

2017 Tournament Rules & Guidelines

1. Tournament will follow the double knock out format as provided by the OBA in section P5.1.
2. All games shall be in accordance with QBL & the Official Rules of Baseball unless otherwise stated in this document.
3. All teams must provide the following to the Tournament Convener:

Approved Team Roster

4. All players and coaches will sign in before their first game. Sign in sheets will be available at the park of your first game and must be completed prior to the start of your first game. Any overaged player, called up player or REP player playing on a team must be noted on Roster Sheet. FAILURE TO NOTE ANY OVERAGED PLAYER OR REP PLAYER ON THE ROSTER SHEET WILL LEAD TO HEAD COACH BEING EJECTED FROM THE TOURNAMENT

5. All games shall be until a winner is declared.

6. The time limit for each game is same as your division regular season time limits. No new inning will start after the time limit. (except championship game which has no time limit) *** NOTE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IS NOT NECESSARILLY THE LAST GAME OF THE TOURNAMENT IT MAY VERY WELL BE THE LAST TWO GAMES OF TOURNAMENT IF AN UNDEATED TEAM IS PLAYING A TEAM FACING ELIMINATION*****

7. Bantam and Midget games tied after 1 hour & 50 minutes (regardless of inning) or 7 innings, the 6 runs per inning mercy rule is removed. If an inning starts prior to the time limit, the 6 run mercy rule will be removed at the start of the next full inning.

7.1 Mosquito and Pee Wee Division Games tied after 1 hour and 30 minutes (regardless of inning) or after 7 innings, the 4 runs per inning mercy rule is removed. If an inning starts prior to the time limit, the 4 run mercy rule will be removed at the start of the next full inning

8. If a game can't be continued due to darkness or lighting failure, the game shall be considered suspended and continued the next day.

9. Mercy rule is in effect - 10 runs after the 5th or 6th inning.

10. Home team will be decided by a flip of a coin. The team furthest from the diamond where game is being played at shall make the call.

11. Home team shall keep official score and time.

12. Ejection of any player for any reason will result in a suspension of that player for the next tournament game. An ejection for fighting will result in disqualification for the remainder of the tournament. Any team dropping below 9 players due to an ejection will Forfeit their game.

12.1 Any coach ejected twice in a tournament will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament

13. Abuse of any official by players, coaches, or parents will not be tolerated. Any infraction could mean the disqualification of the team.

14. There will be no batting practice and no infield on tournament fields at any point.

15. In an effort to keep games on time, plate conference with umpires and coaches/captains should occur 5 minutes before each game.

16. All decisions by the tournament committee are final. Updated – January 2017

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17. Pitching Rules

Any player who assumes the pitching position in an inning will be charged with an inning pitched.

Mosquito pitchers are permitted to pitch 3 innings each game, but not more than 6 in a day, or 12 innings for a tournament of 4 days or less.

Pee Wee pitchers are permitted to pitch 3 innings each game, but not more than 6 in a day, or 14 innings for a tournament of 4 days or less.

Bantam/Midget pitchers are permitted to pitch 4 innings each game, but not more than 8 in a day, or 14 innings for a tournament of 4 days or less.

Mosquito/Pee Wee catchers are permitted to catch in each game, but regular season limits (pitch/catch) innings remain in effect. (Combination of 5 Innings)

If a tournament is extended past the original scheduled time, pitching records remain intact when the tournament is commenced regardless of when it is commenced.

Any OVERAGED player playing in a division lower than what he/she should be playing is not allowed to pitch or catch. Penalty for doing so will result in the offending team Forfeiting their game. For the purpose of this rule Midget players aged 19 are exempt

Call ups are allowed for the tournament as long as the player being added to the roster is in a lower division. You are not allowed to bring a player down from a higher division to fill out a team. Call ups must be clearly marked on the score sheet prior to start of the game

Any REP player playing in the tournament is not allowed to pitch as per regular season rules. Penalty for doing so will result in the offending team Forfeiting their game. Any REP player must clearly be marked on the score sheet prior to start for the game

Please ensure that all players present have at least a Health Card present (or a copy of some form of Identification) that states the players age in case questions arise.

Note: Innings/outs pitched will apply to the calendar day in which they were pitched. The calendar day applies regardless of the tournament schedule, day on which the first round completes, or delays caused by darkness or weather (however, a pitcher continuing in a suspended game shall not be charged for the same inning twice).

e) Illegal pitching penalty: Where a player pitches more innings than is permitted, the player's team shall forfeit the game. A second violation by a manager/head coach's team will result in his/her indefinite suspension. Any player advancing to play in a higher series shall be restricted to the pitching rule of the series in which he/she is registered.

18 Byes are to be awarded as follows: P5.1 (v)

- i) No team shall receive a back-to-back bye in successive rounds.
- ii) No team shall receive a second bye until all remaining teams have received their first bye.
- iii) If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the undefeated team shall automatically receive the bye.
- iv) If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the bye team will be determined by means of a draw with the first team drawn receiving the bye and the remaining teams drawn to fill each game slot from top to bottom as drawn.

19. Convener of tournament shall be appointed by the host center. However the Convener must not be coach in tournament

20. In all divisions Mosquito and above any player taking the Catchers Position MUST wear a CATCHERS MITT.

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