

## **BASEBALL CITY TOURNAMENT RULES** **FOR 13U – 18U TEAMS**

Playing rules not specifically covered shall follow the Official Major League Baseball Rules as published by The Sporting News. They can also be accessed on the Internet at:

[http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official\\_info/official\\_rules/foreword.jsp](http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/official_rules/foreword.jsp)

**Age Requirement:** May 1st will be the designated date to determine ages. Players exceeding the age of the Division before May 1st, will not be eligible to participate in that Division. Players can play in a higher age Division.

**Protest Fee:** \$100.00 cash (in rule interpretation only). A protest must be filed before the next pitch.

**Game Time:** Starting time is forfeit time, unless delay is created by tournament director.

**Home Team:** Will be determined by a coin flip in pool play and higher seed in Bracket play. Championship game is determined by a coin flip.

**Time Limit:** All games have a 1 hour and 50 minute time limit in pool play and up to semi-final games. If the home team is ahead, the bottom half of the inning will not be played if the time has expired. Semi-final games will have 1 hour and 50 minute time limit. **Championship games will have a 2-hour time limit.**

**Run Rule:** 8 Runs after 5 innings; 10 Runs after 4 innings; 12 runs after 3 innings in all tournament games.

**EH Rule: Extra Hitter** - Bat ten players, the EH can go into the field for any of the other nine players in the game and that player will then become the EH. The batting order does not change. **Batting the Roster** - Also you may bat the roster and have free subs in the field, but if you lose a player, it will be an out in that spot the rest of the game. The batting order does not change.

**DH Rule:** High School Rule - You can DH for any player in the line-up.

**Slide Rule:** The High School slide rule will be used. The player must avoid contact.

**Pitching Rules:** For seven-inning 14U and younger, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 30 outs in a three day tournament.

For 16-17-18U High School Divisions, there are no pitching rules.

**EJECTION:** Players and Coaches will sit out the remainder of that game.

**(Ejection during the Baseball City World Series: One whole game following game from which Player/Coach was ejected.)**

High School Bat weight/length differential rule is waived in the 15 and under ages.

Courtesy runner for both the pitcher and the catcher may be used at any time. Courtesy runner has to be someone not presently in the line-up. The same player cannot run for both the pitcher and catcher in the same inning.

**Re-Entry Rule:** High School Rule - starters can re-enter one time. A pitcher removed from the pitching position cannot return to the pitching position during a game, but can re-enter to any other position.

**Inclement weather policy:**

0 games played - 100% refund

1 game played - 50% refund

**Baseball City World Series inclement weather refund policy:**

1 games played – 50% refund

2-3 games played – 25% refund

4 games played – No refund

**Music:** “Walk-up” songs for players and/or music between half-innings is not permitted. Teams, parents, fans are NOT permitted to bring portable speakers of any size into the facility. Coaches are expected to help enforce this rule with their team’s players, parents and fans. Umpire crews and park officials may pause/stop games if needed. A team risks forfeiture of game(s) for refusing to follow the park rules regarding music during tournaments.

### **Pool Play to Bracket Play**

**The following rules will determine which teams will advance out of their pool play.**

- WIN-LOSS RECORD
- HEAD TO HEAD - IF THERE IS NOT A THREE-WAY TIE OR MORE TEAMS WITH THE SAME RECORD.
- FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED IN POOL PLAY.
- COIN FLIP