



2017 PALARONG PAMBANSA

BASEBALL (ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY)

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND GROUND RULES

The **OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES** shall be followed in all the games. In addition, the following Tournament Guidelines and Rules will be adopted;

- I. **Elementary Baseball** shall adopt the **Little League Baseball Rules for Intermediate Division** (players ages 13 years and under, known as **50-70 Division**). It shall be played in **SEVEN (7) innings**, elimination, quarter finals, semifinal and *championship game* (G ____). Any team **shall have the option to concede in any of their games.**
- II. **Secondary baseball** on the other hand shall adopt the **CONVENTIONAL BASEBALL RULES** (REGULAR Baseball Rules). It shall be played in **FIVE (5) innings** during the elimination, quarter finals, semi final and Seven innings in the championship game (G ____) only. Any team shall have the option to concede.
- III. **For Elementary Division: THE PITCHING TASK/COUNTS and MANDATORY REST PERIOD FOR PITCHERS.**

Little League Baseball, 50-70 Division (Elementary Level):

League ages 13 – 16, the **maximum number of pitches is 95 per day.**

If a player pitches for ____ in a day	No. of Calendar days of rest to be observed.
1-20 pitches	0
21- 35 pitches	1
36-50	2
51-65	3
66-85	4

**Note: For pitcher who have pitched for 41+ cannot catch
For catcher who have caught 4 innings cannot pitch**

For Secondary Division: Shall remain the same as reflected in the existing Tournament Guidelines.

- IV. **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE:** All Ties in the Elimination Round shall be settled as follows (in order).

No. OF TEAMS INVOLVED	PROCEDURE	
	ELEMENTARY (LITTLE LEAGUE))	SECONDARY (CONVENTIONAL)
2	WIN OVER THE OTHER	WIN OVER THE OTHER
3	NUMBER OF RUNS ALLOWED IN ALL GAMES PLAYED <u>Section III and IV</u>	NUMBER OF RUNS ALLOWED IN THE GAMES PLAYED BETWEEN TEAMS INVOLVED.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fewest runs allowed in the game played between teams tied - More runs scored in the game played between teams tied. - Difference of the number of runs for and number of runs against in all the games played by the teams tied. (# of runs for - # of runs against) -A "Coin Flip" 	

V. BASE RUNNING RULES:

Level/Division	Difference:	
Elementary	"Pinch runner" is allowed. Rule 7.14	Not as a Substitution. The "pinch runner" shall not be in the batting line-up (substitute/alternate)
Secondary	"Pinch runner" is allowed.	It is considered as a substitution. The "pinch runner" must play defense in the process.

VI. For Elementary Re-entry is allowed. Every player on the team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) consecutive defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time.

VII. MANDATORY PLAY ALL:

Level/Division	Difference:	
	REQUIREMENT	PENALTY
Elementary	1. ONE TIME AT BAT AND 6 CONSECUTIVE DEFENSIVE OUTS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1ST 2ND OFFENSE: WARNING ➤ AFTER THE 2ND WARNING: EJECTION OF THE HEAD COACH
Secondary	1. ONE TIME AT BAT, OR 2. 3 DEFENSIVE OUTS	➤ FORFEITURE OF GAME (except on abbreviated game)

Note: ALL TWELVE (12) PLAYERS, ENTERED AS OFFICIAL MEMEBRS OF THE TEAM MUST BE FIELDED EVERYTIME THE TEAM PLAY IN AN SCHEDULED GAME (refer to the table above for the requirements).

Note: In case *an injury occurred or a player is disqualified*, where, all available substitutes were exhausted; the coach of the other team will be given the right to select from the "players on the bench" (but not a previously disqualified/ejected/thrown out player). A violation of this guideline/rule shall be an outright forfeiture of the game in favor of the opposing team.

In case of *an ABBREVIATED GAME*, the players in the official list who did not play in the preceding game must be included in the starting line-up/first 9 players of the team in their next scheduled game (immediate succeeding game). But as much as possible all players must be able to play within the REGULATION NUMBER OF INNINGS (5 or 7 as the case may be).

VIII. For Secondary Baseball the **10-Run Rule** shall be applied in all the games, except in the championship game (bottom of 3rd or any time after the 3rd of a five (5) inning game) as the case may be.

