

2011 Newton City Series Tournament Rules

Majors Division Rules

For the Majors Division, the tournament will be played in accordance with the regular season Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball. Additional clarifying points are as follows:

- Regular season rules apply for mandatory play and substitutions/re-entry.
- The 10-run rule will be in effect.
- Each team will bat nine players. There will be no designated hitters. No on-deck batters are allowed.
- No "pool players" are allowed on a team. Only members of a team's regular season roster are permitted to play with that team in the City Series.
- A player's eligibility to pitch in a City Series game will be based on application of the official pitch count rules to that pitcher's last outing prior to the tournament. Individual leagues will be responsible for administering this rule. The eligibility of a pitcher in their first City Series game will not be reviewed by the tournament organizers, nor will it be a basis for protest.
- Each team must assign an official team pitch counter before the start of the game. An official tournament pitch counter will also be at each game. The pitch counters for each team will confer with each other and with the official tournament pitch counter after each half inning and confirm whether they are in agreement as to the number of pitches. In the event of disagreement, the pitch count recorded by the official tournament pitch counter will govern.
- No more than 3 coaches per team are permitted in the dugout or bench area. There is no rotation of dugout coaches during the game. The score book must be kept in the dugout. The pitch counter can be outside the gate. Coaches cannot warm up the pitcher between innings; it must be a player wearing a helmet.
- The home/away team designation will be decided by a coin flip. If a team wins on Friday night, that team has the choice of being the home team as long as it plays in the tournament.

AAA Division Rules

The AAA minor league games will be subject to the same rules as the major league games, with the following modifications/clarifications:

- Each team bats through the entire line-up, even those players not starting in the field, in the same batting order throughout the game. Intentional walks are not allowed.
- Each player must play a minimum of 9 defensive outs in the field. These outs are not required to be consecutive. Free substitution is allowed.
- Players may not steal home or score on a wild pitch or passed ball. Runners may score only on a play started with a hit ball or on a walk with the bases loaded.
- As in the Majors Division, there will be no per inning run caps, and the 10-run rule will be in effect.

In case of rain, the NLL hotline is 617-431-7964. Information will also be posted on the NLL website at <http://www.eteamz.com/NewtonNorthLL/>

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