**New Haven Rec Ball 14U Tournament Rules**

1. Games are 7 innings in length. In case of rain, games are official after 5 innings of play (or 4 ½ if home team is winning). There is a 10-run rule in effect any time after 5 innings of play (or 4 ½ if home team is winning). No new inning may start after 2:00 after game start. Tournament games have no time limit.
2. Teams will consist of 9 players (3 outfielders). A team may play with 8 players but will take an out in the batting order.
3. Official rosters must be turned in prior to your first game with a maximum of 13 players and 3 coaches.
4. Players cannot turn 15 years old before May 1st of current year with a one player exemption of March 1st. **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 54 feet and bases set at 80 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. Pitchers cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher if they are taken out of the game.
11. 1 pitch thrown counts as a full 1 inning pitched.
12. During pool play, each team will get 1 home and 1 away game. During tournament play, the higher seed will be awarded home team.
13. Infield fly rule is in effect.
14. Coaches – Please keep games moving by having players hustle on/off field, warming up pitcher between innings, etc.
15. Drop 8 or heavier bats. No wooden bats.
16. Pitching will be max 9 innings for the weekend. – Coaches must keep track of innings pitched and must compare numbers with opposing coach. There will be a tournament official present at each game to turn your counts in to and we will keep track of all team’s innings pitched counts.
17. Dropped 3rd strike rule will be in effect.
18. No slash bunting allowed.
19. Head-first slides are allowed.
20. Re-entry: A player in the starting lineup, who has been removed for a substitute, may re-enter the game once in their original batting order position.
21. Players are allowed to wear metal cleats.
22. 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.
23. If eligible, players from the same town/district may play up or down respectively on rosters in different age divisions.
24. 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
25. No protests of calls are allowed. All umpires decisions are final.
26. Please respect the umpires and tournament volunteers. Any disrespect towards them will not be tolerated.