



# Richmond Hill Phoenix Baseball Club

## **2018 Pee wee (U13) Local Tournament Rules and Regulations**

**The Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) sanctions the Richmond Hill Phoenix Baseball Club (RHPBC) 2018 Pee wee (U13) Tournament and therefore all rules as outlined in the OBA 2018 Constitution as they apply to the Pee wee (U13) level will be in force with the following clarifications or amendments;**

1. OBA Constitution and Official Rules shall apply, subject to exceptions as indicated in the following rules and regulations.
2. Payment of the entry fee will apply as an appearance bond and will not be refunded.
3. The home team will be decided by a coin toss prior to each game. The team traveling the furthest distance shall call the toss. For playoff games, the higher seed will have the option to select Home or Visitors.
4. Lineups should be exchanged fifteen (15) minutes prior to game time.
5. The first and second place teams will play each in the semi-finals of the Championship round and the third and fourth place teams will play each other in the Consolation round. The higher seeded team will have the option of home or away for the semi finals and finals.
6. The home team will be the official scorekeeper and pitch counter. The scorekeeper will record the pitch counts on the game sheet and have it signed by both coaches and hand it back to the convener at the end of the game. **Coaches should check the score sheet after each inning to ensure that the scores are correct and with the pitch counter to ensure pitch counts are correct. The official score sheet will be deemed to be correct and be used for all statistical purposes.**
7. OBA pitching rules, which are in place for the 2018 season, will be enforced. The Tournament Coordinator will tally the team's pitching record based on official game sheets and all coaches must keep track of their own team's pitching status. If there is **ANY** doubt in your mind about the status of the pitcher, check with the Tournament Coordinator prior to any of your games.
8. There will be no infield practice permitted before any scheduled game.
9. A full game will consist of 7 innings unless any one of the following occur;
  - a) **Time Limit:** No new inning starting to commence after 2 hours from the official start time, in all round robin games. The Semi Finals and the Championship will all be 7 innings with no time limit and extra innings will be played, if necessary, to decide a winner. The official scorekeeper will record the time of the first pitch and the umpire will notify both teams for Round Robin games.
  - b) **An Official Game:** A game shall be official if the home team is leading after 3 ½ innings or the visitors are leading after 4 complete innings. In the event that the game is suspended prior to 4 innings being complete, then the game shall resume from the point of suspension. The defensive team must resume their exact positions on the field. The count, if any, on the batter will be unchanged and the batting order must be the same upon resumption of the suspended game.
10. If a team is unable to field nine (9) players within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time that team shall be considered in default. The winning team will be awarded a 7-0 win.

11. The round robin points are awarded as follows:

Win = 2 points

Tie = 1 point

Loss = 0 points

A game during the round robin can end in a tie.

12. If the teams are tied after the Round Robin the following tie breaking format will be used:

- a) 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
- b) When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will commence at 12(a)(ii). After the winner of that tie breaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, at 12(a)(ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at 12(a)(i).

13. All umpire's decisions are final. There will be no protests of judgment calls by the umpire(s). **There will be zero tolerance policy with respect to umpire abuse by players, coaches and fans. An Umpire may issue a warning but has the authority to eject any person where in the opinion of the umpire the abuse is considered excessive. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their fans. Failure to comply with an ejection may result in the forfeiture of the game.**

14. The Tournament Convenor will resolve any protests. All Decisions of the Tournament Convenor are final.

15. **Any coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.**

16. Awards will only be given to the teams competing in the final. Tournament awards will be set at sixteen (16) per team.

17. Managers and coaches are responsible for conduct of their players and anyone involved with the team, both on and off the field.

18. Absolutely **NO ALCOHOLIC** beverages are permitted in the park. Richmond Hill by-laws also prohibit smoking in the park.

19. The Richmond Hill Phoenix Baseball Club and its officials accept no responsibility for the loss or damage to any equipment and/or injuries to any player, team official or any other persons in the park during the tournament.

On behalf of the RHPBC, we want to thank you for participating in our 2018 Peewee (U13) Tournament. We wish you all good luck and success for the weekend but more importantly that the kids have as much fun as possible.