



## PEQUOT LAKES DIAMOND CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES

### Weather policy:

- Full refund if tournament is cancelled
- 1/2 refund if only one game is played
- No refund if 2 games are played
- Tournament director and committee can shorten times of games or move times based on weather to try and get as many games in as possible. Safety of the athletes will always be at the forefront of their decision. Updates will be communicated as quickly as possible to the coaches. Contact phone numbers and emails must be provided.

### Guidelines and rules:

1. Unless otherwise noted or modified in these rules., USA softball rules will apply.
2. Games will be 70 minutes, or 5 innings.
3. Home team will be declared by the ball roll, with the team having the closest ball to the pitching rubber choosing to be Home or Away.
4. 10U & 12U will have a 5 run rule limit per inning, the last inning will **NOT** have a run limit once declared by the umpire(s).
5. Games during Pool Play and Round Robin **CAN** end in a tie.
6. Run rules will apply, 15 after 3 innings and 10 after 4.
7. Pitching rubber distance:
  - 10U: 35 feet
  - 12U: 40 feet
  - 14U: 43 feet
  - HS: 43 feet
8. Courtesy runners can be used for pitchers, catchers or injured player. If Roster Batting, the courtesy runner will be the last out.
9. Heckling and/or harassing the umpire, players, tournament director, or coaches by fans or anyone else will not be tolerated.
  - a. First Offense: Verbal warning to the team manager and guilty party
  - b. Second offense: Ejection from the complex, subsequent warning to team manager.NOTE: If the guilty person does not depart the complex within 5 minutes; their team will be forced to forfeit their game.
10. Criteria to be used for seeding teams for playoffs/elimination round:
  - a. Overall record (Wins/Loss/Ties)
  - b. Head to Head record in pool
  - c. Most runs
  - d. Coin Flip

### Additional Rules for 12U:

1. Roster Batting will be optional, but coaches must indicate their intent to do so prior to the start of the game. If you roster bat and a player is injured and cannot continue to bat, your team will NOT be affected unless you drop below 9 players. If a team drops to 8 players, an OUT will be given for the last batter to leave the line up. A team cannot play with less than 8 players.
2. Pitching distance is 40 feet.
3. Stealing is allowed, including home.
4. Dropped third strike rule will be in effect.

### Additional Rules for 10U:

1. Roster Batting will be optional, but coaches must indicate their intent to do so prior to the start of the game. If you roster bat and a player is injured and cannot continue to bat, your team will NOT be affected unless you drop below 9 players. If a team drops to 8 players, an OUT will be given for the last batter to leave the line up. A team cannot play with less than 8 players.
2. Pitching distance is 35 feet along with use of 11" ball.
3. Coaches will pitch to their own batter once four balls (not pitches) have been accumulated.
  - a. There will be NO WALKS or stealing is NOT permitted when coaches are pitching.
4. Stealing is allowed with only one base per steal; stealing home is NOT permitted.
5. Dropped third strike rule will NOT be in effect.
6. Scoring must be the result of a batted ball. NO scoring on a steal, passed ball or overthrow to a base on a steal attempt.
7. On Overthrows, runners can advance one base at their own risk, NOT home.