaining games in the tournament. This is not open for discussion.
- 3) Any team or their supporters initiates, causes or continues any problems will cause that team to be expelled from the tournament without refund of the entrance fee.
- 4) Any player who throws bats, helmets, gloves or other equipment may be, at the umpire's discretion, ejected from the game.
- 5) The use of profanity will result in the ejection of that manager, coach or player from that game and will require that individual to leave the complex.
- 6) All parents must be in the stands or outside of the playing field. No spectators are allowed in the bullpens.

**N. BALKS- 50/70 play**

- 1) One balk warning per pitcher will be issued 11U/12U
- 2) No balks 8U-10U

**O. INFIELD FLY:**

- 1) Is in effect.

**P. BUNTING:**

- 1) Is permitted at all levels.

**Q. BATTING:**

- 1) A continuous lineup will be used consisting of every player on that game's roster and present at the game.
- 2) If a player is injured and is unable to bat, no out will be assessed. However, once that player's turn is skipped in the batting order, he may not return to the game.
- 3) If you bring 13 players, 13 players bat.
- 4) Any players who arrive after the start of the game, will be added to the bottom of the lineup.

### **R. DROPPED THIRD STRIKE:**

- 1) 46/60 play - The batter is out and cannot run to first.
- 2) 50/70 play – Dropped 3rd strike rule in effect.

### **S. BASE RUNNING 46/60 play**

- 1) Base runners must hold their bag until the ball has passed the plate.
- 2) If a runner leaves early, he does so at his own risk. Umpires will enforce rules in accordance with established regulations (Cal Ripken League).
- 3) Runners must either “slide or veer” into 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or home if a play is imminent. Failure to do so will result in, at the umpire’s discretion, an out call and possible ejection from the game.
- 4) The courtesy runner rule is in effect. Catcher will be replaced by last batted out with 2 outs.

### **8U rules – Stealing at home will be limited to two attempts per inning**

### **T. PITCHING/FIELDING:**

8U- Pitchers may only pitch two consecutive innings per game

9U-12U – Pitching is at coaches’ discretion but we recommend using the Cal Ripken pitch chart

- 1) One pitch in an inning is considered an inning pitched.
- 2) On the second trip to the mound in the same inning, the pitcher must be removed
- 3) Once a pitcher is removed, he cannot return as a pitcher later in that game.
- 4) Free substitutions are allowed at all positions

### **U. POOL PLAY RULES:**

#### **POOL STANDINGS:**

Will be maintained with two points recorded for a win and one point for a tie.

Tiebreakers (tie in points after pool games), are as follows:

1. Winning percentage, i.e. Team that is 1-0-1 beats a team that goes 1-1-0.
2. Head to Head (**ONLY** if tie is between 2 teams)
3. Runs allowed
4. Total Run Differential
5. Coin Toss

### **V. CHAMPIONSHIP and PLAYOFF GAMES**

- 1) Time limit and Mercy Rule in effect for Playoff games.
- 2) No Time limit in Championship game, however Mercy Rule is in effect.

### **W. TROPHIES and MEDALS**

- 1) All champions will receive trophies and runner ups will receive medals

## **X. REFUND POLICY**

### **\*\*\* Refund policy:**

Teams that cancel their registration less than 7 days prior to the tournament start date will forfeit their entire entry fee. If no games have been played and the tournament is canceled due to weather/field conditions and cannot be rescheduled, teams will receive a refund of their entry fee minus \$50 administrative fees.

Once the tournament has started, any team that has completed at least one game is not entitled to any refund of their entry fee. Mount Laurel Baseball reserves the right to adjust the tournament format based on weather or other conditions and will do its best to play the tournament in its entirety. There will be no refund of entry fees due to changes in the tournament format.

## **Y. WARM UP- BATTING CAGE ROTATION**

All pool games are assigned a home and road team. All teams will use a cage rotation to ensure that both teams get to warmup. If you are 10-12U please make sure that you are using the Quad batting cages. There are 4 cages up the path away from the fields. 8-9U please use the triplex cages. The cages at the quad are marked by field Blue, White, Red, Green. There are 3 cages at the triplex (one for each field). The designated home team will have the cage for 20 minutes starting an hour prior to start time. The road team will have the cage for 20 minutes immediately following the home team. On Sunday, the higher seed will have the cage first.

Example: Delran @ Mt. Laurel – Quad White- 6:30pm

Mt. Laurel- Quad White cage- 5:30pm-5:50pm

Delran- Quad White cage- 5:50pm-6:10pm

If you are unsure where the cages for each field are please ask a Mt. Laurel Representative at one of the concession stands or T-Shirt sale area.