

AAU FALL CLASSIC RULES 2025

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Steve Roderick 774-226-5035

SCORE REPORTING: Winning team must text the completed game score to 774-226-5035

RULES - Major League Baseball Rules, accept where amended by the NEAAU

BASEBALLS • Teams responsible for helping shag foul balls • NEAAU provides only 3 new ball games per game. Teams must supply baseballs if needed

UMPIRES - Once the game starts the umpires have control of the game

SCHEDULE: Available on the TourneyMachine mobile app and www.neaaubaseball.org/fall-classic

FORMAT: 2 games on Saturday, single elimination on Sunday

HOME TEAM • Coin Flip in pool play games • Higher seed in Sunday games is home team • Home team in 1st base dugout unless already in 3rd base dugout from previous game

WARM UP - There will be NO infield practice before games

TIME LIMITS: 1:50 time limit on Saturday for 10-11u & 2-hour time limit for 13-14u. Time limits remain on Sunday except for the tournament final

IMPORTANT NOTES on TIME LIMITS: Be sure you confirm the start time with both the umpires and the opposing coaching staff at the home plate meeting • The next inning begins immediately after the 3rd out is recorded • If the home team is in the lead (and batting) and the time limit is reached the game is over

EXTRA INNINGS • No extra innings in games on Saturday • International Tiebreaker used in games on Sunday except the tournament final

MERCY RULES • 8 runs after 5 innings. 4½ if home team is ahead • 12 runs after 3 innings in all age groups (2 ½ if the home team is ahead)

BATTING LINEUP • Can use continuous batting order • If a team decides to bat 10 in the lineup, there is a free defense substitution for those 10 players • If a team bats 11, then free substitution for the 11 and so on for the entire line up. You must finish with the same number of batters in the lineup as you began the game with. If an injury occurs and a player is removed from the game, an out will be recorded in that spot in the lineup.

COURTESY RUNNER • Last batted out • Only with 2 outs • Only for the pitcher and catcher

SLIDE or AVOID: Must slide or avoid contact

INTENTIONAL WALK • NFHS rule will apply

PITCHING RULES • There are no pitching restrictions • We expect and trust all coaches will put their player's safety first

BAT RULES • 13u and Younger - no restrictions • 14u and Older - BBCOR -3

TIEBREAKERS - #1 Head-to-Head, #2 Runs Allowed, #3 Runs Scored, #4 Run Differential, #5 Coin Flip

EJECTIONS - If a player or coach is ejected from a game, they must leave the field and must sit out the next scheduled game. If a player or coach is ejected for fighting, they are removed from the rest of the weekend and cannot be present at any of the fields.

PROTESTS: No protest will be considered unless the follow procedure is followed. Only decisions involving the misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule may be protested. No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the umpire's judgment.

- The game must be stopped before the next pitch and a protest must be made verbally to the umpires and coaching staff of the opposing team. The specific reason for the protest must be stated to both the umpires & opposing coaching staff.
- Call NEAAU Tournament Directors for a protest decision. If the tournament director is assisting with another call, please allow a few minutes for a return phone call.
- Once a decision has been made the game can resume

RAIN: Should we experience inclement weather, the NEAAU reserved the right to adjust scheduled league games. Should the weekend be shortened due to inclement weather or darkness no refunds will be issued.

If rain delays play in the morning on Saturday: If rain/snow delays the start of play all teams will be notified using the TourneyMachine messaging system. All teams will be notified of potentially adjusted game schedule for the day.

If rain occurs during a game: The game will be suspended and picked up from that point if game has not reached official status. The game will become complete if the game has reached official status.

Official Status (Regulation Game): Five full innings have been played, or the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four, or four and a fraction, turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns at bat. If the game is suspended when the teams have not had an equal number of completed times at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called. The umpire may suspend a game, but not declare the game complete, to hold discussions with AAU.

If rain prevents enough time to complete all games: *If* rain/snow has or will prevent the completion of all games, adjustments to the weekend will be made with the intention to complete as many games as possible. These decisions can only be made as we move through the weekend and deal with the weather conditions.

REFUNDS: IF TOURNAMENT IS RAINED OUT FULL REFUND, MINUS \$75 admin fee, WILL BE REFUDNED. ONE GAME PLAYED 50% REFUND. TWO GAMES PLAYED NO REFUND.