



Piedmont Caldecott Cup 2022 Tournament Baseball 9U Rules

1. Teams

- a. Team roster and birth certificates are to be present at all times during the Tournament. Each team must turn in a copy of their Liability Insurance certificate before the start of their first game. Check-in located at Hampton Field
- b. All teams must submit a nine (9) or more player roster. Roster should include each player's uniform number. Only those players submitted on the roster will be eligible to participate in the tournament. **A team with less than nine (9) players will take an out in the ninth (9) spot in the batting order. A team with less than eight (8) players will forfeit the game.**
- c. All coaches and managers will be adults (minimum 18 years old).
- d. All teams must report for the coin toss (1) hour before their start time. Tournament officials will be empowered to move start times up thirty (30) minutes if it can be warranted.
- e. Each team is to be at the field one (1) hour before the schedule start time.
- f. **The birth date cutoff is August 30, 2012. If your league uses a different cutoff date and you need to add some players born between May 1st and August 31st, please contact the tournament director to request an exception, which may be allowed or disallowed at a discretionary basis by the Tournament Director.**
- g. No noisemakers allowed by spectators.
- h. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their team and parents.

2. Regulation Game Format

- a. All games will be six (6) innings.
- b. There is a 5 run limit per inning, except for the last inning and any extra innings.
- c. Mercy rules
 - i. The team that is ahead by (10) or more runs will be declared the winner after 5 innings or 4 and a half if the home team is ahead. (The game will end in the middle of the 5th inning).
- d. Pool play games may result in a tie, elimination games may not

- e. **Time Limit:** No inning may be started after **1 hour 40 minutes** from game start time except for in an elimination game. Time is calculated from the last out of the prior inning not when a team re-takes the field.
 - i. In a non-elimination game, extra innings may only be played if they can start prior to the 1 hour and 40 minute mark.
 - ii. If an elimination game is tied after 6 innings, then the game will go extra innings until a team wins.
- f. **Coin Toss:** Home team in pool play will be determined by a coin toss prior to the game. Winner of coin toss has choice of being “home” team or choosing dugout. If teams have a back-to-back game, just remain in the same dugout as the prior game. In elimination games, the team with the higher seed is home.

3. **Playing Rules**

- a. PONY Rules or Piedmont league representatives shall govern play on issues not covered below.
- b. USSSA or USA standard bats only
- c. **Pitching**
 - i. No pitcher may pitch more than 3 innings or 75 pitches in a single day. Pitcher may go over 75 to complete an at bat. An inning counted once the pitcher has thrown a single pitch in game.
 - ii. No pitcher may pitch more than 9 innings or 150 pitches in the tournament. Pitchers may go over 150 to complete an at bat.
 - iii. The pitcher must be removed when the manager makes a second trip to the mound in the same inning (or three in a game). Umpire discretion on trips for injury.
 - iv. A pitcher who has been removed from a game may not re-enter that game as a pitcher
 - v. No intentional walks
 - vi. No balks. Warnings will be given to pitchers, but base runners will not advance on balk/warning. Play will stopped immediately on balk warning and any tag outs from picking off will not be counted.
 - vii. If a pitcher hits three batters in a game they must be removed if the opposing coach requests so.
 - viii. Our backstop has green padding. If a ball is caught in the padding on a passed ball it will be ruled a dead ball, and runners who were already advancing will be awarded the base they were approaching.
 - ix. After the game, the manager should verify the pitching record with the official scorer. No changes will be made in the pitching record beyond that time. The official scorer will have the final say. **Coaches/Managers will be asked to sign the Pitch Count card after every game.**

d. **Base Running / Batting**

- i. All players bat, in a consistent batting order. Coaches to provide batting order to opposing team before game start.
- ii. No leads
- iii. No advancing on dropped 3rd strike
- iv. No bunts
- v. No headfirst slides
- vi. Steals are allowed on any base including home, runner may not leave their base until the pitch crosses the home plate plane
- vii. Runner must attempt to avoid contact with a fielder on ALL plays. Failure to do so will result in the player being called out and could result in ejection from the game. The umpire has the final say as to whether the runner made sufficient effort to avoid a collision. If there is a play at the plate, the runner must slide to avoid contact.
- viii. No metal cleats allowed. No cleats are allowed on Hampton turf mound – turf shoes or sneakers only allowed.
- ix. No pinch runner, except a courtesy runner may be substituted for a catcher with (2) outs, so the catcher will be ready to resume his duties as soon as the side is retired. The courtesy runner shall be the player who made the second out in the inning.
- x. Balls hit over the fence in left field are home runs. Balls bounced over the fence (or through the gap between the fence and the retaining wall) in left field are ground rule doubles. Balls hit to the warning track in right/center field (anywhere right of the left field fence) are ground rule doubles. All other fair territory is live. Other scenarios may be ruled ground rule doubles by the umpire (for example, if a ball comes into contact with a person not playing).

e. Fielding

- i. All players can move freely in defensive positions (players not in the batting lineup are allowed to play defense without being reported until they are inserted in the batting lineup).
- ii. All substitutions to the batting lineup must be recorded through the official scorer and umpire.
- iii. No Game will be played under protest. The umpires on the field and the final judgment being made by the Tournament Director or his delegate will settle all questions of the rule interpretation.
- iv. If a ball is thrown into a dugout or past the dugout line the ball is dead and all runners are awarded the base they are running toward plus one additional base.
- v. Each team fields 9 defensive players (3 outfielders, 6 infielders)

f. Other

- i. Any player, coach, manager or spectator who acts in an un-sportsmanlike manner may be warned once by the umpire. The second time, that person will be removed from the field. If in the judgment of the umpire or tournament official the offense is of a serious enough nature, that person may be ejected without warning.

- ii. Any player, coach, manager, or spectator ejected from a game may be suspended from further tournament play or participation.