Prosper Baseball and Softball Association

Softball End-of-Season Tournament Rules

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1. **Applicable Rules**
    a. All regular season rules, policies, and procedures apply during the end-of-season tournament unless otherwise stated in this document.

2. **Tournament Format**
    a. Eligibility: All teams from divisions in which standings are kept will participate in the end-of-season tournament for their respective division.
    b. Modified Single-Elimination: The tournament will utilize a single-elimination format until the semifinals, where the losing teams will play one additional game to determine third place.
    c. Awards: The first, second, and third place teams in the tournament will be awarded rings. The fourth place team will receive a medal.
    d. Home/Visitor: The team with the highest seed (closest to 1) in each game will be the home team.

3. **Players and Substitutes**
    a. Pool Players: The use of pool players is not allowed in the end-of-season tournament unless a team will have fewer than eight rostered players available and the league is given at least 48-hour advance notice.
        i. The league will attempt to find one or two comparable pool players to reach 8 players. If players cannot be found or if the required notice is not given, the game will be ruled a forfeit.
    b. Playing Time: Minimum playing time rules are NOT applicable during the end-of-season tournament, with the following exceptions:
        i. No player may sit out defensively for two (2) consecutive innings unless injured during the game
        ii. No player may sit out a second inning on defense during the game until all other players have sat out at least once.

1. Pitcher Exception: In kid pitch divisions, if the number of players in each team's lineup dictates that only one team must sit their pitcher, then it is permissible for a player on that team to sit out a second inning without the pitcher sitting out. If both teams must sit the pitcher, the league views this as fair.

c. Lineups: If a player has to leave the game, the team will incur an out during the departing player's spot in the batting order, unless:

i. The league and/or opposing head coach are notified prior to the start of the game that the player will be leaving early.

ii. The player is injured during a play in the game and it is determined at the time of injury that she will not be able to bat.

iii. Both exceptions assume that nine batters remain in the batting order. If a team drops below nine, an out must be taken for the departing player.

4. Equipment

a. Game Balls: Game balls will be provided by PBSA.

i. The umpires will get the game balls using the same process as the regular season.

ii. If additional balls are needed during the game or during subsequent games, the umpires will retrieve them.

5. The Game

a. Extra Innings: If a game remains tied after time has expired or the specified number of innings has been played, extra innings will be played until a winner is determined.

i. For the first extra inning, the inning will begin by placing the player who had the last completed at bat in the prior inning on 2nd base.

ii. For all subsequent extra innings, the inning will begin with the bases loaded by placing the last three players who had completed an at bat in the prior inning on base, with the last batter on first, the second to last on second, and the third to last on third. The inning will begin with one out, and each batter will begin with the following count: 8U: 1 strike; 10U: 1 ball, 1 strike; 12U: 2 balls, 1 strike.

b. Rainouts: A game halted due to inclement weather that cannot be resumed the same day will be restarted from the beginning.

i. The league may choose to preemptively reschedule games that have a high likelihood of not being completed.

6. Umpires

a. PBSA will provide two umpires for every tournament game in every division, unless umpire availability dictates that only one is used for 8U games.

7. Scoring

a. Reporting Scores: The Home team is responsible for emailing their score to the league commissioner.

8. Ejections

a. Any coach that is ejected from a tournament game is not allowed to return during any additional tournament games that their team may play.