

# Lebo Prime Summer Tournament Series

## 7u/8u Baseball Divisions

Mt Lebanon, PA



### MT LEBANON TURF FIELD RULES

1. Organized use of the fields is by permit only. Permit holders will have priority use of the field.
2. No smoking, tobacco products or flames of any kind.
3. No food or beverages (except water) are permitted on the turf.
4. **No chewing gum or sunflower seeds.**
5. No glass containers.
6. No domesticated animals.
7. **No chairs, shade tents or coolers.**
8. **No metal cleats or sharp objects, including tent that can penetrate the surface of the field.**
9. Shoes must be clean/mud-free.
10. No vehicles other than authorized maintenance vehicles.
11. No bicycles, skateboards or skates.
12. No storage of heavy equipment or heavy static loads.
13. Do not drag goals or other equipment on the turf.
14. Golfing, shot put, discuss, javelin or other non-authorized use is prohibited.
15. Snow removal of any kind is prohibited.
16. Do not use chalk, tape or other adhesives on the turf. Use of temporary paint is only permitted with prior authorization from the municipality, and then only by an authorized agent.

### 1. GENERAL

- a. All teams must submit team roster (max 15 players) including full names and birth dates via Tourney Machine prior to the start of the tournament. Managers must have copies of players' birth certificates available, if requested.
- b. All calls are at the discretion and judgement of the Umpire.
- c. All players, coaches, spectators should abide within the spirit of these rules and display great Sportsmanship at all times.
- d. Only players and designated coaches should be on the bench or dugout area. There should be no more than 5 coaches/scorekeepers for any one team.
- e. Home team to be determined by a coin flip prior to the start of the game for pool play. Home team is official book. Home team for bracket play is determined by the higher seed. If both teams are same seed, a coin flip will be used. Winning team must report score to the Tournament Director.
- f. Team scorekeepers should confer with each other after each inning to ensure correct score and resolve any disputes prior to starting the next inning.
- g. Defensive coaches are allowed on each foul line in the outfield, at least 20 feet behind the bases.
- h. Teams should be at the field ready to play thirty (30) minutes before the start of each game. Games may start 15-30 minutes after the previous game is completed.
- i. Teams must have at least nine (9) players to start a game. If the team does not have nine (9) players at the scheduled time, a ten (10) minute grace period will be provided by the umpire. If the team does not have nine (9) players available after the grace period, the game is subject to forfeiture.

- j. In the event that a player is unable to finish a game, the player's spot in the batting order will be skipped (no automatic out will be recorded).

## 2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, all players must be 8 years of age or younger as of April 30 (current calendar year) for 8U Division and 7 years of age or younger as of April 30 (current calendar year) for 7U Division.

## 3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a. Each team will play two (2) pool (seeding) games. All teams will participate in bracket play. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three (3) games for the tournament.
- b. In the event that more than one team finishes with the same record after the pool play games, the following tie breakers will be used to determine seeding order:
  - 1. Head to head (the head to head tie breaker does not apply if more than two teams have the same record.)
  - 2. Runs allowed
  - 3. Run differential
  - 4. Runs against
  - 5. Runs Scored
  - 6. Coin Toss

## 4. EQUIPMENT

- a. Only rubber or nylon cleats are allowed.
- b. All batters and runners must wear helmets (preferably w/ face masks).
- c. USA Bat Approved/Stamped Bats only.

## 5. GAME FORMAT:

- a. 6 innings per game or 90 minute time limit; No new inning after 75 minutes from start of game (pool play only)
- b. 4 innings played will constitute a complete game (due to rain or darkness)
- c. Max 5 runs per inning - no continuation. No run limit in last declared inning.
- d. Mercy rule: 15-run after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning or 12-run rule after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Mercy rule applies to all games except the Championship Game.

## 6. PITCHING:

- a. Pitching coach will pitch with at least 1 foot inside the circle (approximately 40ft from home plate) or behind marker (turf fields).
- b. The pitching coach is encouraged to leave the active part of the field during a "live" play without interfering with the sight-line of any players on the field of play.
  - i. If unintentional interference is called on the adult, the play will be void and batter will return to home plate. It will not count as a pitched ball.
  - ii. If intentional interference is called, the batter is out and the runners return to their previous base.
- c. Player-pitcher should be positioned behind the Coach-pitcher and with one foot inside the pitching circle until the ball is put into play.

7. BATTING / BASE RUNNING:

**\*\*USA Bat certified bats ONLY. Bats must have USA Bat stamp or Sticker to be approved for use.**

- a. Maximum 7 pitches or 3 strikes. The batter keeps batting if s/he fouls 7th pitch, etc...
- b. Roster batting with a continuous order.
- c. Runners should avoid contact, at all times. NO HEAD-FIRST SLIDING IS ALLOWED, EXCEPT WHEN RETURNING TO A BASE.
- d. No bunting, stealing, or lead-offs are allowed.
- e. Runners may not leave a base until batter contact is made. A team warning will be given and further violation will result in an out.
- f. Tagging-up is permitted on balls hit to the outfield / caught by an outfielder only.

8. DEFENSE / FIELDING

- a. Max 10 players in field (4 outfielders w/ no rover play). Outfielders must be at least 15 feet from the infield perimeter.
- b. Infielder control will determine when play is stopped and is only applicable on balls hit to the outfield. When a ball is put in play, play is stopped either by a play at any base (infield hit) or when an infielder has possession of the ball with at least one foot in the infield in fair territory (outfield hit).
- c. Baserunners that have left the base prior to infielder control being established may be awarded that base, provided they reach it safely. If the runner leaves the base after infielder control is established, they are considered 'at-risk to be out' but will be returned to the previous base if they are not put out at the end of play.
- d. Overthrows-
  - i. From the outfield, runners may advance and play will continue until infielder possession is determined.
  - ii. From the infield, runners may not advance on overthrows from an infielder.
  - iii. Out of play, if the ball goes out of play on any overthrow, the umpire will award bases per standard baseball rules.
- e. There is no infield-fly rule.
- f. A fielder assigned a position must play that position for the entire inning; the only exception will be due to injury. There is free defensive substitution and movement between innings.

**\*\*All rule interpretations and challenges will be handled by the tournament director.**