

15th Annual Lou Casagrande Baseball Tournament

July 26, 2016 – July 31, 2016

U15 Division

General Rules:

Tournament starts Tuesday, July 26, 2016, weather permitting. All games will be scheduled at the Whitney Park or Chapin Street in Ludlow MA. (See attached for directions).

Entrance fee is \$300 per team. Deadline for entrance fee is July 22, 2016 or bracket is filled.

Umpires will be provided by tournament.

Age 12-14, players cannot be 15 before May 1, 2016.

Birth certificates shall be available immediately upon request. Penalty for violation of age requirement by any roster player will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee and minimally will result in game forfeiture or ejection of the offending team without refund.

Rosters are due on or before the first scheduled game (see attached for roster).

Bracket tournament format will guarantee a 3 game minimum for each team.

Games will be six (6) innings. Suspended games will resume at the point of suspension. If after (6) innings the game is tied (time permitting), the next inning(s) will be played using the California rules.

There will be a 2Hr/15Min time limit for each game, which begins at the first pitch, and no inning may start after the 2Hr/15Min time limit.

A team is awarded 2 points for a win and 1 point for tie.

In the cases of inclement weather (4) innings will constitute a full game (3 ½ if the home team is in the lead). Games called due to inclement conditions will be suspended provided they have not reached the 4 completed innings (3 ½ if the home team is in the lead) and resumed from the point of suspension. Rain game make-up dates will be determined as schedule permits. Tournament Committee respectfully reserves the right to extend these dates due to inclement weather.

A 10 run mercy rule will be in effect after four (4) innings, (3 ½) innings if the home team is in the lead.

Games will be 90 ft. baselines.

(1) Game ball and (1) usable ball will be provided by each team.

Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players and parents/fans. Teams are limited to 4 (four) managers/coaches/scorekeepers in the bench area.

We will attempt to accommodate any team playing in other tournaments or leagues. All protests must be filed immediately and will be decided by the committee representative on the field. The Tournament Committee will be the final arbitrator for any rule conflict.

The Tie breaker protocol for the tournament will be as follows:

1. Head to Head.
2. The least amount of runs given up in the 3 bracket games played.
3. A 5 run differential total for the 3 bracket games (maximum of 15 runs for the 3 games).
4. Coin flip

Each game will be played in accordance the 2016 Official Baseball Rules published by the National Baseball Congress, Inc. with the following exceptions:

Batting/Fielding:

(9) Player lineup, with 10th as an Extra Hitter. You can use a D.H.

Any starter may leave the game via substitution and re-enter the game once. He must re-enter in the same spot in the batting order that he previously occupied. A player entering the game for the first time must play a minimum of six (6) defensive outs before being substituted. Failure to comply with this rule could lead to game forfeiture. This rule does not apply to pitchers entering the game. Should an injury occur and no applicable substitute is available. The last player to be removed shall be substituted.

Bat differential of minus 5 (I.E. 31" by 26oz. = -5) or lower than -5 shall be used for tournament play. Double walled or nitrogen filled bats are illegal and could result in player ejection.

Sliding rule is in effect Base runners must slide at all bases except first if a play is being made at that base. Base runners must slide into home plate if a play is being made, catchers may not block home plate. All players must attempt to slide or avoid contact at all times. If a player fails to do so, he will be automatically called out. It will be the umpires decision and discretion whether there is cause for ejection (Intent to injure).

Leading is allowed and all advances via wild pitch, passed ball, called third strike, overthrows back to pitcher, etc., are allowed. The infield fly rule will be in effect.

Metal cleats are allowed.

No hidden ball tricks.

Pitchers:

Pitchers may not pitch more than (4) innings pitched per game, (5) if the game extends into extra innings.

Pitchers may pitch (9) innings per day, (16) innings total for the tournament. There is only one balk warning per game.

One (1) pitch constitutes an inning.

Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, to the bench, he/she may not re-enter the game as a pitcher. If a pitcher is removed from the game between innings he may re-enter as a pitcher providing he is eligible.