

# “Bath “Best of the Northwest”

## Baseball Tournament Rules

1. 15-player roster to be submitted before the first game. Age as of March 1, 2021.
2. \*\*\*2 HOUR TIME LIMIT ON POOL GAMES ONLY (No new inning can start after 2 hours)\*\*\*  
\*\*\*(POOL GAMES CAN END IN A TIE)\*\*\*
3. The home team will be determined by a coin flip. The home scorekeeper will be considered the official book. Substitutions must be reported to the opposing team scorekeeper before the substitution is made.
4. Starters may re-enter the game one time but they must re-enter in the same position in the batting order.
5. If you use a pinch runner that counts as a roster move \*No free pinch running\*
6. If you pinch hit for the pitcher \*He can't return as the pitcher in the game\*
7. The Senior Division (11-12) will play with 9 players in the field and an Extra Hitter. The Junior Division (9-10) will play with 10 players in the field and an Extra Hitter. The Extra Hitter is mandatory. However, if a team has only enough players to field a team without an EH, the opposing team has the option of not using an EH. (If a team has less than (9) players \*SENIOR DIVISION\* or (10) \*JUNIOR DIVISION\* an out will be taken when that spot comes up in the batting order).
8. The Junior & Senior Division will play 6 innings. The run rule will be 15 after 3 innings & 10 after 4 innings.
9. \*\*\*With the new bat regulations – we will address the bat rules when schedules come out\*\*\*
10. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule will be used for the SENIOR DIVISION (not used for the junior division)
11. INFIELD FLY RULE will be used for the SENIOR DIVISION (not used for the junior division)
12. No metal cleats or spikes are allowed.
13. Games called because of weather or darkness will be resumed at the point of delay.
14. No protests allowed. All umpires' decisions are final.
15. If any coach or player is ejected, he will be suspended for the next game as well.
16. No team may quit a game before the end of the game unless the run rule goes into effect.
17. A player is only allowed to be on (1) roster & can't play on multiple teams or age divisions.
18. There is \*NO\* alcohol allowed on Bath Schools Property.

### Base Running:

- 1) (JUNIOR DIVISION ONLY) – 46' PITCHING DISTANCE WITH 65' BASE LENGTHS.
- 2) (Junior Division Only) No lead-offs. Runners must remain in contact with the bag until the ball reaches home plate.
- 3) (Junior Division Only) Runners can steal any base after the ball has reached home plate. Each team will receive one warning for leaving early. The next offense results in the runner being called out. It is a dead ball, the pitch will not count, and all runners must return to the base they previously occupied.
- 4) (SENIOR DIVISION ONLY) – THERE WILL BE LEAD-OFFS - 50' PITCHING DISTANCE WITH 70' BASE LENGTHS.
- 5) The **Avoid Contract 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 his players to slide.

### Pitching:

1. A pitcher may pitch 3 innings per game in the Junior Division & Senior Division. 1 pitch constitutes an inning pitched. There is no inning limit for the tournament. A pitcher MAY NOT re-enter the pitching position.
2. A pitcher must be removed if a coach makes 2 visits to the mound in one inning.
3. Balks will not be called. (Pitchers will be expected to correct problem and no pickoff outs will be recorded off a balk)

**\*\*In the event of inclement weather, every attempt will be made to complete the tournament. Refund Policy: If inclement weather forces the cancellation of the tournament prior to its start, \$100.00 of the entry fee will be forfeited. If one (1) game is played/started 50% is forfeited. If two (2) games are played/started, no refund is due (two (2) games played, or a combination of a forfeit and a game)\*\***

\* Please respect our umpires! They are volunteers. Any disrespect toward them will not be tolerated\*

\*\* Any questions regarding rules should be directed to Justin Rex & Bobby Jenkins, Tournament Directors\*\*