



**Wm. S. Hart Baseball
Spring Classic Tournament
April 11 - 13, 2008**

- 1) A team representative must check in with the field official (i.e. Hart League Director) at least one hour prior to your first game. Present the field official with the following:
 - a) Player birth certificates: For all levels eligibility is based on age on or before April 30, 2008.
 - b) Final team roster. All team rosters are limited to 15 players.
 - c) Completed and signed medical releases for each player.

The Hart League Director will verify all documentation and return birth certificates and medical release forms to the team representative. Each representative is required to keep this information in a notebook that is immediately available for the duration of the tournament. Failure to check-in may result in a forfeiture of the first game or games.

- 2) Each game will be 7 innings (6 innings for 8u, 9u, 10u)
- 3) Players may only play on one team in each division for the duration of the tournament. Although players may play up; any team that uses an illegal players (player does not meet the age requirement or is not on the roster at team check-in) will receive a forfeit of the game in question and the manager will be suspended for the following game. In severe cases, such as a team using multiple illegal players, the team may be dropped from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 4) Wm. S. Hart Baseball reserves the right to combine divisions based on the number of teams that register.
- 5) The 10 run rule will be in effect after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead) (4 innings for 8u, 9u and 10u (3 ½ if the home team is ahead)).
- 6) A 15 run rule will be in effect after 2 innings (1 ½ if the home team is ahead).
- 7) Each pool play game will have the following time limits:
 - a) No new inning after 1:45 (1 hour and 45 minutes) – 8u, 9u, 10u
 - b) No new inning after 2:00 (2 hours) – all other divisions
- 8) Score does not revert. An inning will be completed once it starts. A new inning begins when the third out is made in the previous inning.
- 9) Semi-final and championship games will be played to completion (no ties); however, the mercy rules apply.
- 10) Home team will be determined by a coin flip during pool play. The higher seed will choose for the semi-final and a coin flip will be used for championship games. Home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout.
- 11) Any team not ready to play with a minimum of 8 players within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time will forfeit.
- 12) Each team will have approximately 5 minutes for infield/outfield/warm-up, time permitting. Visitors have the field to warm-up first.
- 13) All players must be in full uniform with numbers.
- 14) The home team will provide an official scorekeeper. The score on the scorecard completed by the umpire will be the official game score. It is the responsibility of both managers to verify that it is correct.

- 15) These rules have precedence over the official Pony Tournament rules for the corresponding age level.
- 16) The maximum number of innings that a pitcher can pitch in a single game and for the tournament varies per the chart below:

Age level	Max. Innings per game	Max innings for the entire tournament
8u	3	7
9u/10u	4	9
11u	5	11
12u	5	11
13u/14u	5	13

- 17) Free defensive substitution only when batting the entire lineup.
- 18) If a nine (9) batter line-up is used: Any player in the starting lineup who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game one time. (NOTE: This rule applies to STARTERS ONLY.)
- a) Players shall return to the line-up in their original place in the batting order. While more than one substitute may be used in that position before the starting player is returned, no substitutions shall be made that shall alter the original batting rotation of any of the starting or substitute players. (See exception below).
 - i) In any instance in which a team does not have an eligible substitute for a player who becomes ill, is injured, or ejected from the game, the player last removed from the lineup, who is otherwise eligible to play, shall be used as the substitute.
 - (1) When a team's last available substitute enters the game as part of a multiple substitution, the manager shall advise the umpire and official scorekeeper which player is to be considered "the last player removed from the lineup."
 - (2) In this instance only, the substitute player shall take the batting position of the player they replace, even though it may be different than the one he or she previously occupied.
 - (3) This rule applies to all players including starters.
- 19) There shall be no designated hitters.
- 20) Courtesy runners will be allowed for the catcher ONLY. This runner will be the last recorded out when batting the entire lineup or a substitute player when using nine (9) batter lineup.
- 21) Valid protests will be resolved immediately by at least two tournament officials.
- 22) Should a team forfeit any tournament game the team may be subject to ejection from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 23) Metal cleats are allowed for 11u and older.
- 24) Pool play games will be rated as follows for the determination of the single-elimination seeding. A win is 2 points, a tie is 1 point, and a loss or forfeit is 0 points.
- 25) Seeding will be determined in the following order of priority:
- a) Total Points
 - b) Head-to-head
 - c) Least runs allowed
 - d) Most runs scored
 - e) Coin toss

- 26) Injury, sickness, or ejection of a player in the batting order will result in an out the next time at bat only.
- 27) In the event a Manager, Coach or player is thrown out of the game he will be asked to leave the baseball compound, for which he will have 5 minutes to do so, if he does not cooperate his team will forfeit that game at that time. If a Manager, Coach or player is ejected from the baseball compound he will be required to sit out the next scheduled game.
- 28) If a parent of spectator is causing a distraction to the game or Umpire, the Manager will be warned. If the condition is not corrected or persists, the Manager will be ejected from the game.
- 29) Other than team ice-chests, no food or beverage may be brought onto the complex during the tournament. Please patronize the canteen.
- 30) For anything not covered in these rules, please refer to the current version of the PONY Baseball Tournament Rules.