

PPBA TOURNAMENT RULES – 2016 - EXTRACT (5-24-16)

Below are portions of the PPBA rules that have been extracted because they address particular TOURNAMENT situations or situations that have come up in tournament games. PLEASE DO NOT TOTALLY RELY ON THIS, EVERY COACH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THE RULES. We have made the word tournament in all caps for ease of reading.

If there is no rule that specifically applies to tournament play, then the rule for regular season play applies.

In all tournament games (except Freshmen), home and away is chosen by a coin toss at the pre-game meeting with the umpire- - even the championship game. Freshmen home and away is decided by seeding – the highest seed is always the home team. In 2016 Freshmen home and away is decided by coin toss. Then in later rounds, winner's bracket teams are the home teams.

In addition, the rules revised this year (which revisions are noted here in yellow) had not been posted on the site. They are now, and the revisions are noted below (which is the reason for this update).

ii. Super Subs: In addition to the regular roster players, each team shall be permitted to add up to two (2) designated younger division players to the team roster. These additional players are to be known as "super-subs". The name, age and uniform number of super-sub players must be listed on the roster of the older division team with the notation ("SS") that they are super-sub players. No super-sub player may be listed on more than one (1) older division team. The super-sub player may play with the older division team in any regular season and playoff or TOURNAMENT game without restriction to which defensive position that player may play or in what position in the batting order that player may bat. A super-sub may be counted to avoid a forfeit due to the lack of minimum players for a regular season, Playoff or TOURNAMENT game. The super-sub may not wear a jersey with the same number of another player on the older division team.

ii. Official Game Defined (Playoff and TOURNAMENT Games Only):

There is no time limit for Playoff or TOURNAMENT championship games. All other post-season games shall be subject to the Official Game minimum innings or time limit rule except as noted herein. A winner must be determined for every Playoff or TOURNAMENT game.

A non-championship post-season game will be official if it has either

A. gone the full duration (innings or time) as noted in the previous subsection i and the chart below, or

B. if the game has been called by the umpire because time has run out or

the game has been shortened due to external conditions (such as rain) AND either the minimum number of innings set forth in the “Official Game” section of the chart below has been reached.

C. For non-championship Playoff and TOURNAMENT games, if a new inning starts before the time limit (1 hour & 50 minutes) is reached, the inning shall be played to completion regardless of how long it takes. Such games cannot end in a tie.

i. Batting:

A. Universal Batting: All players at a game must be in the batting order at all times, except in the Freshmen and Girls’ softball High School divisions. If, during regular season games, for any reason a player does not bat during his/her turn, that team will not be assessed an out – this applies to all divisions where universal batting applies and only during regular season games.

B. For Freshmen and Girls’ High School divisions only:

3. Missing Batter Automatic Out (Freshmen and High School divisions only): If at the start of a game a team is playing with 8 players, the ninth position in the batting order shall be an automatic out. If a ninth player comes during the game, that player shall bat in the ninth position and an automatic out will no longer be granted. If a team starts the game with nine players and one leaves during the game, that position in the batting order shall become an automatic out one time during that game (during regular season games only) and every time during a playoff or tournament game; should a new, ninth player come, that player shall assume the position in the batting order left open by the departed play and an automatic out will no longer be imposed.

ii. Batting in Order: All players must bat in order. If a player bats out of order, rule 6.07 of the Official Rules shall apply. A batter who is unable to bat because of injury will be removed from the game and the batting order will continue with the next listed batter with no out being assessed for that missing batter. If the injured player returns to the game, he/she shall take the same position in the batting order. For playoff or tournament games only, a batter who is in the lineup and does not come to plate (for any reason other than injury or illness) will be called out. If a substitute does not replace that player, then an out will be assessed each time that player would have batter (but only for playoff or tournament games). The bench coach must notify both the umpire and the opposing team's bench coach when player leaves a game before it is officially concluded.

b. Special rules: The following special rules shall apply to post season games played in either Playoffs or Tournaments only:

i. All post season games played under either the Playoff or Tournament format, except championship games, shall be played until an Official Game (as defined in the chart in section **section B1fii**) is reached. A game that is not Official shall be continued at another time (as determined by the PPBA) from the point last played. In the continued portion of the game there shall be no restriction on adding players who did not previously play in the game, except that all other rules (including the pitching limitations) shall apply as if the game had not been interrupted and players who did not participate in the previous part of the game must be placed at the end of the batting order.

ii. All games (including championship games) played in either the Playoff or Tournament format must end with a winner. There can be no ties. If a tie results in non-championship Playoff or Tournament game after the game has become Official Game, the teams will play unlimited additional innings until a team wins and the number of innings each pitcher can pitch shall be increased by one inning after the number of innings in the Game Duration column in the chart in **section B1f ii** has been reached. Home and away for all Tournament games including the championship games are decided by a coin flip. For all Playoff Games the lowest seed is always the home team.

iii. Championship games in both post season formats (Playoffs and Tournament) shall be played the full number of innings set forth in the "Game Duration" column of the chart in **section B1fii** and any extra innings if necessary to avoid a tie. There shall be no time limit and the number of innings each pitcher can pitch shall be increased by one inning if the game goes into extra innings.

iv. All other regular season rules apply to all Playoff or Tournament games and championship games, except that

A. for all championship games in the Cubs, Bantam, Super Bantam, Mustangs and Broncos divisions, the game shall end if after 4 innings a team is ahead by 12 or more runs, with the team that is ahead being declared the winner. The same shall apply if the after 3 ½ innings the home team is ahead by 12 or more runs; and

B. for all championship games in the Grasshopper, Freshmen, Colts & High School Softball divisions, the game shall end if after 5 innings a team is ahead by 12 or more runs, with the team that is ahead being declared the winner. The same shall apply if the after 4 ½ innings the home team is ahead by 12 or more runs.

C. If for any playoff or tournament game, including championship games, a team has less than 8 players when the grace period has expired and the coach says that the player or players are on their way, the opposing team shall automatically become the home team and take the field and play the first half of the first inning. If after the away team has batted in the first inning and that team still does not have 8 players to take the field, the game shall be terminated and declared a

forfeit on behalf of the home team. In the top of the first inning the away team must take an out for every player under the 9 players but up to no more than 2 outs - which shall be assessed after all batters present have batted. The late arriving players shall be placed at the bottom of the batting order. Super Subs shall counted in order to avoid a forfeit in all Playoffs or Tournament games.

c. Protests in playoff or TOURNAMENTs games are allowed but must be resolved by the umpire on the field when raised. If the umpire is uncertain, he/she shall call the head umpire in charge for an immediate ruling. Such rulings shall be final and not appealable. PPBA officials who are on the fields at such time are authorized to make rulings which supersede umpire rulings.