
HOUSE LEAGUE RULES

End of Season Championship Tournament





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INTRODUCTION

The intent of the final end of season Championship Tournament is to wrap up the season with some competitive ball, have fun, and leave the players and families with great thoughts of a great season in hopes of having everyone return the following season.

The Baseball and Softball Programs shall experience a tournament like atmosphere wherever possible. Formats may vary in each division from a couple of games to a round robin, or to a pool/ bracket scenario, based on several criteria such as the age of the division, availability of diamonds, number of teams in each division, and of course weather conditions and grounds playability.

Please Note: *The organization (board of directors) will adjust for reduced games formats as necessary if required.*

Playoff Season/ Tournament:

T-Ball Championship Tournament – 2nd to last weekend in July
- *Other divisions may still play playoff games around this tournament.*

Pitched Ball Championship Tournament – Last weekend in July

In each case, TC plans to hold a manager meeting for each division prior to the tournament to discuss any concerns with how the season went with respect to the rules in play. Adjustments may be made at that time for each particular division to better the experience ahead of the tournament.

1) Little to No Change in rules of play

- Same rules as regular season wherever possible. Please do not change rules, or the intent of a rule for the purpose of winning. Sportsmanship and fair play should be maintained throughout the season, and championship.
- Scores will be recorded, and standings kept.
- Playoff format will be determined by division before scheduling the Day of champs.
- Time Limits – In each case the batter finishes their at bat before the hard stop is enforced.
 - T-Ball - Every game will have a time cap (hard stop) of 1hour 15mins or 3 completed innings (*whichever is first*).
 - Baseball/ Softball - Every game will have a time cap (hard stop) of 1 hour 50 mins.



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- e) Scoring
- Score Sheets will be provided by TC, and found in the clubhouse. Those scoresheets must be returned to the clubhouse to be recorded following the games.
 - Wins = 2 pts.
 - Ties = 1 pt.
 - Final Score
 - If the visiting team is at bat; the game is ended and reverts back to the last completed inning for the final score.
 - If the home team is at bat, and the score is tied or leading; the game is ended and the score is recorded at that moment.
 - If the home team is at bat, and trailing; the game is ended and reverts back to the last completed inning for final score.
 - Tie Breakers – Only apply at the completion of Round robin.
 - Head to head record
 - Run differential (all games)
 - Runs allowed (Head to Head)
 - Runs Scored (all games)
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 - Coin toss
- f) Base Running – every division has a rule where no runner can score unless they are hit or forced in. The intent of this rule is to allow the defense to be aggressive on steals etc. without the penalty of allowing more runs to score.
- To this intent, while in the midst of a play, if the ball has been brought back to the infield under control, runners should not be taking the extra base at that point. *(ie, a runner coming to third base, when a ball is coming under control at 2nd base, that runner should be held for the next play.)*
 - If your division allows for runners to go as far as 3rd base on an over throw, at their own risk, then coaches are permitted to be aggressive in this case, but runners will not score on overthrows in any case. *(ie, a runner on third base, when a ball is overthrown at 2nd base, that runner should be held for the next play.)*

Division Director's Note

The intention of the playoff will be to compete on a higher level than the regular season while maintaining the integrity of the game. The intention will be to challenge the players to step up their games in a round robin format. The hope will be to have the players shine and not the coaches.

Weather Stoppages:

In the event there are weather related delays that cause the grounds to become unplayable, TC reserves the right to reformat the structure of any, and all divisions to provide the best experience possible. In every tournament, there are considerations such as this, and the cooperation and understanding of the membership is appreciated. The intent will always be to provide the kids with the best experience possible. The results may not always provide a perfect, or balanced solution, and that is where membership is provided the opportunity to teach lessons of sportsmanship regardless of winning or losing.

Player Evaluations:

The player evaluations are requested to be completed at the end of the season to help with next year's draft. All managers are requested to complete their evaluations prior to the start of this final tournament.