

# HYB Sluggers Extravagance Tournament Rules

**Coaches:** Be sure you are aware of all rules and rule changes. Homestead Youth Baseball (HYB) reserves the right to amend these rules at any time for specific tournament play.

## IMPORTANT RULES AND INFORMATION

- **TEAMS DEPARTING BEFORE THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN THE PLAYOFFS!!!!** The Tournament Director will rule in the fairest possible way.
- **Pool Play and Championship Round/Playoffs:** : All games will be played with a strict 1 hour 45 min. time limit for 9U-12U, and 2 hours for 13U and Over. No inning can start after the time limit. Time will be kept by the Homestead Youth Baseball (HYB) Staff. Home team will be decided with a coin toss prior to the start of each game, including the Championship game. All pool games that are tied after 6 innings or the 1 hour 45 min. time limit will follow the tiebreaker rules:

The last three hitters from the previous inning will load the bases.

### **The base runners will be placed as follows:**

- Last hitter from previous inning @ 1st Base
- Hitter before him in the lineup @ 2nd Base
- Hitter before that in the lineup @ 3rd 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.

**EFFECTIVE 11/21/2022: Time limits will apply for Semi-final games respective to each age group.**

- **9U-12U: Championship game** will be played with regular extra innings through the 8th inning. Starting in the 9th inning, the last three hitters from the previous inning will load the bases.

**13U-14U:** Championship games will be played with regular extra innings through the 9th inning. Starting in the 10th inning the last three hitters from the previous inning will load the bases.

**Forfeits: All games must be started with at least 9 players.** A game can be finished with 8 players. If there are no eligible subs the player leaving the original lineup will be recorded as an out until he is able to return. Any intentional forfeit could result in the forfeiting team being eliminated from the tournament. The tournament committee will rule on all forfeits. No team should benefit from the result of a forfeit in an unfair manner. This rule could result in a dispute and the tournament committee reserves the right to look at and rule in the fairest possible way. The committee's decision will be final! A forfeit score will be the average runs scored for the winning team to 0 for the losing team. Teams have 15 min after game time is assigned to complete the roster. **The tournament committee will decide when a forfeit is declared.**

- **Taking Infield:** No infield will be allowed during the tournament.
- **Mercy Rules: 8U-12U:**
  - **15 after 2**
  - **12 after 3**
  - **8 after 4**
- **Trips to the mound:** The members of the coaching staff (including the manager) can make one mound visit per pitcher per inning without needing to remove the pitcher from the game. If the same pitcher is visited twice in one inning, the pitcher must be removed from the contest.
- **Hitting lineup:**

**9U-12U:** Can consist of 9, 10, or 11 players; or teams are permitted to bat their entire line up.

**13U-14U:** Can consist of 9,10, or 11 players. The lineup must stay with the same

number of batters for the entire game. Once the first pitch has been thrown the lineup is locked, and the number of batters may not be changed. The 10th and 11th hitter if used will be designated as an EH and XH on the lineup card. The EH and XH may bat at any spot in the order. The EH and XH is the same as any position on the field as far as substitutions are concerned. The starting pitcher is allowed to DH for himself and bat in any slot in the order but must be listed a P/DH on the lineup card.

- **In case of rain:** All rain out games may not be made up depending on time constraints. In case of scheduling changes, it is the team's responsibility, not the tournament committee, to make sure they are aware of the new schedule or any scheduling changes. This information will be posted on the tournament website when it becomes available. Note: No special requests will be honored if rescheduling becomes necessary. Tournament format is subject to change at any time if deemed necessary and will be determined based on the fairest outcome for all teams. All coaches should make sure the tournament committee has current contact info. If games are canceled, pool winners and championship qualification will be determined by the tie breaking procedures (listed below).
  
- **Stop in Play:** If a game is stopped, the game must start within 1 hour of the stop in play. If games are not resumed, they will become suspended or called official. Games called by umpires that cannot be resumed within 1 hour will be considered an official game, if 4 innings have been completed, or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead (13U-14U: after 5 innings or 4 1/2 if the home team is ahead). The tournament director can extend the 1 hour if there are extenuating circumstances, i.e. lightning detector, working on fields, etc. A suspended game will resume where the game was halted.
  
