

## GENERAL RULES

**The Tournament will be played according to the 2022 Cal Ripken Baseball rulebook, with the following exceptions and clarifications**

- Maximum number of players on the roster is 15.
- Adults may coach bases. Maximum number of adults in the dugout is four. If a player coaches a base, he/she must wear a helmet.
- The umpire has the right to rule on anything not covered in the Cal Ripken rulebook or in the Tournament rules. The umpire may confer with Tournament Staff about any particular situation at his discretion.
- Teams are awarded a 15 minutes grace period after the scheduled start of a game to field 9 players. After the 15 minutes expire, the team must forfeit the game. If a team has 9 players and one is injured, that team may finish the game with 8 players.
- In order to maintain scheduling, no inning may start after 1 hour 45 min from first pitch. 13U & 14/15 division games no inning shall start after 2 hours from first pitch. Games may end in a tie in pool play. After 6 full innings (7 full innings for 13U & 14/15) are played and the game is tied, the game shall end in a tie during pool play even if the game has not yet exceeded the time limit.
- Note: there is No time Limit during Semifinal and Final play
- 11/12 year old division will play 50/70 with leading and stealing allowed.
- No infield practice is allowed prior to the start of a game. The outfield area may be used to warm up as well as the center soccer field. Batting practice is not permitted on fields.
- Choice of Home/Away team designated by winner of coin flip in pool play. Higher seed will select home/away for bracket play.
- Full batting order for all ages. Every player bats in the line-up- Line-up cards will be exchanged between managers prior to the games. Late arriving players will be placed at the end of the line-up. Once a team has batted through the batting order once, no additions will be made.
- Each player must play a minimum of three defensive innings. Innings may be non consecutive. Unlimited defensive substitutions allowed throughout the game.
- No chanting of any kind is allowed
- Tournament staff will schedule make-up games due to inclement weather, and reserve the right to alter the schedule in doing so.

- All protests will be resolved by Tournament Staff before resuming play. If a manager has a protest situation and allows the game to continue before resolving the matter, the protest **shall not** be considered.
- Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches and fans. A game may be forfeited by an umpire if unruly behavior disrupts the game. This rule is at the sole discretion of the umpire. Any coach, manager or player ejected from a game will also be forced to sit out the next game.
- Tournament Staff will do all that it can to deal with games that are impacted by a no show or drop out team at the last minute. This may also impact the total number of teams within a pool. Tournament Staff reserves the right to handle and alter schedules in order to have all games played. This includes weather related problems.
- If a player is injured, becomes ill or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over this player when player time at bat comes up without penalty. If the injury occurs during an at bat, the on deck batter will step in and assume the inherited pitch count. If a player is ejected that player's spot in the lineup will count as an out.
- The Tournament does not provide insurance. Each team shall take full responsibility for providing its own insurance.
- **Safety Notes: Please drive carefully!** The Poncin Hewitt complex is in a residential area that is busy at times. Please keep your speed down both in the complex and within the neighborhood. Be mindful of children.
- **Parking:** The Poncin Hewitt lot may fill up quickly. There is **NO PARKING on Oakhill Ave.** Parking on side roads off Oakhill Avenue is acceptable but **please be respectful of our community and neighbors.** Avoid blocking driveways/throughways and be careful to not partially park on lawns. There will be occasional police presence on-site to monitor.

## SCORING

### **8 & 9 Year Old Divisions**

5 run rule per inning applies, except for the 6th or last inning there is no run limit.

The unlimited last inning if prior to the 6th inning must be decided prior to the top of the inning.

Games with a 10 run differential will be stopped after 4 innings or 3 1/2 with the home team leading. The 10 run differential is noted at the end of a completed inning, or part of an inning if the home team is leading after minimum innings are reached.

### **10, 11, & 12 Year Old Divisions**

Games with a 10 run differential will be stopped after 4 innings or 3 1/2 with the home team leading. The 10 run differential is noted at the end of a completed inning, or part of an inning if the home team is leading after minimum innings are reached. The run rules also pertain to all Bracket play, including the Finals.

### **13, 14 & 15 Year Old Divisions**

Games with a 10 run differential will be stopped after 5 innings or 4 1/2 with the home team leading.

## **BATTING RULES**

Bunting is allowed.

Slashing will not be allowed. A player who slashes will be called out. The ball is dead. No runners may advance

### **8 - 12 Year Old Divisions**

1. All non-wood bats must have the USABat Marking.

### **13, 14 & 15 Year Old Divisions**

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## **FIELDING RULES**

1. Each player must play a minimum of three defensive innings in a game in a six inning game. Innings may be non- consecutive.
2. No hidden ball tricks or deception plays will be allowed.
3. 8U will be allowed to play with four outfielders.

## **PITCHING RULES**

### **8 – 12 Year Old Divisions**

No balks allowed, one warning per pitcher at the 11 and 12 year old division before balk is called.

A pitcher may pitch a maximum of nine innings per weekend, Pitchers will be limited to six innings in one day.

One pitch equals one inning

Mound Visits: 1 mound visit is allowed per pitcher per inning. On the second mound visit the pitcher must be removed.

*Note: Calling a pitcher to the baseline constitutes a visit to the mound.*

*Note: Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, that player may not return as a pitcher during that game.*

### **13-15 Year Old Division**

Balks will be called.

A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 10 innings per weekend.

No rest period required. One pitch equals one inning

One mound visit is allowed, removing the pitcher on the second visit.

*Note: Calling a pitcher to the baseline constitutes a visit to the mound.*

*Note: Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, that player may not return as a pitcher during that game.*

## **BASE RUNNING RULES**

**SLIDE OR AVOID:** All players must slide or avoid the defensive player. Failure to slide or avoid will result in a player being called out.

Stealing is allowed for all bases including home (unless noted below).

Head first slides are not allowed with the exception of diving back to a previously earned base. A runner that slides head first will be called out.

Courtesy Runners allowed with two outs for pitcher/Catcher in order to have players prepared for the next inning. Courtesy runner must be last out.

### **8 Year Old Divisions**

Stealing is allowed. No leading.

Player may only advance 1 base per inning on a passed ball, wild pitch, or steal.

Stealing home is NOT allowed. Runner can only advance home on a batted ball or force in on bases loaded walk or hit by pitch.

Runners may not advance to second on a walk.

Head first slides are not allowed with the exception of diving back to a previously earned base. A runner that slides head first will be called out.

No metal spikes allowed.

### **9 Year Old Division**

Stealing is allowed. No Leading.

Two attempted steals of home will be allowed each inning.

### **14 / 15 Year Old Division**

Stealing is allowed for all bases including home.

Head first slides are allowed.

Metal spikes allowed.

## **OFFICIALS TENT**

- Game results must be reported after each game is completed by the Managers of both teams. All scores and pitching stats must be reported at the tent .
- Pitchers: Name, jersey number and innings pitched must be reported. Any part of an inning is considered one full inning, i.e. if a pitcher gets the last out of the inning, that is considered one full inning.
- Tie Breakers are as follows
  - Runs Allowed
  - Run Differential
  - Runs Scored

**Finally, the tournament staff's main concern is the safety of players and spectators. At the Poncin Hewitt complex, there may be as many as four games going on at one time. There are many opportunities for fly balls to enter spectators and waiting areas. We urge you to caution your players and families to be aware of the fields around them. Please be certain to watch small children.**

**Thank you in advance for helping to make the tournament a safe and successful event for everyone!**