

## BLUE CHIP PROSPECTS

Comment [TJ1]:

Comment [TJ2R1]:

### National Federation Baseball Rules will be enforced with the following exceptions.

1. All games except playoff round games will be played a strict 2 hour time limit. No inning can start after two hours . The umpires and staff will keep time.
2. All pool games that are tied **after 8 innings or the 2 hour time limit** will be recorded a tie.
3. **Forfeits:** All games must be started with at least 9 players. A game can be finished with 8 players. Once a team establishes it has 8 players it must finish the game with 8 players. The player leaving the original lineup **can not return** and his spot in the hitting lineup will be recorded as an out!
4. **Taking Infield:** Due to possible time constraints, before game infield will be allowed only when time allows for it. If time allows teams will be allowed to take infield. It is possible teams will be allowed to take a very short infield in some cases if time allows, but the games must remain on schedule. If fields are soft and/or soggy infield may not be allowed due to facility requests.
5. **Mercy Rules:** 12/4 , 8/5
  1. The game will end if the visiting team is behind by 12 or more runs after 3 1/2 innings or the visiting team is ahead by 12 or more runs after 4 complete innings.
  2. The game will end if the visiting team is behind by 8 or more runs after 4 1/2 innings or the visiting team is ahead by 8 or more runs after 5 complete innings.
6. **Trips to the mound:** The pitcher must be replaced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mound in any inning.
7. **Hitting Lineup:** Can consist of 9 or 10 batters. The lineup must stay with either 9 or 10 batters (whichever is used) for the entire game. The 10<sup>th</sup> hitter if used will be designated as an EH on the lineup card. **If an EH is used he may not enter the game as a position player.**
8. **Speed up Rule:** Is in effect with 2 outs for either the pitcher or catcher.
9. **This is a wood bat tournament only.**
10. **Scoring:** If no scorekeeper is present the home team's book will be considered official.
11. **Not Covered in the Rules:** In the event any item is not covered in the rules, the tournament committee will make the fairest possible ruling and the ruling will be final!

### TIE BREAKER RULES

#### Championship Play

1. 2 1/2 hour time limit will be used in all playoff round games including the championship.
2. Higher seed will be the home team.
3. The Mercy Rule is in effect.

#### TIE BREAKER RULES (for Playoffs only)

1. If after 9 innings and 2 1/2 time limit the two teams are still tied the following tiebreaker rules will go into effect except for the Championship Game.
2. The last three hitters from the previous inning will load the bases.

#### The baserunners will be placed as follows

- Last hitter from previous inning @ 1<sup>st</sup> Base

- Hitter before him in the lineup @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Base
- Hitter before that in the lineup @ 3<sup>rd</sup> Base
- Normal substitution rules apply to these runners
- The hitting team will start the inning with one out
- Play continues until one team is ahead at the end of an inning

