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House League Tournament Rules

9U-11U-13U-15U

Welcome to the Annual Halton Hills Eagles, Spring Tournament 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 a coin toss (Please bring a coin)
- After the round robin is completed, Teams will be seeded for the Semi-Final and Championship rounds. Division Winner's will all advance through and will be seeded based on their records and/or tie-breaker. The 2nd seed from each division will be awarded to the team with the best record and/or tie-breaker.
- 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/15U: 7-0 5 defensive innings played

Tie Breaker:

1. If two teams are tied - Head-to-head results between those two teams
2. If three teams are tied (or #1 doesn't declare a winner), then go to runs against (RA)– lowest moves on Average runs against (RA/Defensive/ innings)
3. Coin flip! Rock / paper / scissors to decide who calls! (2 out of 3!)

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)
 - ☐ **Game balls are to be returned to volunteers following the game**
- ☐ 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 scores@hhmba.ca by 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. However, there will be **NO** dead ball time; all innings that have begun will be completed.
- ☐ Mercy rules apply to round-robin, semi-final and championship games
 - ☐ 9U 13U 15U
 - 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. The 5th inning will be an open inning.
- For **Semi-Final Games**:
 - Semi Finals for 9U – 13U will be 6 inning games with 5th and 6th innings being open innings; all 6 innings will be completed with no time limit, or until a winner is determined.
- For **Championship Games**:
 - All games (9U - 13U) will play 6 full innings with no time limit, or until a winner is determined. 5th and 6th innings will be open.
- 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.

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.