IX. There shall be **fourteen (14) persons** on the bench of each baseball team for the duration of the game, to wit, **twelve (12) players, one (1) coach and one assistant coach**. **No trainer** shall be allowed to sit on the bench of each baseball team.

Note: Any violation of item # IX would mean the following;

- a. First offense – **warning**
- b. Second offense – **automatic removal of the pitcher from the mound** (for the defense only).
- c. If the team **persistently violates** this item, the game shall be forfeited in favor of the opposing team.

X. Only the **official coach and assistant coach** of the team can direct play during the progress of the game. They should be wearing the same uniform as the other members of the team (short pants and t-shirts are allowed provided the color and style is similar to the official uniform of the team). Teams with athletes having more than one (1) set of uniforms must have **identical back numbers**. The back number should be from 1-12 only.

- XI. The **LAW OF IMMEDIATE SUCCESSION** shall be observed. Only the **first game in the morning** and the **first game in the afternoon** shall be given fixed scheduled time. Games that follow shall start immediately after the end of each preceding game. **Inspection of each athlete's gallery** must be done before the start of any game.
- Note:* If weather condition (specially in the afternoon), when it usually rains and deemed necessary, at the discretion of the Tournament Manager, this rule may be changed as follows; **Only the first game in the morning shall be given fixed scheduled time.** All concerned coaches shall be properly/duly notified of such change.
- XII. A **GRACE PERIOD of fifteen (15) minutes**, base from the time the preceding game has ended shall be observed in declaring any game(s) as forfeited or default. Coaches are requested to submit their contact number(s) to the management to facilitate information dissemination. Likewise, **to synchronized their "TIME"** to ensure punctuality and promptness in the game venue.
- XIII. **In DOUBLE HEADERS, a MANDATORY ONE (1) GAME REST** shall be imposed. One (1) pitch will constitute a one (1) inning pitch.
- XIV. It is **MANDATORY** for all competing teams **to provide their respective teams with the necessary equipment** such as;
- Shin guards
 - Catcher's mask (preferably with helmet and throat protection)
 - Groin guard (for catchers, infielders and pitchers)
 - Catcher's body protector
- XV. In **Secondary Baseball** the rule on **NO RE-ENTRY** (Rule 3.03) shall be imposed.
- XVI. There shall be **no DESIGNATED HITTER (DH)** in Elementary Baseball.
- XVII. If a Game is called due to **"FORCE MAJEURE SITUATION"**, it is a regulation game if **three (3) innings** have been completed (Elimination, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals, Battle for 3rd Place) and **five (5) innings** in the Championship Game only (for Secondary Baseball) and in all games in the Elementary (Little League Baseball, 50-70 division).
- Note:** In case the game has progressed beyond 3rd or 5th inning but has not been completed, the game shall be a **"Called Game"**. The winner shall be the team that scored more runs in the last completed inning.
- XVIII. In case, when **the weather condition shall no longer permit/allow the tournament to be finished**, the following measures shall be adopted;
- **If 3rd Place or higher rank has been established, shared championship (co-champions) shall be declared.**
- XIX. In the event that a **Coach is incapacitated**, a substitute is allowed provided; the following documents will be submitted to the committee in charge (NSAC) before the start of the team's next game.
- a. Notice of substitution from the Head of Delegation/PESS Chief,
 - b. Designation of the substitute coach from the Head of Delegation/PESS Chief,
 - c. Medical Certificate issued by a government physician,
 - d. Certificate of employment/appointment (as a DepEd employee),
 - e. Personal Data Sheet.
- Note:* In case of emergency resulting to **instant inability of a coach** to perform his/her duty as such, the assistant coach and team captain shall assume leadership of the team for the remaining inning(s) of the game or remaining game(s) of the tournament, as the case may be.
- XX. **In Elementary baseball, the Pitching distance** shall be FIFTY (50) feet and the **distance between bases** shall be SEVENTY (70)

