



## WMBA 2017 TOURNAMENT RULES

All teams are guaranteed 3 games (weather permitting). WMBA will make every attempt to ensure that all games are completed in a timely and fair manner for all.

Tournament headquarters will be located by Diamond 4 near the chalk hut at Memorial Park in Waterdown.

All teams must provide a contact mobile telephone number before your first game.

The official rules of the Ontario Baseball Association will apply with the following notes;

1. OBA lineup cards and score sheets **MUST** be used. The HOME team will be responsible for the official score and provide the official scorekeeper. Lineups should be exchanged at least 10 minutes before game time. Any discrepancies between official score **MUST** be brought to the attention of ANY member of WMBA at such time of the incident(s).
2. In the event of inclement weather and/or other unforeseen delays, the tournament schedule may be revised at the Tournament Convenor's discretion. All teams will be notified via their mobile contact information provided at the time of registration.
3. All Seeding games and Playoff games will be 1 hour and 45 minutes in length from the time of the first pitch. No new inning to begin after this point. The home plate umpire will notify both teams and the official scorekeeper of the time of the first pitch. Semi-final games will be 2 hours in length. Finals will be 7 innings in length with **NO** time limit.
4. Tie games will be allowed to stand in pool play. There will be **NO** extra innings in pool play.
5. The HOME team in each seeding game will be determined by a coin toss with the team traveling from the furthest distance making the call in the air.
6. There will be **NO** pre-game warm-ups on ANY infield before ANY game.
7. OBA mercy rules apply.
8. The decision of the umpire(s) will be final. Protests will be resolved on the field by the protest committee.
9. Two (2) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) for a tie and zero (0) for a loss.
10. The final score for any forfeited game will be recorded as 7-0 with 5 innings played, for tie-breaking purposes.
11. Tie Breaker rules will follow the OBA tie-breakers as follows:
  - P7.3 t) In tournaments where tie breaking rules are required, the following tie breaking rules will be used for each placement independently:
    - i. head to head record among tied teams;
    - ii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
    - iii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games;
    - iv. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
    - v. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games;

vi. coin toss

P7.3 u) When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will commence at 7.3(t)(ii). After the winner of that tie breaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, at 7.3(t)(ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at 7.3(t)(i).

12. Team Registration Process; Please sign in with a tournament representative before your first game.
13. Tournament awards are maximum 15 per team.
14. Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct of ANYONE involved with their team throughout the tournament.
15. WMBA accepts no responsibility for any injuries, damages, or losses to anyone during the tournament.
16. Teams are required to retrieve foul balls hit during their games. No time outs will be added for any delays due to lack of baseballs.
17. Teams are required to conduct post-game meetings off the field. Please gather all equipment and personal items as quickly as possible to keep games on schedule. All garbage and water bottles must be collected inside the dugouts by teams BEFORE leaving the area.
18. Coaches will sign the official game sheet immediately following the conclusion of their game

#### **ROOKIE TOURNAMENT**

7 Team Tournament- Each team is guaranteed 3 games.

Each team plays 2 seeding games to go into the Playoff Round. Teams will be ranked by record and then OBA tie breaker rules.

Team ranked 1<sup>st</sup> place after the 2 seeding games get a bye to the Semi-Finals.

Semi-Final winners advance to Finals.