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## House League Tournament

Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Halton Hills Eagles, House League tournament. Please take the time to review these rules. Address any questions to the division conveners or to the Directors of House League.

### **Tournament Format**

- The tournament format will be Round Robin Type format
- After the round robin is completed, Teams will be seeded for the Championship round. Division Winner's will all advance through and will be seeded based on their records and/or tie-breaker. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:
  - Rookie: 6-0                      6 defensive innings played
  - Mosquito: 6-0                    6 defensive innings played
  - Pee Wee: 7-0                    7 defensive innings played
  - Bantam: 7-0                    7 defensive innings played

**Tie Breaker:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Fewest average runs allowed in round robin.  
( total runs allowed **divided** by # of defensive innings played )

2<sup>nd</sup> – Run Differential based from round robin.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Coin flip! Rock / paper / scissors to decide who calls! ( 2 out of 3! )

## General Rules

- Coaches must check into the Registration Table before each game and then turn in their scoresheets to the Registration Table at the completion of each game.
- Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct of anyone involved with their team during the tournament.
- The cooperation of every team is requested to be at the park on time for each game as we are on a tight schedule.
- Both Coaches are responsible to have the bases installed and lines chalked prior to game time.
- Coach of the home team **MUST** turn in the game sheet to the Registration Table (near the Sweet Spot at Fairgrounds or Gazebo at Prospect or the HHMBA Official at the Glen) at the completion of each game. It must be signed by both teams.
- Game sheet is provided as a PDF to the coaches. Please print prior to the game. We will also have copies at the Sweet Spot.

## Tournament Rules

- Halton Hills House League rules apply for all divisions, unless noted below.
- Regular Season Mercy rules apply to round robin and playoffs
- Home team will be determined by coin toss during round robin. Top seeds for playoffs.
- Home team will be responsible to keep the game sheet which is to be turned into at the end of each game. Both teams should verify the score during regular intervals.
- Any inning starting after 1hr-30min from first pitch is considered open. No new inning after 1hr-45 mins. **No dead ball time:** Last inning must be completed. If home team is in the lead, the bottom half will not be played. If the home team is trailing, the game will end when they take the lead or the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is recorded. All runs on the final play count. Ties will count as one point in the standings.

- **Semi Finals:**  
Any inning starting after 1hr-30min from first pitch is considered open. No new inning after 1hr-45 mins. **No dead ball time:** Last inning must be completed. If home team is in the lead, the bottom half will not be played. If the home team is trailing, the game will end when they take the lead. All runs on the final play count.  
If the game is tied, play extra innings until a winner is determined.
- **CHAMPIONSHIP:** All games (including Rookie) will be 7 innings with no time limit, or until a winner is determined.
- 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 12 innings in any tournament or series this is 3 days in duration.
- 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.