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"TOURNAMENTS ON THE HILL" PLAYING RULES

Please arrive at your designated field at least **45 minutes prior** to your first scheduled game for check-in with the Field Director. Check-in will require showing your roster, certificate of insurance and birth certificates to the Director. All fees **MUST** be paid prior to the day of tournament. **HOME AND AWAY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED ON THE SCHEDULE.**

PLEASE ARRIVE 45 MINUTES EARLY BOTH DAYS IN CASE A GAME ENDS EARLY!

In all divisions, a team may bat 9 players, 10 with an EH or their entire lineup. There is free defensive substitution, meaning the same 9 players who play the field, do not have to be in the batting order. Example, you can have 9 players on the field and 9 different players in the batting order. In the event of injury and all substitutes have been used, the opposing team may pick a player to replace the injured player. Ejection with no substitutes available will result in an out in the lineup.

You may use a runner for pitcher or catcher at any time and shall be the last batted out.

Intentional Walk in effort to speed up the game, either the manager or the pitcher may announce to the umpire their intention to walk the batter to first base.

****10 & under divisions only:** No Infield Fly, No Drop 3rd Strike, No Balks, No Stealing or Leading until the ball passes the plate. Batter is out on dropped third strike but runner on third may steal home.

Rosters

*Rosters must be submitted, electronically, to Pat Bruno at ramsbasedball@outlook.com. Rosters must be received **NO LATER** than the **Thursday** before the tournament.* There can be no change to the roster after the first game has commenced unless approved by the tournament directors for injuries or special circumstances. All teams must copies of players birth certificates on them at all times.

Pitching Rules

- 13/14u – total of 11 innings per weekend per pitcher however no pitcher shall pitch more than 7 innings per day.
- 18u - total of 12 innings per weekend per pitcher however no pitcher shall pitcher more than 8 innings per day.
- 11/12u– 9 innings per weekend per pitcher however no pitcher shall pitch more than 6 innings per day.
- 9/10u – 9 innings per weekend per pitcher however no pitcher shall pitch more than 6 innings per day.
- Two trips to the mound on the same pitcher in the same inning the pitcher same be removed.
- **Pitching resets for the championship game in all divisions.**
- **In the 11u & 12u divisions when a pitcher/pitchers commits a balk they will be given a total of 1 verbal warning per inning per pitcher during which the runner cannot advance on that call. On the second called balk, the runner will be given the additional base.**

Base Running:

- Ages 8u thru 10u (46/60) players must slide feet first only and must also avoid contact at home plate. Ages 11u & 12u (50/70) may slide head first but must also avoid contact at home plate. This will be a judgment call by the umpires as to whether contact was malicious or accidental.

Mercy Rule – Six (6) inning games

- 15 after 3 complete innings
- 10 after 4 complete innings
- 8 after 5 complete innings.

Seven (7) inning games

- 15 after 3 complete innings
- 10 after 4 complete innings
- 8 after 5 complete innings

Mercy Rule is in effect for all games including the Championship Game.

There will be no team warm-ups permitted on the field prior to the game. You may warm-up your team in the outfield only OR any other open field at the complex.

- **Each Manager is responsible to text your score and innings pitched by each pitcher to 609-707-4357 indicating TEAM NAME AND DIVISION after every game during pool play.**

Time Limits – Please be advised that due to no lighting on a majority of the fields, the umpires have been directed to adhere strictly to the time limits. Time shall start on the first pitch of the game at which time the umpire will announce the start time to the coaches. You are asked to get players on and off the field as quickly as possible. In 12 & under teams, pitchers will get 5 warm up pitches.

- 10 and under – 6 innings. **No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes.**
- 11 and 12u – 6 innings. **No new inning after 2 hours.**
- The game is over at the end of the time period regardless of how many innings have been played.
- Championship game – no time limit however the Mercy Rule is still in effect.
- In a 6 inning game, a complete game is 3 innings.
- A new inning starts as soon as the 3rd out is recorded. If the home team is ahead after 2 hours, the game is over.
- **Games called before completion of a complete inning will revert back to the last inning.**

In all divisions, pitchers may fake to 3rd base as is presently permitted in high school rules.

No protest. Umpires decisions are final. Umpires may be challenged on a rule interpretation but not a judgment call.

Time limits may be changed by the tournament director if needed by field conditions or weather.

Ejected coaches and fans must leave the park and not return for the remainder of the game. Ejected players may stay with the team but may not play in the remainder of the game. *Any coach ejected more than once during a tournament, will be removed permanently for the remainder of the tournament.*

Bat Restrictions – No 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " barrel bats allowed in any division. Wood or aluminum is acceptable in all divisions. **ALL BATS MUST HAVE THE USA SEAL – NO EXCEPTIONS. If a batter is found to be using an illegal bat, the opposing coach must bring it to the umpire's attention at which time the umpire will direct the batter to use a legal bat.**

Format - Championship Game format will be adjusted according to the number of teams per division. Each manager will receive a copy of the format that will be used for their respective division. However, the following will relate to all divisions with regards to tiebreakers:

1. Overall Record
2. Least Runs Allowed
3. Total Net Run Differential
4. Most Runs Scored
5. Coin Flip

Any rules not covered herein, please refer to the TSE Rules attached.

Directors have the right to adjust the format at any time due to weather conditions or some unforeseen development.

Rams Baseball will not be responsible for coaches not reading their emails or texts and it is the team manager's responsibility to call the tournament director for any changes that may have occurred that day which would impact or change the tournament schedule.

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