



**MT. LAUREL SUMMER SLAM BASEBALL
2022 "B" Tournament Rules
8U Division**

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:

- \$525 for 8U;

C. INSURANCE:

- 1) Insurance coverage is the responsibility of the individual teams entered into the tournament. A copy of the insurance policy must be submitted together with the team roster.

D. UMPIRES:

- 1) Mt. Laurel Baseball will furnish umpires. One (1) umpire will officiate each game.
- 2) Two (2) umpires will officiate the championship.

E. BATS & SPIKES

- 1) All bats must display the new USABat Logo and meet the standards that went into effect on January 1, 2018.
- 2) No metal spikes

F. 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. Remember, they do not come back by themselves.

G. GAME LOCATION:

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

H. ELIMINATION:

1. Pool play format tournament.
2. Mt Laurel Baseball reserves the right to place teams (if two or more are entered) in opposing brackets.
3. MLB reserves the right to modify the format should inclement weather cancel games.
4. Depending on the amount of brackets for each age group will determine semis and finals. If there are 3 brackets, the winner of each bracket and one wild card will advance.
5. If there is one bracket, the top 6 teams will advance to playoffs. Teams 7th and beyond will receive a single consolation game.

J. DOUBLE HEADERS:

- 1) Double headers may be scheduled for the weekend's play.
- 2) Whenever possible, two hour breaks between games have been arranged.

K. HOME TEAM:

- 1) The home team will be decided by a coin flip one-half hour prior to the game. Except first game played by a MLB team where they will be designated the home team. An MLB Tournament official, umpire, or official scorer will perform the coin flip.
- 2) If only one team is present for the coin flip, that team will elect home or visitor.
- 3) The manager or coach may represent the team at the coin flip.
- 4) Home teams will occupy the first base dugout in playoff rounds.
Higher seeded team will have choice of home/away team for all playoff games including Championship.

L. DEFINITION OF A GAME:

- 1) 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 1 hour and 45 minutes from the official start time. This will be announced and monitored by the game umpire. (Essentially if the first inning lasts one hour and 46 minutes, the game is ended.) The game can end in a tie in the pool play round if the 1 hr 45 minute time limit is reached; if time limit is not reached then a new inning(s) can begin until a winner is determined, time limit is reached or mercy rule applies. The game can't end in a tie in the semi-finals or final game.**

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:** The 10 run rule takes effect if the losing team has batted 4 times and an equal amount of times. 15 run rule takes effect if losing team has batted 3 times.
- d) **6 runs per half inning including the 6th inning.**
- e) Games that are "suspended" prior to one of these occurrences due to weather or darkness will be rescheduled and will resume at the point of suspension.
- f) **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. MLB tournament committee 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...**
- g) **Cal Ripken rules apply if not covered in these rules.**

M. 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), when possible.
- 2) If there is any doubt, assume the game will be played.

N. 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.
- 3) No bubble gum in the dugouts.
- 4) No music before, during or after any game.

O. CONDUCT:

- 1) No manager or coach may come on the playing field once the game has begun until he has requested time and permission is 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 that 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.

Q. BALKS

- 1) No Balks

R. INFIELD FLY:

- 1) Is NOT in effect.

S. BUNTING:

- 1) Is permitted, however there will be no fake bunts permitted. A player may not pull bat back then swing.

T. 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 must bat.
- 4) Any player who arrives after the start of the game may be added, but must occupy the last spot in the batting order.

U. DROPPED THIRD STRIKE:

- 1) No

V. BASE RUNNING 46/60 play

Base runners must hold their bag until the ball has passed the plate. Umpires will enforce rules in accordance with established regulations (Cal Ripken League).

- 1) Stealing of 2nd and 3rd base is permitted. No stealing home.
- 2) There will be not delayed steals, i.e. steal when ball is thrown back to the pitcher and dropped, or as pitcher is walking back to mound after a throw back.
- 3) Runners can only score from 3rd base via a batted ball or force walk.
- 4) Overthrows that go out of play: Runners will be allowed to advance 1 base only. Overthrows from in the field play, the runners may advance until stopped by the defense.
- 5) Runners must either "slide or veer" into 2nd, 3rd, 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.
- 6) The courtesy runner rule is in effect. Catcher will be replaced by last batted out with 2 outs.

W. PITCHING/FIELDING:

- 1) A pitcher may pitch in no more than 2 consecutive innings per game and no more than 4 innings per day.
- 2) One pitch in an inning is considered an inning pitched.
- 3) On the second trip to the mound in the same inning, the pitcher must be removed
- 4) Once a pitcher is removed, he cannot return as a pitcher later in that game.
- 5) If an illegal pitcher is used, the game will be forfeited. It is incumbent on the opposing manager to lodge protest in this case, and the protest must occur prior to the last out of the game.
- 6) Free substitutions are allowed at all positions with the exception of the pitching rule.
- 7) Teams will defensively field maximum of nine (9) players
- 8) Infielders are to play at their normal infield location and depth, i.e. shortstop plays between third baseman and second base. Outfielders must be play take position in the grass outfield.
- 9) No shift where second baseman is on left side of field or shortstop is on right side of field.

X. Playoffs/Seedings:

SEEDINGS:

Teams will play 2 games and then be reseeded for the playoff round on Sunday.

Tiebreakers are as follows:

1. Winning percentage, i.e. Team that is 2-1 beats a team that goes 1-0-2.
2. Fewest Runs allowed
3. Most Runs Scored
4. Most Runs Scored in a single game.

PLAYOFFS:

After 2 pool play games, the top 6 seeded teams will advance. Teams seeded 7th and beyond will play a single consolation game.

BB. CONCESSION STAND:

- 1) Food (Pizza, hot dogs), candy and beverages are available at our concession stand.
- 2) Mt. Laurel Tournament Tee shirts will also be available.

CC. TEE SHIRTS & TROPHIES:

- 1) Each player on teams finishing 1st and 2nd in their respective age brackets will receive an award.
1st Place gets trophy. 2nd Place gets a medal.

DD. PETS

1. No pets. Tell your parents to leave the family dog at home. Coaches, please discuss with your parents to leave the family dog at home. Parents who bring their dog, no matter what size in to the complex will be asked to leave. We have had too many complaints in past years. With the amount of players, kids, and parents in the complex, we do not want to risk any incident.

EE. 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, including re-scheduling games to the following Monday or Tuesday. We do not have control over the weather. There will be no refund of entry fees due to changes in the tournament format.

GOOD LUCK & ENJOY THE TOURNAMENT!