



RICHMOND HILL PHOENIX TOURNAMENTS 2023

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TOURNAMENT RULES

The tournament Richmond Hill Phoenix 18U Rep A & below will follow OBA constitution and official rules. In addition, the following local rules will apply:

1. All teams must email their OBA # to the tournament convenor.
2. Coaches / Managers must have a copy of each player's proof of birthdate in case it is requested during the tournament. If a team have call-up players then the team must also have a copy of the OBA roster of the call-up players.
3. OBA Line-up cards, score sheets and pitch count sheets will be used for all games. Line-up cards should be exchanged at least 15 minutes before the game time. **The score sheets must be signed either by the head coach or by the manager of each team and must be returned to the convenor of the tournament at the Headquarter Tournament. We will be also using the OBA Pitch Count app and teams must enter their pitch counts live or within 15 minutes after the completion of the game.**
4. All scores will be posted only on the tournament website: <http://www.rhphoenixtournaments.com/>
5. Pitch counts will be also posted on the tournament website but must be entered on the OBA Pitch Count as well by each team.
6. The home team will be determined by a coin toss, 10 minutes prior to the game; the team who traveled the furthest will make the call. The home team will be official scorekeeper.
7. In case of inclement weather, the tournament schedule will be revised at the Tournament Convenor's discretion. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend, alter or adjust, the rules pertaining to scheduling and/or the structure of the tournament to facilitate the completion of the tournament.
8. Baseball coaches must wear their proper team uniform (jersey, pants and cap) while participating in a game. Jerseys should be individually numbered. Absolutely no shorts will be allowed.
9. Two umpires will be used in all games. Abuse of umpires will not be tolerated. Major abuses will be reported to the Associations concerned.
- 10. Tournament Format:**
 - a. The 8 teams registered will be grouped in 2 divisions (A and B) of 4 teams each division for Round-Robin games.
 - b. After Round-Robin the top 2 teams of each division will advance to Semi Finals. OBA tie break rules will be used. Games will be:
 - i. [SF #1] Div A-1st –vs- Div B-2nd
 - ii. [SF #2] Div B-1st –vs- Div A-2nd
 - c. The winners of Semi Finals will play the Championship Game.



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11. Round-Robin games will be 7 innings in length (6.5 innings if the home team is winning). No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the time of the first pitch, except in instances where the mercy rule is applicable. Tied games are allowed in Round-Robin.
12. Semi Finals (SFs) will be 7 innings in length (6.5 innings if the home team is winning). No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the time of the first pitch, except in instances where the mercy rule is applicable. Tied games are NOT allowed in SFs; extra innings will be played if necessary to determine a winner.
13. Championship Game is not subject to the time curfew limit and will be full game (7 innings) to determine a winner except in instances where the mercy rule is applicable. Extra innings will be played if necessary to determine a winner.
14. Score:
 - 2 points for a win.
 - 1 point for a tie.
 - 0 points for a loss.
15. In case of a forfeited game, the score will be recorded as 5-0 in 5 innings.
16. **Mercy rules are in effect.** An 18-run mercy rule will apply after 3 innings, 15-run after 4 innings, and a 10-run after 5 innings or any subsequent inning thereafter. If the home team leads after the top half of any such inning, the game shall be considered a mercy and the home team will not bat.
17. If the home team is winning and is at bat when the time limit is reached, then the game will be stopped. The score at the time of the stoppage will be recorded as the official score.
18. **A game will be considered official after 4 innings of play or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead [P7.3 (m)].** If a game is stopped before being considered an official game it would be suspended and when play continues, it will be from the point at which the game was suspended. 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. But if a game is stopped after being considered an official game then it is over.
19. **Pre-game, warm-ups are not allowed on the infield. Teams can use the outfield for warming-up if time permits.**
20. Awards:
 - a. Tournament awards are limited to 18 per team.
 - b. Tournament awards for the 1st place and 2nd place.
21. Entry fees are considered bond by the Tournament Committee. Fees will not be refunded in the event of default or withdrawal unless the team can be replaced in the tournament. Refunds will not be considered beyond the tournament registration deadline dates that appear on the OBA Tournament Listings.



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22. Coaches and managers are responsible for the conduct of anyone associated with their team throughout the entire tournament.
- 23. Participants of the tournament including spectators shall refrain from using alcohol or any tobacco and vapour products including smoking and vaping of cannabis during the tournament.**
24. A player, coach or spectator ejected for any reason is considered to be ejected from the next game and/or of the tournament; it will depend on the circumstances. If a player is ejected due to the contact rule, the Tournament Convenor will determine if the player will be allowed to continue after one game suspension.
25. Spectator seating must be arranged along first base / right field line or third base / left field line or on bleachers provided in the park. **Spectators are NOT ALLOWED to seat behind fence of home plate.**
26. Richmond Hill Phoenix Baseball Club accepts no responsibility for any injuries, damages or losses to anyone during the tournament.
27. The decision of the umpire(s) is final. Protests will be resolved on the field by the Protest Committee. To file a protest, a fee of \$100 cash must be paid to the Protest Committee prior to being heard. Time will stop when the protest is made and will begin again once it is resolved. No protests will be heard after the completion of the game.
- 28. Pitching rules:**
- a. OBA Pitching rules **RP2.10** will be strictly enforced, please refer to the OBA On Deck app to review the rules.
 - b. OBA Arm Care rules **RP2.11** will be strictly enforced, please refer to the OBA On Deck app to review the rules.
 - c. Pitch counts of the "Official Pitch Count recorder" will be the only numbers used by the umpires 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 will be confirmed with the OBA Pitch Count app.
 - d. Coaches or Managers shall sign the official game sheet immediately following the conclusion of the game acknowledging the pitch counts of the pitchers used during that game. In the event of a discrepancy in numbers, the pitch counts of the "Official Pitch Count recorder" shall stand. In the event a Coach or Manager 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.
29. **In case of ties in standings**, OBA Tie Break rules **RP7.4** will be used.
- a. Where tie breaking rules are required, the following tie breaking rules will be used for each placement independently:
 - i. Teams with a forfeit loss are ineligible for tiebreakers.



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- ii. Head-to-head record among tied teams.
 - iii. Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams.
 - iv. Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games.
 - v. Team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams.
 - vi. Team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games.
 - vii. Coin toss.
- b. When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will exclude RP7.4(a)(ii). After the winner of that tie breaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, excluding RP7.4(a)(ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at RP7.4(a)(i).