



BASEBALL SASKATOON
BANTAM AA TIER 3-4 TOURNAMENT RULES
Nutana Kiwanis Park, Saskatoon
June 14-16, 2019

1. Rules and standings for the tournament will be governed by Baseball Sask Rules and those listed below. The Baseball Sask tie-breaking procedures will be used to determine the **standings** if teams are tied after pool play, **except that tie-breaking games will not be played**. In the event of a 3-way tie, the top ranked team will be determined by Baseball Sask tie-breaking rules. The next ranked team will be determined by the result of the head-to-head game. All games must be played to determine a winner and a loser. Ties will be broken using the procedure described in Rule 7.
2. The last-named team is the HOME team except where it is indicated on the game schedule that a coin toss will determine HOME team. The HOME team occupies the third base bench.
3. Everybody bats and unlimited substitution is permitted.
4. In each game:
 - (a) The **HOME team** will provide the **scorekeeper** and the **VISITING team** will provide a person to record **pitch counts**. Scorekeeping supplies are located in the lock box at each diamond.
 - (b) Team line-ups are to be given to the scorekeeper 15 minutes before the start of a game (please provide your own line-up cards). **Players' last names and numbers are required**. Players will bat in the order listed. If a player is removed from the game for any reason, the batting position of that player will be filled by advancing the remaining players in the batting order.
 - (c) Teams will only be permitted an infield prior to game time if time permits for both teams. Field preparation and diamond maintenance take priority over infields. Ideally, if time permits, Home team will take infield 25 minutes prior to game time, Visiting 15 minutes prior to game time. Infields should not push back game start times and if minimal available time exists, it should be shared equally. Teams are encouraged to use open space adjacent to fields to warm up prior to games.
 - (d) Coaches must inform the scorekeeper of each pitching change. Scorekeepers should make coaches aware as pitchers reach pitching limits.
 - (e) Upon the completion of the game, the scorekeeper should record the game result and pitch counts on the game result sheet. **Coaches should sign the game record sheet at the end of the game to verify that the score and the pitch counts recorded are correct**. Scorekeepers are to return this sheet fully completed to the tournament table located at Nutana Diamond 1 immediately after each game.
 - (f) **Once the game record sheet has been submitted, whether signed or not, it will be considered correct and may not be disputed later.**
5. (a) Pitching limits for all play will be determined by pitch count. **Required days of rest earned from previous pitching appearances are not set to zero for this tournament and do apply.**
(b) The pitching rules are:

Number of Pitches	Rest Period
1 -35	No rest required
36-50	1 day rest
51-65	2 days rest
66-80	3 days rest
81-95	4 days rest

Maximum allowable pitches in a day is 95. A pitcher who has reached his or her maximum pitch limit (95 pitches) while facing a batter may continue pitching until that batter reaches base or is put out. **Refer to the Baseball Sask website for further clarity on pitch count for this tournament.**

6. **ALL GAMES WILL CONSIST OF SEVEN INNINGS** but a game will be ruled complete:
- (a) If five innings have been played and two hours have elapsed (i.e. **a new inning may not be commenced 2 hours after the official starting time of the game.**) *Time limit does not apply to semi-final and final games unless adjusted by tournament committee as needed

*The time limits will normally be counted from the scheduled starting time of the game. However, if the tournament is running behind schedule, the starting time (for the purpose of the time limitation rules) will be the time **MIDWAY** between the scheduled starting time and the actual starting time of the game. The umpires and tournament organizing committee will determine the starting time for the purpose of time limitations and must announce this time at the plate meeting to the coaches and to the scorekeeper before game start. **If this is not done, the coaches should ask the umpire to state the official starting time of the game. The scorekeeper will record this time in the scorebook.***

- (b) If one team is ahead by 10 or more runs after five complete innings (4½ innings if the HOME team is ahead) or any complete inning after that.
- (c) If a game is called because of poor weather and five innings have been played.
7. If a game is tied **after seven innings**, tie-breaking innings will be played until a winner is determined. The following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:
- Each team will begin the extra inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs. (See example below to confirm who is on first and second)
 - The batting order of the extra inning or any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended. (See example below to confirm who is at bat)
 - The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.

Example:

If the last regulation inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last plate appearance (PA), then the extra inning begins the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at second base and the #6 hitter at first base.

8. Baseball Sask 15U AA Tier 3-4 bat rules will apply.
9. All equipment must be kept off the playing area. Equipment should be stored in or behind the player's bench.
10. There will be no Protest Committee. Coaches, in consultation with the umpires, are expected to resolve any disputes arising from rule interpretation. Coaches are also reminded that a judgement call by an umpire may not be disputed.
11. All players and coaches are expected to follow the Baseball Sask "CODE OF CONDUCT" and the "SAFETY REGULATIONS" outlined in the 2019 Baseball Sask Annual Handbook. Any action deemed unsportsmanlike shall be grounds for ejection. This includes continued challenging of umpiring decisions. A zero tolerance policy for verbal harassment of umpires by coaches and players is in effect. Offending individuals will be ejected.
12. **The team manager will be held responsible for the conduct of that team's spectators.** If the umpire judges that the spectators' behaviour is detrimental to the conduct of the game, the umpire will ask the team manager(s) to inform the spectators that the game will be called if such behaviour continues. If the game is called, the offending team will forfeit the game (6-0 score, 4 defensive innings).
13. Except as amended here, the rules in the Baseball Canada Rule Book and the Baseball Sask Handbook (latest editions) will apply.