



2019 NEBC Tournament Rules 13U – 18U Tournaments

Playing Rules

1. **Time Limit:** Pool Play Games are limited to the following:
 - 2 Hour time limit unless the specific event has modified time limits
 - No new inning is to begin after the time limit has expired. Umpires will confirm the start of the game at the time of completion of ground rules meeting.
 - Teams will play 1 extra inning if the game is tied and has not reached the time limit.
 - Championship games will not have a time limit.
 - Teams should be ready to play 30 minutes prior to their scheduled start time.
 - Pool Play games **can** end in a tie.
2. **Innings:** 13U – 18U will play 7 inning games.
3. Home team is determined by **coin toss**.
4. **Bat Restrictions:**
 - A. **Metal Bat Tournaments:** Metal Bats must be (-3) BBCOR certified. **NEBC 13u Tournaments:** BBCOR or USA Stamped bats – weight to length ratio no more than -.5. No composite bats allowed.
 - B. **Wood Bat Tournaments:** Wood bats only – no composite bats or bamboo bats allowed
5. **Mercy Rules:** 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.
6. **Mound Trips and 1st and 3rd Situations:** MLB rules apply to most situations (no 3rd to 1st moves, # of trips to the mound, etc.)
7. **Balks:** The balk rule is enforced with no warnings at all levels of play at NEBC.
8. **Pitching Restrictions:** There are no pitching restrictions at NEBC. It is the coach's/team's responsibility to ensure a pitcher's health with regards to pitch counts, number of innings pitched, or pitching on consecutive days.
9. **EH/DH:** Teams may bat a maximum of 11 batters in their line-up. Therefore, teams may use 2 EH's and a DH if they prefer.

10. **Re-Entry Rule:** A starter who is replaced may re-enter the game only once and must re-enter in the same spot in the line-up. A substitute who is replaced cannot re-enter.
11. **Courtesy Runners:** Teams may run for their **pitcher** and **catcher**. If utilizing the courtesy runner please have a runner ready immediately. Courtesy runners can only be a player who has not entered the game.
12. **Scoring:** Home team is responsible for the “official book”. Teams are urged to check every inning with their opponent to confirm the score.
13. **Official Game:** Games called due to the weather by the umpires or the tournament director that cannot be resumed will be considered complete after 5 innings or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
14. **Forfeits:** Any forfeit may result in the team being eliminated from the tournament. Any team not on the field and prepared to start the game at game time will give cause for immediate forfeit. Forfeits will be ruled 7-0 win for the opposing team. Any team that forfeits a game will be fined \$300.
15. **Protests** will be handled on the field with the Tournament Director. There will be a \$250 cash payment at the time of the protest. If the protest ruling is ruled in the protesting team’s favor, the \$250 fee will be refunded.
16. **Suspension:** Any player ejected from a game is suspended for his/her team’s next game. Any coach or player who is ejected for the second time during the tournament will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. The tournament director reserves the right to eject any person (player, coach, fan) from the site for unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior.
17. **Dugout Rule:** All players must be completely inside the dugout. Only one player may be in the on-deck area. Please do not sit on buckets outside the dugout openings.

System for Determining Playoff Seeding

- Win/Loss record
- Head to Head
- Runs Allowed (total through pool play)
- Run Differential
- Coin Flip

Pool Play Tie Breakers

- Head to Head
- Fewest Runs Allowed among the tied teams (3-way ties)
- Fewest Runs Allowed in entire Pool Play
- Run Differential
- Coin Flip