



EVENT DATES & LOCATIONS

April 18-19, 2026
Southern Massachusetts & Rhode Island

FORMAT

- **9u** - Two (2) games on Saturday, April 18. All four (4) teams placed in a single elimination bracket on Sunday, April 19
- **10u** - Two (2) games on Saturday, April 18. The top eight (8) will be placed in a single elimination bracket on Sunday, April 19. The remaining four (4) teams will be receiving a consolation game on Sunday, April 19
- **11u** - Two (2) games on Saturday, April 18. All eight (8) will be placed in a single elimination bracket on Sunday, April 19.
- **12u** - Two (2) games on Saturday, April 18. All eight (8) will be placed in a single elimination bracket on Sunday, April 19.
- **14u** - Two (2) games on Saturday, April 18. The top eight (8) will be placed in a single elimination bracket on Sunday, April 19. The remaining three (3) teams will be receiving a consolation game on Sunday, April 19

SCHEDULE

Available on the TourneyMachine mobile app and <https://www.neaabaseball.org/spring-classic>

SCORE REPORTING

While there will be several members of the tournament staff visiting all fields throughout the weekend, we still require all teams to text their completed game scores to ensure scores are uploaded as quickly as possible.

- Text Scores to Steve @ 774-226-5035

GAME RULES

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

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

- 9-12u: 1 Hour and 45-minute time limit in all games except for the tournament championship game
- 13-14u: 2-hour time limit in all games except for the tournament championship game

IMPORTANT NOTES on TIME LIMITS

- Be sure you confirm the start time with both umpires and the opposing coaching staff at the home plate meeting. All coaches should confirm with the umpires the exact start time of each game. There should be no protests or confusion in regard to the start time of any game played with a time limit.
- 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 (9-12u)

- 8 runs after 4 innings. 3½ if home team is ahead
- 12 runs after 3 innings in all age groups (2 ½ if the home team is ahead)

MERCY RULES (13-14u)

- 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 free defense substitution for those 10 players
- If team bats 11, then free substitution for the 11 and so on for the entire line up
- Whatever number you decide to bat you MUST finish the game with the same number. If a player Get hurts or ejected then a out will be used

SLIDE RULE

Must slide or avoid contact at all bases

BAT RULES

- 9-13u: No restrictions
- 14u: BBCOR drop 3

COURTESY RUNNER

- Last batted out
- Only for pitcher and catcher
- Only with two outs

INTENTIONAL WALK

- NFHS rule will apply

PITCHING RULES

- There are no pitching restrictions
- We expect and trust all coaches will put their players' safety first
- We do not follow the MLB's pace of play rules. This includes disengagement rules, and the three batter minimum.
- Balks are dead ball

BASEBALLS

- Teams responsible for helping shag foul balls
- NEAAU provides only 3 new ball games per game. Teams must supply baseballs if needed after if no one shags foul balls.

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

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

EJECTIONS - If a player or coach is ejected from a game, they are required to leave the complex and must sit out the next scheduled game. An ejected CANNOT be in the dugout during the game they are not allowed to participate. An ejected coach CANNOT be in or around the dugout during the game they are not allowed to participate. The tournament staff will not allow an ejected coach to influence/coach their team while at the field/complex during a game they are not allowed to participate.

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/complexes.

PROTESTS

No protest will be considered unless the following 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.

1. 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.
2. Once a decision has been made, the game can resume.

Protest Contacts

- 774-226-5035
- 401-757-1857

RAIN

Should we experience inclement weather, the NEAAU reserved the right to make adjustments to scheduled 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 potential 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 until after consultation with NEAAU Baseball.

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.*