

# 2015 HOBGOOD SUMMER SHOWDOWN TOURNAMENT RULES

- A.** WE WILL BE PLAYING BY DIZZY DEAN RULES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
- B.** FREE DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTION AND CONTINUOUS BATTING WILL BE ALLOWED IN ALL AGE GROUPS.  
○ MUST BE DECLARED AT PLATE MEETING BEFORE START OF GAME
- C.** GAMES WILL BE 6 INNINGS OR TIME LIMIT IN ALL AGES. THE TIME AFTER WHICH NO NEW INNING MAY START IS AS FOLLOWS:  
○ COACH PITCH – 80 minutes  
○ KID PITCH – 90 minute  
○ CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES – 150 min
- D.** THERE WILL BE A 7 RUN LIMIT PER INNING IN 5U - 8U  
○ MERCY RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT WHEN LOSING TEAM IS UNABLE TO EQUAL LEAD BY SCORING MAXIMUM RUNS IN REMAINING INNINGS  
○ IN KID PITCH, 10 RUN MAX PER INNING IN POOL PLAY ONLY  
○ IN KID PITCH, RULE WILL BE 20 AFTER 2, 15 AFTER 3, 10 AFTER 4, 8 AFTER 5.
- E.** ALL NON-WOOD BATS MUST MEET 1.15 BPF (BAT PERFORMANCE FACTOR) FOR THE LIFE OF THE BAT AND MUST POSSESS A CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE MANUFACTURE'S CERTIFICATION STAMP. THIS WILL INCLUDE 2 ¼, 2 5/8, AND 2 ¾ BARREL BATS.  
○ BBCOR -3 BATS MANDATORY FOR 13 AND UP AND ARE LEGAL FOR USE IN ANY AGE GROUP
- F.** IN COACH PITCH, THE PLAYER PITCHER IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE MASK. THE CATCHER IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE HELMET/MASK AND CHEST GUARD. WHILE NOT REQUIRED, THE CATCHER IS ENCOURAGED TO WEAR SHIN GUARDS AND A PROTECTIVE CUP.
- G.** COURTESY RUNNER IS ALLOWED FOR CATCHER AND PITCHER OF RECORD. MUST BE A SUBSTITUTE OR LAST BATTED OUT.
- H.** IN CASE OF A TIE IN POOL PLAY, SCORE WILL BE RECORDED AS A TIE WITH EACH TEAM RECEIVING ½ POINT IN STANDINGS. IN BRACKET PLAY, TIE BREAKER RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT WITH LAST BATTED OUT PLACED ON SECOND BASE WITH NO OUTS TO BEGIN EXTRA INNING.
- I.** UNIFORMS DO NOT HAVE TO BE MATCHING, BUT IT IS ENCOURAGED. EACH PLAYER SHALL HAVE A JERSEY WITH A NUMBER. HATS MUST BE WORN. SHIRTS SHALL REMAIN TUCKED IN. COACHES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR MATCHING UNIFORMS.
- J.** PITCHING RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
9U,10U & 12U  
● ONE PITCH EQUAL 1/3 INNING.  
● PITCHER MUST BE PULLED ON THE SECOND VISIT.  
● MORE THAN 3 INNINGS EQUALS 2 FULL DAYS REST.  
● 6 MAXIMUM IN A DAY  
● ONCE A PITCHERS IS PULLED THEY CAN NOT RETURN TO THE MOUND IN THE SAME GAME.
- K.** IN POOL PLAY, COIN TOSS WILL DETERMINE HOME TEAM. IN BRACKET PLAY, BETTER SEED DECIDES.
- L.** HOME TEAM SHALL KEEP THE OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK. AWAY TEAM WILL RUN THE SCOREBOARD.
- M.** EACH TEAM SHALL PROVIDE ONE NEW AND ONE SLIGHTLY USED GAME BALL FOR EACH GAME. IF ADDITIONAL BALLS ARE REQUIRED DUE TO BALL GOING OUT OF PLAY, TEAM AT BAT MUST SUPPLY ADDITIONAL BALL(S)
- N.** IN CASE OF A TIE IN STANDINGS AFTER POOL PLAY GAMES, SEEDING WILL BE DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:  
1—HEAD TO HEAD (if applicable)  
2—RUNS ALLOWED (MAX 7)  
3—RUNS SCORED (MAX 7)  
4---COIN TOSS
- O.** NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK OR PARKING LOT.
- P.** NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO ALLOWED.
- Q.** TEAMS MAY PLAY MORE THAN 2 GAMES PER DAY.

**\*Rules are subject to change prior to tournament start. Any discrepancies or Protests will be resolved by a tournament director immediately. Tournament Directors decision will be the final.**