

EBBA ROOKIE BASEBALL

ROOKIE PLAYOFF RULES AND INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT FORMAT & SCHEDULE

- The tournament is double elimination. The Championship Game will be played on Saturday August 7. If necessary game will be played immediately following the Championship Game.
- **There will be a meeting for all managers on Saturday August 6 at 9:00am at Mornington Park concession booth. There MUST be a representative from each team present.**
- The tournament brackets (attached) identify the date, time and field for each game.
- Top seeded team will be the home team. Once in the loser's bracket, a coin toss will determine home team. Home team takes the first base dugout. For the championship game, the undefeated team will be the home team. If a second game is necessary, home and away will switch.
- No accommodations will be made for misinterpretation. If you are not sure about a rule, ask your convenor or the field supervisor.
- There will be no protests allowed. A field supervisor will be stationed at the field area during the tournament to deal with problems.
- Medallions will be awarded to the Champion and Runner Up teams following the final game.
- Medallions will be awarded to the regular season champion at the start of the championship game. All players will also receive a participation medallion. Please ensure all players are present and in uniform to receive their medallions.

GAME LENGTH

- The 5 innings or 1 1/2 hour time limit shall apply unless the game is tied, in which case the 6th and any subsequent inning will be played using the Kansas City tiebreaker. Kansas City is defined as starting the inning with 1 out and a runner on second. Runner on second will be the last out of the previous inning.
- Managers and umpires should check the start time of the game. The game officially begins when the pitcher throws his first pitch. Synchronize the time with the plate umpire to avoid misunderstandings.
- A new inning begins when the third out is made. A new inning (up to 5) begins if there is any time left in the 1 3/4 hour time limit. Any inning started will be completed. There will be no protests based on time calls. The umpires have the final say.
- The regular season mercy rule and 10 batters per inning limit will be in effect for play-off games.
- The **championship** game(s) will be 5 innings with only the 5th inning allowing unlimited batters.

PLAYERS

- Call-up players from TBall are allowed in order to roster 10 players.
- A minimum of 7 players is required, and there will be an automatic out for the 8th and 9th batter.

SUBSTITUTION

- **All players will play a minimum of 2 innings per game. The 2 innings cannot both be in the outfield unless the player wants them to be.**

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- **AS AN OPPOSING MANAGER OR SCOREKEEPER IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE UMPIRE OF ANY BATTING OUT OF ORDER OR OTHER RULE INFRACTION PRIOR TO IT HAPPENING RATHER THAN WAITING AND HOPING TO GET AN OUT. THE RULE IS CLEAR THAT NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY UPON REALIZING THE INFRACTION.**
- **Failure to follow proper substitution rules will result in the game being forfeited.**

SCORES

- The winning manager **must** notify the attending field official so that it is recorded properly.

RAINOUTS

- Rainouts will cause the scheduling of **all** further games to be shifted. All rescheduling will be distributed through your convenor. An updated playoff grid will be posted near the concession booth.

DECORUM

- Proper decorum must be maintained at all times. A Code of Conduct will be enforced.
- Only the manager or his designate may approach the umpire regarding a call.