

# 2015 Tournament Rules & Guidelines

1. Tournament will follow the double knock out format as provided by the OBA in section P5.1.

2. All games shall be in accordance with QBL & the Official Rules of Baseball unless otherwise stated in this document.

3. All teams must provide the following to the Tournament Convener:

Approved Team Roster

4. All players and coaches will sign in before their first game. Sign in sheets will be available at the park of your first game and must be completed prior to the start of your first game.

5. All games shall be until a winner is declared.

6. The time limit for each game is same as your division regular season time limits. No new inning will start after the time limit. ( except championship game which has no time limit)

7. Games tied after 1 hour & 50 minutes (regardless of inning) or 7 innings, the 6 runs per inning mercy rule is removed. If an inning starts prior to the time limit, the 6 run mercy rule will be removed at the start of the next full inning.

7.1 Mosquito Division Games tied after 1 hour and 30 minutes (regardless of inning) or after 7 innings, the 4 runs per inning mercy rule is removed. If an inning starts prior to the time limit, the 4 run mercy rule will be removed at the start of the next full inning

8. If a game can't be continued due to darkness or lighting failure, the game shall be considered suspended and continued the next day.

9. Mercy rule is in effect - 10 runs after the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> inning.

10. Home team will be decided by a flip of a coin. The team furthest from the diamond where game is being played at shall make the call.

11. Home team shall keep official score and time.

12. Ejection of any player for any reason will result in a suspension of that player for the next tournament game. An ejection for fighting will result in disqualification for the remainder of the tournament.

13. Abuse of any official by players, coaches, or parents will not be tolerated. Any infraction could mean the disqualification of the team.

14. There will be no batting practice and no infield on tournament fields at any point.

15. In an effort to keep games on time, plate conference with umpires and coaches/captains should occur 5 minutes before each game.

16. All decisions by the tournament committee are final.

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## 17. Pitching Rules

Any player who assumes the pitching position in an inning will be charged with an inning pitched.

Mosquito pitchers are permitted to pitch 3 innings each game, but not more than 6 in a day, or 12 innings for a tournament of 4 days or less.

Pee Wee pitchers are permitted to pitch 3 innings each game, but not more than 6 in a day, or 14 innings for a tournament of 4 days or less.

Bantam/Midget pitchers are permitted to pitch 4 innings each game, but not more than 8 in a day, or 14 innings for a tournament of 4 days or less.

Mosquito/Pee Wee catchers are permitted to catch in each game, but regular season limits (pitch/catch) innings remain in effect.

If a tournament is extended past the original scheduled time, pitching records remain intact when the tournament is commenced regardless of when it is commenced.

**Note:** Innings/outs pitched will apply to the calendar day in which they were pitched. The calendar day applies regardless of the tournament schedule, day on which the first round completes, or delays caused by darkness or weather (however, a pitcher continuing in a suspended game shall not be charged for the same inning twice).

e) Illegal pitching penalty: Where a player pitches more innings than is permitted, the player's team shall forfeit the game. A second violation by a managers/head coach's team will result in his/her indefinite suspension. Any player advancing to play in a higher series shall be restricted to the pitching rule of the series in which he/she is registered.

18 Byes are to be awarded as follows: P5.1 (v)

i) No team shall receive a back-to-back bye in successive rounds.

ii) No team shall receive a second bye until all remaining teams have received their first bye.

iii) If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the undefeated team shall automatically receive the bye.

iv) If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the bye team will be determined by means of a draw with the first team drawn receiving the bye and the remaining teams drawn to fill each game slot from top to bottom as drawn.

19. Convener of tournament shall be appointed by the host center. However the Convener must not be coach in tournament