

Spring 2023

MABA End of Season Tournament

Tournament Rules Addendum

Player Pool

- The Player Pool can be utilized by all divisions. Players will only be able to be picked up from the player pool to reach **the minimum number of players required** to start the game. All player pool players will be required to bat last in the lineup.
 - 6U - 9/10U Minors - 7 Player Minimum (Mandatory out taken in place of the 8th batter). If 8 players are available, coaches can agree at home plate whether an out needs to be taken or whether it will be straight continuous batting order)
 - 11/12 Majors - 8 Player Minimum (Mandatory out taken at the bottom of the order)
 - Intermediate - 8 Player Minimum (Mandatory out taken at the bottom of the order)
- For 9/10 Minors, 11/12 Majors, and Intermediate divisions, player pool players will not be allowed to play the pitcher and will be limited to 1 inning at the catcher position.
- To request a player pool player, the coach must send an email to playeragent@midlothianbaseball.org in a timely manner so as to give time to make the appropriate calls to those in the player pool.

Home/Visitor

- 6U - Home/Visitor will be decided by a coin flip for all tournament games.
- 7U - Intermediate Divisions - Home/Visitor will be decided by higher seed (ie. a 2 seed is the higher seed over a 3 seed).

Gameplay/Run Rules

- The run rules for all divisions will be 5 runs per ½ inning, **including the final inning.**
- Continuous batting order is in effect for all divisions.
- Complete games will be as follows:
 - 6U - 1 hour or 4 innings
 - 7/8U - 1 hour 15 min or 6 innings
 - 9/10U - 1 hour 30 min or 6 innings
 - 11/12 Majors - 1 hour 30 min or 6 innings
 - Intermediate - 1 hour 30 min or 7 innings
- The 8/10/15 run rule will be in effect.

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- Once a game is “official” (3 ½ innings for Major Division, and below; or 4 ½ innings for Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division) it can end by way of the run rule in any of these ways:
- If the visiting team’s lead reaches 8, 10, or 15 runs in the top half of inning, and the home team fails to score during its turn at-bat in the bottom of the same inning of an official game.
- If the home team establishes a 8, 10-or 15-run lead (in the bottom of the inning) of an official game.
- When the home team takes a lead of 8, 10 or 15 runs, the game ends immediately after the run that establishes the threshold lead is scored, regardless of how many other runs may have scored on the play; or the number of outs there are in the inning. Note: If runners are on base when a walk-off home run is hit to end the game (by way of the 10-run rule), all of the runs count toward the final score.

Tie-Breaker Rules

- During tournament games a winner must be declared to move on. If at the end of regulation play the score is tied, then “Modified-California Rules” innings will continue to be played until a winner is declared.
- Modified-California Rules (Bases Loaded, 1 Out)
 - Each team gets the opportunity to be on offense.
 - The last recorded out of the previous inning starts the inning on third base, the previous out on second base and the next previous on 1st.
 - Each inning will start with 1 out, so each team will only have two outs to start the inning.
 - If after the first round, the teams are still tied, an additional round will begin.

Weather/Game Suspensions

- At times, we have inclement weather to contend with. Umpires and the Board Members on duty will have the ability to suspend play should safety become a concern due to weather. Below are the guidelines for resuming a suspended game.
 - Umpires: Please give the scorecard to the home team scorekeeper to attach to the scorebook with the current status of the game including score, inning, base-runners, and outs. Current pitching logs need to be signed so as to track pitching eligibility for kid pitch divisions.
 - Home Team Coach: The saved scorecard will be given to the umpire that is utilized when the game is resumed.
 - Starting a Resumed Game:
 - The game that was suspended will be resumed exactly where it left off.
 - Eligible pitchers will be tracked by the signed pitching logs and will follow pitch count rules on rest days.

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- A starting player removed before the suspension may re-enter the game when it is resumed.
- If a player was not in attendance and was not in the lineup prior to the suspension, they will be allowed to enter the resumption if they are in attendance.
- Regulations for pitching and catching are in effect *for that day* and will follow Little League Rules.