



## **71st ANNUAL EUCLID VETERANS TOURNAMENT**

### **TOURNAMENT RULES**

EBL reserves the right to modify rules prior to the start and during the tournament, if any item is misrepresented within this document. The tournament director or his/her appointed representative (e.g., umpires) shall be the sole judge as to the playing condition of the field and is responsible to make a decision for a called game and termination of play.

A roster with the player's last name, first name, birth date and uniform number must be emailed prior to your first game at the tournament. Teams are limited to a maximum of thirteen (13) players on their roster. Age cut-off is May 1st.

Protests and forfeits are allowed. All protests will be decided at the time the protest is filed. Protest fee is \$100.00 cash – if protest is won full refund – if protest is lost no refund. Final decisions will be that of the protest committee. Only the manager of the team may question a call or rule and shall be the only one to question an umpire's decision. Only rule decisions may be protested. Judgment calls by the umpire will be upheld. Forfeits are recorded as 7-0.

Rain out policies: In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director and EBL reserve the right to modify and complete the tournament as we deem appropriate without a refund. In the event the tournament is canceled due to weather, the following refund will be in effect:

0 games played - 80% refund

1 game played - 50% refund

2 games played - 0% refund

Process to determine seeding will be in the following order:

1. Overall Record
2. Least Runs Surrendered
3. Runs Differential

#### 4. Coin Toss

No new inning can start after two hours. All single elimination tournament games have NO time limit. Any game that is started and not completed due to weather or any unforeseen circumstance will be continued starting at the point the game was stopped. A game stopped after five innings of play will be considered an official game. The EBL tournament director will determine rescheduling.

Home team will be decided by flip of coin in all games, excluding the single elimination bracket.

There will be limited infield practice before games, depending on weather and time.

If a player arrives late, the player may be placed in 10th position in the lineup. The "Additional Hitter" will be the 10th batter in the game and may bat anywhere in the lineup. The AH is optional in all divisions. The AH can be substituted for and the re-entry rule will apply. The AH substitution shall be handled like any other position in the line-up, the AH can play the field. Team may roster bat.

Reentry Rule: a starting player may reenter the game in the same position in the batting order once per game. Except being the pitcher once removed from the mound, he may not come back to pitch.

All games must start and end with at least eight (8) defensive players otherwise a forfeit.

The 13U/14U (54/80) division will use NFHS rules.

A mandatory slide rule or avoid contact will be in effect on all close plays at the plate. Umpires discretion on whether a slide is appropriate. A flagrant attempt to barrel the fielder covering the plate will result in an automatic out and ejection from the game.

No metal spikes are permitted in 7U/8U through 11U/12U divisions.

The infield fly rule shall be in effect for all divisions, except 7U/8U..

Bases may not be tied down. A runner slides, knocks a base away, (over 3'), from its original spot and proceeds to move toward the next base, he must return to the original base location, if in fact, he is chased back to that original base.

Stealing is not permitted in 7U/8U divisions.

Stealing is permitted but NO lead offs in 9U/10U divisions.

Leave early rule; runner goes back to the base, the ball is dead, no runners can advance.

- a) Every offense thereafter, runner is out,
- b) Ball is dead, no runners can advance.

Stealing and lead offs are permitted in 11U/12U and 13/14U divisions.

Bat Restrictions: NONE

Pitching Restrictions: NONE

Once a pitcher leaves the pitching position for one pitch he cannot return as a pitcher during that game. If a pitcher returns to the mound “illegally” – correct the wrong at that time – NO PENALTY!

A manager or coach shall be allowed to visit the pitcher once per inning. On the second visit to the mound he must remove the pitcher.

The balk rule will be enforced in 11U/12U and 13U/14U divisions.

Dropped third strike is NOT in effect in 7U/8U and 9U/10U divisions.

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General Points of Reference:

ALL GAMES = [7] seven innings

Mercy Rules

12 runs after 3 innings

10 Runs after 4 innings

8 Runs after 5 innings

6 Runs after 6 innings

	Bases Pitching	
7U/8U	60'	40'
9U/10U	65'	46'
11U/12U	70'	50'
13U/14U	80'	54'

Extra Innings

Last hitter from previous inning @ 2nd base

The hitting team starts with 1 out and every hitter has a 1-1 count

Normal substitution rules apply

Play continues until one team is ahead at the end of the inning

Courtesy Runner ... NO out(s) requirement

Courtesy runner is optional for pitcher/catcher of record at any time.

The courtesy runner must be a legal sub

If you are hitting a continuous lineup that last batted out will be your courtesy runner

Same player is allowed to run for the pitcher and catcher

If an error is made on a courtesy runner, it is a correctable error and the runner will be replaced with correct runner

The courtesy runner will never be mandatory.

**BOTH teams are responsible for texting the tournament director with the final score.**

Profanity or misconduct by a player, coach or manager will not be tolerated and may result in his or her ejection from the game and dismissal from the tournament. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their fans. All fans are encouraged to cheer for their own team. Derogatory comments aimed at the other team will not be tolerated and may result in the offending fans removal from the park.

