



(Hereafter referred to as MBSA)

## Spring 2020 Post-Season Tournament Rules

1. All MBSA Policies and Procedures will be followed during the spring 2020 postseason tournament unless otherwise stated in this document. MBSA procedures and policies, including all division specific rules, can be found using the following link: [www.mbsatx.org](http://www.mbsatx.org) → Baseball or Softball → Rules → Division Specific
2. The spring 2020 post-season tournament will be a single elimination bracket for all participating teams. Single elimination bracket play will begin on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and run through Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> (pending weather).
3. Bracket game time limits will be the following:
  - a. 7U & 8U = 75 Minutes
  - b. Softball 8U = 65 Minutes
  - c. 9U & 10U = 90 Minutes
  - d. Softball 10U = 75 Minutes
  - e. 11U & 12U = 105 Minutes
  - f. 13U & 14U = 105 Minutes
4. Bracket Seeding
  - a. Final regular season results will determine seeding for the tournament.
  - b. If a team chooses to not play in the tournament, bracket seeding will be determined by the participating teams.
  - c. If a team chooses to play 'up' or is required to play 'up' by the MBSA for the tournament, that team will be seeded with a .500 win % record and any other .500 win % team will be seeded higher than the team playing up.
5. Game balls will be provided by the MBSA

- a. Please make sure to leave the game balls at the field so that we can use them for as many games as possible.
6. Machines for machine pitch play:
  - a. It is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure the machines are put away after the last game of the day. Please do not leave a machine out on the field.
7. During bracket play, the team with the highest seed is the home team
  - a. Home team should take the first base dugout, unless having to play back-to-back, then there is no need to swap dugouts.
8. During bracket play, a winner must be determined. If any game ends with the score tied and the official time has expired, the game will continue using a modified tie-breaker as outlined below:
  - a. Each half inning will start with the bases loaded and one (1) out for the first extra inning & two (2) outs for all additional extra innings.
  - b. Each team will continue the batting order from the previous inning, with the three (3) previous batters occupying the bases, with the last batter occupying 1<sup>st</sup> base, the next batter occupying 2<sup>nd</sup> base and the 3<sup>rd</sup> batter occupying 3<sup>rd</sup> base.
  - c. The game will continue until a winner is determined
  - d. Example:

The game ends in a 3-3 tie. The visiting team determines the # 4 batter is due up. The team will put the # 3 batter on first, the # 2 batter on second, and the # 1 batter on 3rd. There will be one out in the first extra inning and two outs for all additional extra innings; both teams will play like this until a winner is decided.
9. Pitching rules:
  - a. Please see the pitching policies and procedures document for your specific age division under the rules link: [www.mbsatx.org](http://www.mbsatx.org)
  - b. Weekly max will reset to zero at the start of the tournament, but days rest still apply from games played leading up to the start of the tournament.
  - c. A pitching log must be kept for the tournament and shown to the opposing coach prior to the start of each game.
  - d. Make sure to have your pitching log signed by the opposing coach/score keeper at the conclusion of each game.

10. Upon completion of the game, the Umpire is responsible for reporting the score to the tournament director:
  - a. The Umpire will complete the game card and have both coaches sign/initial
  - b. The Umpire will turn in the game card to the onsite league official or will text the game results with a photo of the game card to the following: **469-301-1959**
  - c. The scores will be updated on the website as soon as possible throughout play
  
11. If you are ejected during any post-season game, you are not eligible to return to any post-season game, and the number of games suspended will carry over to the fall pre-season/regular season games. You are responsible for your assistant coaches and parents.