



## **ROB EICHEM BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

### **JUNE 24-25, 2023 TOURNAMENT RULES**

Unless specified below, playing rules for this tournament will be in accordance with the NFHS rules that PIAA schools use for their games

Since many players may not be familiar with many of the NFHS rules, this tournament will incorporate the following NFHS rules exceptions.

**1. Team Composition**

Teams can be comprised of pure 13U players, pure 14U players, or a combination of 13U and 14U players.

**2. Unlimited batters**

A team may list 9 or more batters in the team's batting order. The team must declare the number of batters prior to the game. Once a game starts, a team may add additional players to the end of the batting order. However, a team may not remove batters unless the player sustains an injury. An out will be recorded if a spot in the batting order becomes vacant.

**3. Defensive Substitutions**

Unlimited defensive substitutions

**4. Balks**

Each pitcher will receive one balk warning along with an explanation of the infraction.

**5. Pitch Count**

All PIAA pitch count rules will be suspended for the entirety of the tournament; with just one exception. A pitcher will be limited to 75 pitches/day. If the pitch count limit is reached during an at-bat, the pitcher will be allowed to complete the at-bat before being removed as a pitcher.

**6. Intentional Walks**

A team may intentionally walk a batter by notifying the home plate umpire. Only the pitches thrown prior to notifying the plate umpire of the intentional walk will count towards the pitcher's pitch count limit.

**7. Hit Batters**

A pitcher that hits 3 batters in any one inning will not be able to pitch for the remainder of the game.

**8. Time Limit**

There will be a 2-hour time limit for each contest. No new inning can start after the 90-minute mark.

**9. Bats**

Unless both head coaches agree immediately before a tournament game to use bats that are not BBCOR compliant, by default, all bats used in a tournament game must be BBCOR compliant and display a BBCOR stamp on its barrel.

**10. 10-Run Rule and 15-Run Rule (a.k.a. Mercy Rules)**

10-Run Rule (4 ½, 5 inning); 15-Run Rule (2 ½, 3 inning)

Day One – Round Robin Games: 10-Run Rule only

Day Two – Round Robin Games: 10-Run Rule and 15-Run Rule

Day Two – Championship Game: 10-Run Rule and (optional) 15-Run Rule

**11. Sportsmanship**

Sportsmanship is at the very core of this tournament. Any action that is intended to demean, embarrass, or intimidate any player, coach, or official will not be tolerated. For example, excessive yelling at an umpire because of a disputed call will not be tolerated. The offender will get one, and only one, warning. A second offense will be cause for an ejection.

**12. Tournament Ranking**

Tournament teams shall be ranked using the following three criteria

[1] Win/Loss Record (primary)

[2] Head-to-Head (1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker)

[3] Run Differential (2<sup>nd</sup> tie breaker)

[4] Coin Toss

Run Differential (RD) shall be calculated as

Runs For (RF) minus Runs Against (RA) [RD = RF - RA]

Any team that wins a tournament game by ten (10) or more runs shall be credited with an RD of +10. Similarly, any team that loses a tournament game by ten or more runs shall be credited with an RD of -10.