- **Seeding and Tie Breaker Rules:**
  1. Pool play overall record (winning percentage)
  2. If two teams are tied -Head to Head winner
  3. If three teams are tied – If one team has defeated both other teams, that team advances. If not go to #4.
  4. Least total runs allowed in pool play.
  5. If still tied – Total runs scored in pool play
  6. If still tied – Total runs allowed subtracting game with most runs allowed in pool play
  7. If still tied – Total runs allowed minus two games with most runs allowed in pool play

8. If still tied – Runs scored inning by inning starting with first game until one team has more runs after a complete inning starting with pool games
  9. Second place teams will always be taken ahead of 3rd place teams for wild cards, 3rd place ahead of 4th place, etc.
- **Protests:** Judgment calls and pitching limitations are not eligible for protest. Protests will be heard and ruled on by the tournament committee. The team protesting must make a cash payment of \$100 at the time of the protest. If the protest is ruled in the protesting team's favor the \$100 will be refunded. The ruling made by the committee will be final. Protests must be filed and ruled on before the next pitch if during game, or before umpires leave field if after a game.
  - **Roster and Roster changes:** All players must be listed on the official roster. If a player is listed on more than one roster, the player listed will make a decision as to which roster he is legally on. This decision is up to the individual player. No player can appear in a tournament game for more than one team. If there are multiple events going on at one time players are permitted to play for one team in each event if so desired; pitching limitations still apply to the player. Age divisions within a tournament count as separate events.
    - **The team's manager is responsible for all aspects of the eligibility of the players on his team and that they meet the requirements.**
    - A player who is in violation of the age eligibility shall be considered an illegal player:

### **12u**

Players who turn 13 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible..

- If anytime during a tournament game, a player is discovered illegal due to an age violation or participating on more than one team in the same tournament, the team is subject to forfeit. The first team a player participates for is their official team.
- Participating players shall have photocopies of their original birth certificates (US) or passports (International) in the possession of their team manager. Electronic copies of ID documents are accepted. Failure to have a copy of a birth certificate, in the event of a protest, could result in suspension for the remainder of the event until such a document can be produced. Driver's License is permitted.

- **Scoring:** We recommend that all teams (home and visitor) keep a scorebook. The official game sheet for the game will be kept by the umpire, in case of an emergency where the umpire can't keep the game sheet, the home team will be the official scorer. In a situation in which tournament staff and the home team are unable to score, the visitor would become the official book. All subs should be reported to the umpires. To eliminate scoring disputes, coaches should check with the official scorer during and after the game.
  - **Line up cards must be fully filled out with players first name, last name, position, and accurate jersey numbers. All substitutes should be listed with accurate jersey numbers. Failure to produce a complete lineup card can result in games not starting on time. Lineup cards are to be given to the official scorekeeper before the home plate meeting.**
  
- **Sportsmanship:** In the interest of maintaining a quality event, the tournament committee reserves the right to eject any person from the site for unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior.
  - Physical attack on an umpire, tournament official, associate director, associate officer, and/or any player or fan prior, during, or immediately following a game played under the authority of Homestead Youth Baseball. Assault on an official is a felony in some states.
  - Players, coaches, managers, fans, spectators, or sponsors threatening an umpire, tournament official, associate director, or associate officer with physical harm.
  - Any player, coach, manager, sponsor, fan, spectator, director or officer who engages in physical fight.
  - Using unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive language, symbol tactics, or derogatory or unbecoming acts.
  - Destruction of property or abuse or failure to pay.
  - Competing under an assumed, false and/or altered name.
  - Tournament hosts have the authority to eject a player, fans or team anytime during a tournament of committing any of the above listed offenses.
  - A player, spectator, fan or coach ejection carries removal from that game only.
  - Any spectator, coach, manager or player who is ejected for the second time during the tournament will be eliminated from participating for the remainder of the tournament.
  - Any event that results in physical altercation (before, during or after a game) could result in a forfeit for both teams. Tournament committee

reserves the right to remove teams from playoff contention.

- **Bat Specifications:**

- Penalties for illegal bats will be assessed as per the NFHS rule book. 1st violation – Batter is pronounced out (if discovered before a pitch to the next batter) & head coach is restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game. 2nd violation (Same Game) – Batter is pronounced out (if discovered before a pitch to the next batter) and the head coach is ejected. Subsequent violations: the batter is pronounced out (if discovered before a pitch to the next batter) and the head coach is ejected. When a batter is pronounced out for violation of bat rules, the defense may take the penalty or result of the play. The head coach penalties apply in either case.

- 12U

Metal/Composite bat

All bats must have a branding, label, or stamp proving BPF 1.15.

USABat, BBCOR and Wood bats are also allowed

Effective December 1, 2022, the following bats may not be used in Sluggers Extravagance:

- 2015 Demarini CF7 (-5)
- 2015 Easton XL1 (-5)
- 2016 Demarini CF8 (-5)
- 2016 Demarini CF8 (-8)
- 2016 Demarini CF8 (-10)
- 2017 Demarini CF Zen Balanced (-8)\*\*
- 2017 Demarini CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10)\*\*
- 2017 Demarini CF Zen Zero Dark 2 3/4" (-10)\*\*
- 2017 Demarini CF Zen - Balanced (-5)
- 2017 Demarini CF Insane - Endloaded (-5)
- Louisville Slugger Blue Meta Composite (33/30 model only)
- 2018 Dirty South Kamo BB KA 8 (30/22, 31/21, 32/22, 31/23, 32/24 only)

- (Easton) Ghost X (30/20 only - USA Baseball Marked)
- 2022 Stinger Missile 2 - (33/30 model only)

**\*\*Re-tooled models of these bats may be used in HYB. Once returned from the manufacturer, these bats will have updated model numbers and new orange end cap and stickers indicating the corrected performance standards.\*\***

ALTERED BATS:

#### DEFINITION OF AN ALTERED BAT

*“A bat which has been subjected to change in its physical makeup outside the original manufacturers product”*

At any point, a HYB Director may request to inspect a bat that is at a HYB sanctioned event. If the owner/user refuses to allow the requesting body to inspect the bat the owner/user accepts an automatic three-year suspension from HYB sanctioned events. Alternatively, the owner/user can allow the bat to be inspected so a conclusion can be formed as to whether the bat was altered.

