

Elite Baseball of Lancaster Official Rule Book

**17u/18u Showcase Tournament Rules**

We will be playing Major League Baseball Rules with the exception of sliding straight into all bags and must try to avoid contact at home by sliding.

If a player or manager is thrown out of the game for arguing, they will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.

There is a mercy rule of 15 runs after 5 innings and 10 runs after 7 innings.

Coaches are allowed free substitution at any time for any player. That also includes re entry at anytime.

Pitchers and catchers may have a courtesy runner at anytime. Courtesy runner can be anyone.

Reminder, this is a showcase tournament. It is about showcasing your players to the best of their ability.

Games will be 9 innings with a 2 ½ hour drop dead time limit. No New inning may start after 2 hours and 20 minutes.

**10u-18u Pool Play Tournaments**

1. **Time Limit:** We have a 2 hour time limit (weather permitting) on all games except for the championship game. No new inning may start after 1 hour and 50 minutes. Any inning started prior to the 1 hour and 50 minute time mark, will have to be completed for tie-breaker purposes.

For 9 inning games, the time limit is as follows: 2 hours and 30 minute time limit with no new inning starting after 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Age	Mound	Bases	Bat	Innings
11u	50ft	70ft	no	6
12u	50ft	70ft	no	6
13u	54ft	80ft	no	7
14u	60ft 6in	90ft	BBCOR -3 (2012)	7
15u	60ft 6in	90ft	BBCOR -3 (2012)	7
16u	60ft 6in	90ft	BBCOR -3 (2012)	7
18u	60ft 6in	90ft	BBCOR -3 (2012)	7/9

2. **Mercy Rule:** For all age groups, 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings for all games. The home team will not bat if ahead by mercy rule. The home team will bat if the visiting team goes ahead in the top of the mercy inning.
3. **Official Roster:** Rosters are subject to change from tournament to tournament. After the start a tournament, teams may add a player to their roster provided that they are of age. A team may not add a player from another team in the same tournament. Teams may not add any players to their roster once pool play has been completed.
4. **Age Restriction:** To determine the correct age for a player, we will use the player's age on April 30<sup>th</sup> of that year. The age of the player on April 30<sup>th</sup> will determine the age of the player for the calendar year.
5. **Home/Visitor:** Home and away teams will be determined prior to the start of the games during the coaches meeting at home plate with a coin flip for all pool play games. The home team will be determined by the higher seed for all games after pool play is finished.
6. **Offensive/Defensive:** Coaches may bat 9 players, their whole lineup, or anywhere in between. Once a coach has determined their batting lineup, it must remain the same for the entire game. (For example: If a coach bats 10 players, the game must end with 10 players in the batting lineup) Coaches will be allowed free defensive substitution anytime throughout the entire game as long as the lineup remains the same.
7. **Re-Entry:** There will be no re-entry
8. **Courtesy Runners:** Courtesy runners will be allowed for Pitchers and Catchers only at any point.
9. **Mount Visits:** Coaches will be allowed 1 mound visit per inning per pitcher. Pitcher will need to be removed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> mound visit.
10. **Balks:** 12u and under will receive 1 warning per game. 13u and over there will have no warning.
11. **Stealing:** For all age groups we will be playing MLB rules. Base running will be live from 11u to 18u.
12. **Ejections:** If a player or coach is ejected from a game, he will be asked to leave the field immediately and remain off site for the remainder of the game. The coach or player will also be suspended for the following scheduled game. (If a team has 9 players and a player is ejected, the team may still play with 8 but will surrender an out when they reach the ejected players spot in the lineup.

- 13. Infield Fly Rule:** The infield fly rule will be in effect for 11u all the way to 18u. There will be no infield fly rule for the 10u age group.
- 14. Pre-Game:** There will be no infield/outfield taken by either team prior to the start of the game for all levels. Ground balls and fly balls may be taken down the left field or right field lines.
- 15. Forfeit Policy:** Any team who willingly forfeits a game during a tournament will be required to pay a \$100 forfeiture fee.
- 16. Cancellation Policy:** If you wish to withdraw from a tournament, it must be done 30 days prior to the scheduled start date of the tournament. If it is not given within 30 days, the registration fee will be forfeited with no refund. There will be no exceptions.
- 17. Protests:** The protesting coach or manager must inform the umpire of the protest before the next pitch or play begins. At that time, a \$100 cash fee will need to be presented. If the protest is granted, the \$100 fee will be returned. If it is not granted the \$100 fee will be forfeited. The tournament director's word is final.
- 18. Arrival:** Please be sure to arrive at your appropriate field 30-45 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. In some instances, games may be started a few minutes early depending on the previous games.
- 19. Special Requests:** All special requests will need to be made 3 weeks prior to the start of the tournament. We will try our best to accommodate any requests that coaches may have but there will be no guarantees.

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