

Ajax Baseball

2016 Mega-Tournament Rules

Tournaments headquarters will be adjacent to Sportsplex #5 [SP5].

TOURNAMENT RULES

The rules of Major League Baseball and the Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) will apply (especially note OBA OPEN TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES Section P7.3) with the following notes:

- 1 At first site registration you will get:
 - Your team's supply of lineup cards
 - MVP awards for the tournament
 - Your team's player welcome kits [16 per team]
- 2 A mobile phone contact person from each team will be required at registration
- 3 The home team in each game will be determined by a coin toss with the team traveling the furthest making the call. This includes semifinals & finals.
Home team will be the official scorer & pitch count recorder, except where one or both of these are provided by the tournament staff.
- 4 Coin tosses will occur approximately 20 minutes before the scheduled start time
Game sheet will arrive with the coin toss
- 5 There will be no pre-game warm ups on the infields or on the infield sidelines.
Where bullpens are available, staff will have one lane open & one closed [these will be alternated to keep them in good shape all weekend, please follow grounds crew instructions on this]
- 6 Games will be 7 innings in length.
Curfew / No new inning (NNI) will start after 1 hour 45 minutes have elapsed from the time of the first pitch. The umpire should notify both teams and the scorekeeper of the time of the first pitch. Umpire's time is final.
The semi-finals and finals only will be 7 innings NO time limit.
Convenor can change these time/inning rules at their discretion.
- 7 In case of rain and/or other delays the tournament schedule may be revised at the Convenor's discretion.
- 8 Tie games will be allowed to stand in all games except semi-finals or finals. In all games except semi-finals or finals, there will be NO extra innings started after the NNI time limit noted (or other time limit if changed since published)
- 9 OBA mercy rules apply. A complete game is at the discretion of the convenor.
- 10 The score of a forfeited game will be recorded as 7-0, and 5 innings for tie breaking purposes.

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- 11 The decision of the umpire(s) is final. Protests will be resolved at the field by the protest committee. [Note: game time for curfew will stop until protest is resolved] Protest fee of \$100 cash is required to be given to the plate umpire or convenor at the time of registering a protest. If the protest is successful, the protesting team will have their full protest fee returned. If the protest is not successful for any reason, the protest fee will be forfeit.
- 12 Pitch counts of the Official Pitch Counter will be the **ONLY** numbers used by the umpire during a game regardless of what numbers (pitch counts) any coach or spectator may have – no appeal or protest of the numbers recorded will be permitted. It is recommended that coaches check the pitch count of a pitcher recorded by the official pitch counter at the conclusion of each inning.
- 13 Coaches shall sign the official game sheet immediately following the conclusion of the game acknowledging the Pitch Counts of the pitchers used during the game. In the event of a discrepancy in numbers, the pitch counts of the official pitch counter shall stand. In the event a coach fails to sign the game sheet, the pitch counts recorded will be considered official and no appeal or protest of the numbers will be allowed at a later time. It is recommended that coaches initial the pitch count of a pitcher as recorded by the official pitch counter immediately upon a pitching change.
- 14 The head coach of the home team is responsible for ensuring the game paperwork is delivered to either the game convenor or the head convenor after the game is completed. Game paperwork includes game sheet with umpire numbers noted, 2 line up cards signed by the plate umpire and the official pitch count sheet.
- 15 Standings will be determined based on points
[win = 2 points, tie = 1 point, loss = 0 points].
In case of ties in standing, OBA open tournament tie breaking rules are used.
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Other items

Teams are asked to retrieve foul balls hit during the game. No time will be added for any delays due to a lack of baseballs.

Teams are asked to conduct post game meetings off the field. Please gather all equipment and personal items as quickly as possible to keep the games on schedule.

Tournament awards are set at 14 per team

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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

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).