



Woodstock Minor Baseball Association
2023 13U AAA Woodstock Wranglers
Tournament Rules

All teams are guaranteed 3 games in round robin play (weather permitting)

Tournament headquarters are between Southside East and West Diamonds. The Tournament Chair is Katie Zehr, and there will be convenors available at all times.

TOURNAMENT RULES

This is a 3-Pool round robin with 4 teams in each Pool. Each team will play the other teams in their Pool once during round robin play. The top team in each pool following pool play, as well as one wild card team will proceed to the Semi Final games on Sunday. Placement will be decided based on points using the Baseball Ontario tie breaking rules RP7.4 referenced below. The tournament convenor will set unique matchups for the Semi Final round.

Points will be awarded as follows; 2 for a win, 1 for a tie and 0 for a loss. The score of a forfeited game will be recorded as 7-0, and 5 innings for tie breaking purposes.

In the event of a tie, the following tie- breaking formulas will be used from Baseball Ontario 2022 Rep Rules Section RP7.4:

- a. Where tie breaking rules are required, the following tie breaking rules will be used for each placement independently:
 - i. Teams with a forfeit loss are ineligible for tiebreakers
 - ii. head to head record among tied teams;
 - iii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed/number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
 - iv. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed/number of defensive innings played) in all games;
 - v. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored/number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
 - vi. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored/number of offensive innings played) in all games;
 - vii. coin toss

- b. When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will exclude RP7.4(a)(ii). After the winner of that tie breaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, excluding RP7.4(a)(ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at RP7.4(a)(i).

Tie games will be allowed to stand in the preliminary round. There will be **NO** extra innings in preliminary round play. Extra innings will be used to break a tie during the playoff round on Sunday.

The Baseball Ontario Tournament Rules for 2022, the Constitution of Baseball Ontario and the Official Rules of Baseball shall govern this tournament and will apply with the following additions:

- OBA score sheets will be used. If an Official Scorekeeper is not provided, the home team will be responsible for taking score and acting as the Official Scorekeeper.
- Coaches shall sign the Official Game Sheet immediately following the conclusion of the game.
- OBA line-up cards will be used. Lineups should be exchanged at least 15 minutes prior to game time.
- All pitch counts must be entered live in-game using the Baseball Ontario Pitch Count App.

The Home Team is responsible for:

- Ensuring that both teams are correctly assigned to the game in the Baseball Ontario Pitch Count App prior to ground rules.
- Entering the pitch counts for **both teams live in-game**, using the Baseball Ontario Pitch Count App, and submitting the game for approval immediately following the end of the game.
- The Home Team Manager is responsible for showing the submitted pitch count game to the on-site (park) convenor within 15 minutes following the end of the game and providing them with the Game ID from the app.

The on-site/park convenor will capture the Pitch Count Game ID for each game which will be collected and submitted to the Baseball Ontario office by the tournament convenor at the completion of the tournament.

In the event of rain/and or other delays the tournament schedule may be revised at the Convener's discretion. A cell phone contact from each team will be required at registration, and coaches should not leave the park without conversing with the convenor for new times.

Teams and coaches are asked to be at their park at least one hour prior to scheduled games, to ensure games start on time. Games will be 7 innings in length. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes has elapsed from the time of the first pitch. The

umpire should notify both teams and the scorekeeper of the time of the first pitch. The semi-final and final games will be 7 innings with no curfew.

Official Game: A game shall be official if curfew is reached and the Home Team is leading after 3 ½ innings or the visitors are leading after 4 complete innings. If 4 innings have been completed and the game is suspended then it will be considered official. In the event that the game is suspended prior to curfew and prior to 4 innings being completed then the game shall be resumed from the point of suspension. The defensive team must resume their exact positions on the field. The count, if any, on the batter will be unchanged and the batting order must be the same upon resumption of the suspended game. If the Home Team is batting and leading or scores the winning run when curfew is reached, the game will end immediately and be considered official at that point and the score and offensive and defensive innings recorded at that time (full innings will be assigned to the offensive and defensive teams).

If the Home Team is winning in the last inning (by curfew or otherwise), they will not bat to complete the inning and the game.

The Home Team in each game will be determined by a coin toss with the team traveling the furthest making the call with the exception of the Playoff games, as noted on page 1. There will be no pre-game warm ups permitted on the infield.

Mercy Rule: An 18 run mercy rule will apply after 3 innings (2-½ if the home team is ahead) a 15 run mercy rule will apply after 4 innings (3-½ if the home team is ahead) and a 10 run mercy rule will apply after 5 innings (4-½ if the home team is ahead).

Protests: Any protests must be identified immediately and resolved on the field by the game convener and protest committee. Protests in regards to judgement calls of an umpire will not be allowed.

Other: Teams shall make available a copy of their Baseball Ontario team number if requested. All tournament awards are set at 16 per team. Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct of anyone involved with their team throughout the tournament. Teams are asked to retrieve foul balls hit during the game. No time will be added for any delays due to a lack of baseballs. All coaches must be in uniform as stipulated by the OBA.

Woodstock Minor Baseball Association accepts no responsibility for injuries, damages or losses to anyone during the tournament.