XXI. ADDITIONAL GROUND RULES IN BASEBALL (ELEM. & SEC.)

- a. All scheduled games shall start at **7:00 A.M.**
- b. The "**LAW OF IMMEDIATE SUCCESSION**" shall be observed with the following conditions,
 1. **Tentative time schedule** will be 7:00-9:00 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM respectively.
 2. If the **first game become abbreviated/forfeited/default**, the second game should be started **not earlier than 8:30 AM**.
 3. If the umpire's judgment the weather is so hot at 10:30 in the morning, game shall be suspended and resumed at 2:00 PM the same day.
- c. Scheduled teams shall enter the restricted area only when called and advice by the steward (an umpire).
- d. Spectators/Team followers are strictly prohibited to stay within any restricted area in the field.
- e. **Loitering and littering** are strictly prohibited in the field and immediate vicinities. **Coaches** are responsible in maintaining cleanliness and orderliness in their respective "DUGOUTS/BENCH" during the game and before leaving.
- f. If the **ball bounce and roll inside a fair territory**, it is a live ball and in play. If it goes **under** the fence it will be a regulation double.
- g. If a **ball bounces inside and over the established marker**, it shall be a two (2) base hit only (regulation double).
- h. **Long hit or thrown ball that goes up and down a slope inside a fair territory**, the ball is live and in play.
- i. The allowable **measurements of the baseball bat** are as follows:
 1. Elementary - It shall not be more than 34 inches in length, not more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter. If a 2 ¼ barrel bat, has no composite materials in the barrel, it may be used provided it is labeled with a BPF of 1.15 or less.
 2. Secondary - not greater than 34" long, a weight reduction of not more than -5 and a maximum barrel of 2 5/8.
- j. A bat *should not contain any additional part that provides a batter extra batting power. (2 piece bat and composite bat may be allowed to be used in any game for the duration of the Palaro 2017).*

Note: Provided such composite bat will be available as TOURNAMENT BAT (to be provided by the palaro management), or such bat shall have the mark of;

For elementary – **BPF** (batting performance factor) of 1.15 or less.
For secondary- **BBCOR** (batted ball coefficient of restitution)
- k. The **use of metal cleats** is strictly prohibited.
- l. Unnecessary apparel should not be worn by any official member of the team during the game.
- m. On **HPB**, removal of the pitcher shall be imposed when:
 1. If in the judgment of the umpire the pitch was intentional even if it was only the first time that hit the batter.
 2. If for preventive measures, the umpire may ask the coach to replace the pitcher in order to avoid any further untoward incident.
 3. If the pitcher hits three (3) batters in an inning. He shall be transferred to another position and shall only return as pitcher in the succeeding innings. If he hits Five (5) batters in a game, he shall be removed from the game and may play as pitcher in their succeeding games.
 4. In Elementary Baseball, the Rule pertaining to HPB shall be imposed accordingly.

q. SPEED-UP RULE:

1. Breaking Tie in a Game for secondary: Runners on 1st and 2nd Base shall be placed (as the case may be). Designation of runner(s) shall be at the discretion of the Coach. The batter to start the tie breaking inning shall be the player whose name appear in the batting order immediately following the player designated as Runner on base, the game shall go on until 3 put-outs. Then, the other team have its turn, following the same procedure.
2. Teams are allowed two (2) defensive conferences in an inning.
3. Teams are allowed one (1) offensive conference in an inning.
4. After the second charged conference, each subsequent trip to the mound shall cause the removal of the pitcher from the pitching position.

Note: Any violation of this rule (item 2-4), on the first offense, the coach will be warned while on the second offense, the coach will be ejected.

r. **Dress Code during the awarding.**

All players and coaches are required to wear their **official uniform** during the awarding of medals/trophies for deserving athletes and awards for the team standing/rank.

s. **SPECIFIC GROUND RULE IN EACH DIAMOND: (TO BE ESTABLISHED AFTER ALL GROUND PREPARATIONS HAS BEEN FINALIZED AND TO BE PRESENTED DURING THE SOLIDARITY MEETING).**

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PALARONG PAMBANSA BASEBALL COACHES

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		(R I) R1AA		
		(R II) CAVRAA		
		(R III) CLRAA		
		(RIV-A) STCAA		
		(R IV-B) MIMAROPA		
		(RV) BRAA		
		(RVI) WVIRAA		
		(RVII) CVIRAA		
		(R VIII) EVIRAA		
		(RIX) ZPRAA		
		(R X) NMRAA		
		(R XI) DAVRAA		
		(RXII) CRAA		
		ARMMAA		
		CAR		
		CARAGA		
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