The owner/user of the bat has the responsibility of having knowledge whether a bat is altered.

#### DAMAGED, WORN, OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE ON BATS:

Bats that are damaged in any way, including but not limited to cracked, warped, missing a knob/cap, having a rattle, etc. are not legal for Homestead Youth Baseball/Sluggers Extravaganza sanctioned events.

Bats may not have any certifying markings or graphics worn off the bat. Bats that have certifying or identifying markings worn off the bat shall be removed from play.

No substance shall be added to the bat barrel. The barrel of the bat and all identifying marks or graphics shall be free of any foreign obstruction. If a foreign substance is discovered as being used or identifying marks on the bat are not visible the bat shall be removed from play.

**15. Pitching:** The MLB balk rule will be enforced. When a balk is called it is NOT a dead ball. The 3B to 1B pickoff move is legal. Also, in the windup position, a pitcher is permitted to have his "free" foot on the rubber, in front of the rubber, behind the rubber, or off to the side of the rubber.

- **Enforced Pitching Limitations:** All Homestead Youth Baseball (HYB) / Sluggers Extravagance events will strictly follow the Pitching Rules guidelines, unless noted otherwise.
  - It shall be the responsibility of each team to challenge pitching violations by notifying the Umpire.
  - If an illegal pitcher is permitted to pitch, any pitch or play that results is legal. The rule violation should be caught by the Umpire or the offensive team and immediately corrected. A player removed from the pitching position (starting pitcher or subsequent relief pitcher) may not return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game. The defensive team may correct this rule's infraction at any time by substituting a legal pitcher without penalty.
  - Suspended games, when resumed (the next day or another day), shall count as being played on two different days. The outs recorded during the portion of the game played prior to suspension shall count as being played on the regularly scheduled day and the outs recorded during the portion of the game played once resumed, shall count as being played on the resumed day. 7.05.B.1 ONE DAY MAXIMUM TO PITCH THE NEXT DAY:
    - The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day and still pitch the next day is 3. Example: In the 7U – 14U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of three (3) innings in one (1) day and still legally pitch the next day. If the player pitches three and one-third (3 1/3) or more innings in one (1) day, the player cannot legally pitch the next day.
    - ONE DAY MAXIMUM: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day is 6. Example: In the 7U – 12U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of six (6) innings in one (1) day. The player would be ineligible to pitch the next day.
    - Similarly, in the 13U – 14U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of seven (7) innings in one (1) day. The player would be ineligible to legally pitch the next day.
    - The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in three (3) consecutive days is 8.
    - MANDATORY DAYS OF REST: A player that pitches more than three (3) innings in one day MUST rest the next day.
    - A player that pitches eight (8) innings in two (2) consecutive days MUST rest the next day.
    - A player that pitches three (3) consecutive days (regardless of total quantity of innings pitched) MUST rest the next day.



- For all cumulative totals in this rule, one (1) out equals one-third (1/3) of an inning, two (2) outs equals two thirds (2/3) of an inning and three (3) outs equals one (1) full inning.
- A pitcher that pitches in a game and records no outs is not charged with any innings pitched. Outs recorded during a game that ends in forfeit shall count towards a pitchers' innings limits.
- For purposes of pitching limitations rules, a pitcher is in violation of the rule if he records any out above the legal pitching limits pursuant to these rules.
- Pitching mound visits will remain 2 coaches visits per inning, with the second coaches visit to the same pitcher in the same inning resulting in a pitching change. 7.05.D A Pitcher shall pitch to one batter, until the batter is put out, or reaches 1st base, or the inning is over. A pitcher that starts an inning must pitch to the first batter until the batter is put out or reaches 1st base. USSSA will NOT be using the MLB mandatory batter limits. RULE 8.00 – COACH PITCH SPECIFIC

- **Courtesy Runners:** Courtesy runners can be used for the Pitcher and Catcher at any time but must be a VALID SUBSTITUTE. In addition, the same substitute CANNOT run for more than one position (Pitcher or Catcher) in the same game. Additionally, if a team is batting their entire lineup, then they will be able to use the last batted out for ages 12u and younger.
- **Not covered in the Rules:** In the event any item is not covered in these rules, the tournament committee will make the fairest possible ruling and that ruling will be final!