**New Haven Rec Ball 10U Tournament Rules**

1. Games are six innings in length. In case of rain, games are official after four innings of play (or 3 ½ if home team is winning). There is a 10-run rule in effect any time after four innings of play (or 3 ½ if home team is winning). No new inning may start after 1:45 after game start. Tournament games have no time limit.
2. Teams will consist of 10 players (4 outfielders). A team may play with 9 players but will take an out in the batting order.
3. Official rosters must be turned in prior to your first game.
4. Players cannot turn 11 years old before May 1st of current year. **Coaches-you are advised to have copies of birth certificates available in case of question.** Any player not having proof available if a question arises may be subject to suspension of the remainder of the tournament.
5. Pitcher’s rubber will be 46 feet and bases set at 60 feet.
6. No infield on diamond prior to game. Ground balls may be taken in foul territory or fly balls in outfield. Pitcher warm-ups from the mound prior to game is okay.
7. 5 warm-up pitches in between innings.
8. If a batter throws their bat, a team warning will be issued on first offense. Any offenses thereafter result in an automatic, dead-ball outs.
9. If an overthrown ball goes into foul territory, or there is a passed ball, runners may advance at their own risk. If the ball goes out of play that is thrown from the infield, the runners will advance one base. On a throw made from the outfield that leaves the field of play, the runners will advance two bases.
10. Stealing is allowed once the ball crosses the plate (including home). One team warning for leaving early, then an out.
11. Pitchers cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher if they are taken out of the game.
12. 1 pitch thrown counts as a full 1 inning pitched.
13. During pool play, each team will get 1 home and 1 away game. During tournament play, the higher seed will be awarded home team.
14. Infield fly rule is in effect.
15. Coaches – Please keep games moving by having players hustle on/off field, warming up pitcher between innings, etc.
16. Any 2 5/8” bats or smaller allowed. No wooden bats allowed or anything over 2 5/8”.
17. Pitching will be 3 innings max per game, 6 innings max per day, and 12 innings max for the weekend. Innings pitched counts should be compared with opposing coach after each game and turned into tournament official who should be on site. We will keep track of everyone’s innings pitched counts.
18. Batting line-up will consist of all rostered players.
19. There will be no dropped 3rd strike rule.
20. The Avoid Contact Rule applies. Runners do not have to slide, but they must avoid contact. Any aggressive contact may result in a player being called out and possibly being ejected. This rule is at the umpire’s discretion. If there is going to be a play made, the coach should instruct their players to slide.
21. If eligible, players from the same town/district may play up or down respectively on rosters in different age divisions.
22. Tournament seeding will be determined by overall record. In case of ties, we will determine the higher seed by: (1) head-to-head (2) runs allowed (3) runs scored (4) coin flip
23. No protests of calls are allowed. All umpires’ decisions are final.
24. Please respect the umpires and tournament volunteers. Any disrespect towards them will not be tolerated.