

Neobaseball

8U TOURNAMENT MEETING - 6/10/26 Randolph Town Hall (Weds 6:30PM)

- ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE:
- Next Season
 - How to propose rules changes (rep meeting 8/9/26 proposals. 10/18 vote on proposals)
 - Schedule of Events (posted online by September-October for the following year)
 - Fall Ball: Registration through 7/12 (late fee 7/13-7/17)
- Umpires:
 - Ump Fees:
 - **Farm \$25/team (\$50 total) per game**
 - Contact your rep for your local area's reimbursement policy
 - Ground Rules:
 - Ground Rules should be 5-7 minutes prior to the game so the game starts on time
 - Pay ump fee at plate prior to game (at ground rules)
 - Provide **At least one new & one good used per team** (Diamond DOL1/DOLA or Rawlings ROLB1/RLLB1 only)
 - Appeals during game
 - Manager should request time and make the appeal calmly to the umpire
 - Only ruling issues/concerns should be appealed (rules, not judgment)
 - Behavior
 - Managers are responsible for defusing any potential tensions ("chirping") from their parents/coaches to prevent any issues
 - No smoking or vaping near the fields
 - No foul or inappropriate language
 - Only rostered kids/coaches in dugouts & on the field
 - Keep things in perspective (it's ball for 8-yr-olds) – let's have fun and civil games for the kids
- Host location
 - 8U is Brimfield
 - [Brimfield Directions](https://www.neobaseball.org/brimfield-directions) are online (<https://www.neobaseball.org/brimfield-directions>)
- Rainout Notification
 - The host area makes the call on playability before games (I will notify teams), but the umpire will make the call once games start
 - If on rain delay, don't leave the venue until it is cleared by Corey or LeeAnn (we may resume games)
 - Delays/updates will be posted to the SportsEngine managers' group.
- Score reporting and pitch counts should be posted to the SportsEngine managers' group (please keep all the info in one post)
- Rules
 - Pitching adjustment for tournaments: 15 "free" pitches per day. Kids can throw up to 40 in the first game on Saturday and still pitch in 2nd. The max on the day would be up to 70 between both games, and days' rest would be based on 55 pitches instead of 70 (if they throw 40 in first game and 30 in 2nd, then it would be 2 days rest since it will be treated as 55 pitches on the day).
 - Time limit, mercy rule, and run limits still in effect (unlimited in 6th). TIME LIMIT ADJUSTMENT: If two rounds of games are scheduled for the same day (first Saturday), then the time limit for both rounds shall be 1H45min instead of 2H.
 - Can't end in tie (each team will have their last out placed on 2nd base at the start of the following inning)
- Scorekeeping
 - Higher seed is Home Team
 - Make sure to note the start time (and suspended game time due to rain, if applicable)
 - Home book is technically the official book (so make sure to square up books every half or full inning)
- Seeding/Brackets
 - Gold vs Silver (Standings)
 - Trophies/Medallions: champions and runners-up in gold and silver
 - Updated Brackets will be posted online with field #'s (and periodically after each round/day)