**House League Tournament Rules**

**9U-11U-13U**

Welcome to the Annual Halton Hills Eagles Weekend of Champs Please review these rules and address any questions to the division conveners or the Directors of House League.

Tournament Format

* The tournament format will be Round Robin Type format
* Home Team is decided by higher seed
* *After the round robin is completed, the top four teams will be seeded for the Semi-Final round based on points earned and/or tie breaker:*
* *2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 for a loss*
* *See Tie Breaker below*
* Points:  2 Points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 for a loss
* Forfeits:  If a team does not have enough players the game will be scored as follows:
	+ 9U. 6-0        5 defensive innings played
	+ 11U:6-0       5 defensive innings played
	+ 13U:7-0       5 defensive innings played

**Tie Breaker**:

The following tie breaking rules will be used for each placement in “Standings”:

6.3.1 Head to head only if 2 teams are tied. We do not return to this rule to complete standings when only 2 teams are remaining to be placed in standings.

6.3.2 Least runs allowed defensively

6.3.3 Draw with teams drawn first, placed as required. i.e. if we need 2 teams for play downs from 6 tied teams, we take the first two teams drawn to fill those spots

**General Rules**

* + Coaches will collect Scoresheets and 2 game balls in the bin at each of the Diamonds (unless at Senior or Dump, then see HHMBA Convenor)
	+ Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct of anyone involved with their team during the tournament. **(UMPIRE ABUSE WILL NOT BE** **TOLERATED – THE COACH WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT SHOULD THIS OCCUR.)**
	+ The cooperation of every team is requested to be at the park on time for each game as we are on a tight schedule.
	+ Coaches are encouraged to help with diamond set-up if it has not yet been completed by our volunteer crew.
	+ A photo of the Scoresheet is to be sent to 905 703 0179 the **HOME** team, ***immediately*** following the game. Please ensure the Scoresheet is signed by **BOTH** teams and the scores are printed clearly. **The division needs to be clearly indicated.**

**Tournament Rules**

Halton Hills House League rules apply for all divisions, unless noted below.

No new inning shall begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes of play. **Dead ball time of two hours in effect for all round robin play. There is no open inning for round robin play. If final inning is not completed before dead ball time is reached for round robin play, the score is reverted to the last completed inning.**

Mercy rules apply to round-robin, semi-final and championship games

* + **9U 13U**
	+ Maximum of 5 runs scored per inning.
	+ Ahead by 15 runs after 4 complete innings
	+ or ahead by 10 runs after 5.
	+ **11U**
	+ Maximum of 4 runs scored per inning.
	+ Ahead by 12 runs after 4 complete innings
	+ or ahead by 10 runs after 5.
* Home team will be determined by the schedule; Higher seed is HOME

For **Round-Robin** Play:

 For 9U – 13U **5 Complete innings** (time permitting as noted above) during the regular round robin.

 For **Semi-Final** Games:

Semi Finals for 9U – 13U will be no new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes- any inning that is started needs to be completed. Last inning will have a mercy rule of maximum 8 runs.

 For **Championship** Games:

All games (9U - 13U) will play 6 full innings with no time limit, or until a winner is determined. 6th inning will have mercy limit of 8 runs.

* There is to be **NO** infield practice before any games. Please use the grass outfield or the foul territory area of the infield by your team’s batter box, or another safe area if time permits.
* Regular Season Mercy Rules apply.
* The last out of the inning can be used to run for the catcher with 2 outs.
* No rainout date has been set. Every effort will be made to complete games as scheduled.  Teams should be prepared for delays in the schedule, due to the weather.  In the case that rain occurs causing scheduling problems, the tournament committee reserves the right to alter the tournament and playoff format.
* Any game stopped before being completed (rain, darkness) will be resumed from the point of suspension, when the tournament recommences.  Completion minimum of 3 innings- championship is 5

**Pitching Regulations**

* No pitcher shall pitch more than **6** innings in a calendar day and no more than **11** Innings for the weekend.
* A pitcher can’t pitch more than **3** innings in any single game.
* If a pitcher pitches 5 or more innings per day he/she cannot pitch the next day.  He/she must have 2 nights rest.
* Any player that assumes the pitching position, even for one pitch, will have that inning count as an inning pitched.
* Innings pitched will be recorded on the game sheet which is signed by both teams.
* Failure to comply with the pitching rules will result in forfeit of said game.
* A player can’t pitch and catch in the same game.
* A pitcher will be removed after 3 hit batters

**Fair Play – it is expected that players rotate and sit per the house league rules. No one sits twice until every player has sat – and infield and outfield positions should be rotated fairly.**