

MT. LAUREL BASEBALL SUMMER SLAM B 2023 Tournament Rules — 14U

TEAM ROSTER:

- 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.
- No one other than these team members are permitted on the field or in the dugout areas at any time.
- 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.

No changes will be accepted after the start of the tournament.

- A copy of birth certificates for all players should be available upon request
- A player may not appear on the roster of more than one team.

ENTRANCE FEE:

\$650 for 14u

INSURANCE:

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

UMPIRES:

- Mt. Laurel Baseball will furnish umpires. Two (2) umpires will officiate each 60/90 game

BASEBALLS:

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 Mt. Laurel Baseball will supply all game balls (3 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.

GAME LOCATION:

Games will be played at the Laurel Acres complex (Union Mill road entrance)
 Laurel Acres - 1031 Union Mill Road, Mount Laurel and Harrington Middle
 School 514 Mt Laurel Rd, Mt Laurel Township, NJ 08054

ELIMINATION:

- MLB reserves the right to modify the format should inclement weather cancel games.
- Teams will be re seeded for Sunday based upon their first two pool play games.

HOME TEAM:

- 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. If only one team is present for the coin flip, that team will elect home or visitor.

The manager or coach may represent the team at the coin flip.

- Home teams will occupy the first base dugout.

DEFINITION OF A GAME:

- A game will be comprised of seven (7) innings unless the following occurs:
- A game is terminated, and 4 innings have been played (3¹7ainnings if the home team is leading).
- A game is terminated by the game time limit rule which is: a new inning may not begin after 2 hours from the official start time. This will be announced and monitored by the game umpire.
- Note- the start of new inning, for the purpose of this 2 hour 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 50-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 after the 2 hour mark**.
- The game can end in a tie in the pool play round if the 2 hour 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.
- No time limit for semifinals or championship game

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- Mercy Rule 15 after 4, 10 after 5, 8 after 6: 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.

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.

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...

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- 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.

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

TEAM EQUIPMENT:

- Each team will supply its own equipment.
- 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.
- All batters, base runners and catchers must wear protective helmets. -

Bats may either be Wood, BBCOR -3 or any USA Bat.

FOOD, DRINKS, ETC:

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.

Managers and coaches may not smoke during the game. No tobacco use of any kind in the dugouts.

CONDUCT:

- 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.
- 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.
- Any team or their supporters initiates, causes or continues to cause any problems will cause that team to be expelled from the tournament without refund of the entrance fee.
- Any player who throws bats, helmets, gloves, or other equipment may be, at the umpire's discretion, ejected from the game.

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- 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.
- All parents must be in the stands or outside of the playing field. No spectators are allowed in the bullpens.

BALKS 60/90:

- No Balk Warnings

INFIELD FLY:

Is in effect.

BUNTING:

- Is permitted at all levels.

BATTING:

- A continuous lineup will be used consisting of every player on that game's roster and present at the game for Pool Play. Teams can bat the minimum during bracket play.
 - o All teams have the option to bat as many players as they select during bracket play. In order for a player to play defense, he must be listed in the current batting order. If a team chooses to replace a starter with a substitute, that person must be someone not in the game at all. Starters may then reenter the game one time for the player that was substituted for him and remain in the same spot in the batting order.

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.

- Pool play ONLY If you bring 13 players, 13 players' bat.
- Any players who arrive after the start of the game, will be added to the bottom of the lineup.

DROPPED THIRD STRIKE

- Is in effect.

BASE RUNNING

- 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.
- The courtesy runner rule is in effect. Catcher or Pitcher will be replaced by last batted out at any time.

PITCHING/FIELDING

No Pitching Restrictions

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DIVISION STANDINGS How teams will be seeded for Sunday

- 1. Winning percentage
- 2. Head-to-Head (unless 3 teams or more are tied; if so proceed to next tie breaker)
 - 3. Fewest Runs Allowed
 - 4. Most runs scored 5. Coin Flip

Sunday Bracket Format:

10:30am	4 v 5
1:00pm	1 v (4 or 5)
3:30pm	2 v 3
6:00pm	Championship

TROPHIES:

 Each player on teams finishing 1st and 2nd in their respective age brackets will be awarded a trophy or medal

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 full entry fee,

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. We do not have control over the weather. There will be no refund of entry fees due to changes in the tournament format.

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