

**NEW LONDON YOUTH BASEBALL
COACH PITCH TOURNAMENT RULES**

Revised 5/31/10

Player Eligibility

1. Players must not have reached the age of 9 prior to May 1st. No exceptions.
2. Birth certificates must be available if requested by the tournament director.
3. Teams are limited to 15 players who compete in the same program. NO AAU or TRAVELING SELECT TEAMS.
4. Final rosters must be turned in 30 minutes before your first game.
5. Games in which an ineligible player is used will be declared a forfeit. Forfeited games will be scored 7 – 0.

Game and Length

1. Games will be 6 innings. 15 run rule after 3 innings and a 10 run rule after 4 innings. No run or time limit in championship game.
2. Ties will only be played out in the bracket rounds.
3. The time limit, per game, will be 1 hour 20 minutes. Official start time will be kept by the home plate umpire.
4. 6 run rule per inning, **except the 6th inning, which will be unlimited.**

Pitching and Batting

1. Batting team coach pitches. Coach will pitch from the first rubber at approximately 40 feet.
2. The pitching coach cannot field the ball, but if the coach is hit by the ball the play is dead and is counted as one of the 7 pitches.
3. Batter will receive 7 pitches, unless he/she strikes out swinging. **NO TEES WILL BE USED.** If after 7 pitches the batter has not hit the ball, he/she will be considered out.
4. If the batter fouls off the 7th pitch it will be considered a foul ball and he/she will get another pitch.
5. All players on the roster will bat in the lineup, with late arrivals being added to the bottom of the lineup.
6. One warning for a thrown bat, a second thrown bat by an individual will result in an out.
7. Helmets must be worn from the time a player leaves the dugout until they return.

Base-runners

1. Sliding is required when the runner is being played on. The umpire's judgment will determine if a slide is needed.
2. A runner that does not slide when deemed necessary will be called out. No head first sliding unless diving back to the base.
3. Runners may advance as many bases as they can at their own risk on an overthrow. If an overthrow leaves the playing field runners will get one base.
4. **NO STEALING! NO LEADING OFF UNTIL BALL CROSSES THE PLATE,** runners leaving early will be called out!
5. No runner may advance when the pitcher has control of the ball. The pitcher is defined as **A Player not the Pitching Coach.**

Substitutions and defense

1. Maximum of 10 players on the field. Games may be played with 8 players with the 9th and 10th spot in the order being an out.
2. All players must play at least 2 innings in the field.
3. Players must stay in the same position for the entire inning.
4. The pitcher must stay even with the pitching rubber and within 5 ft to the left or right of the rubber.
5. The infield needs to be in regular fielding positions.
6. The outfield (4 players) must be on the outfield grass.
7. Catchers must wear a helmet.

Additional rules

1. The tournament committee will determine if the weather conditions warrant a stoppage of play. If the game is stopped and continued at a later time, the game will resume from the exact point it was stopped. During inclement weather 3 innings will count as a complete game.
2. A protest will be considered only in the case of a misinterpretation of a printed rule from either these local rules or the official rulebook. The tournament director will be available and must be notified before play is resumed; otherwise the protest does not exist. An umpire's judgment call cannot constitute the basis for a protest; the home plate umpire will make the final decision.
3. Please keep games moving. Stalling, as deemed by the umpire may result in the forfeiture of the game.
4. No abusive or profane language, no misuse of equipment or unsportsmanlike conduct by anyone will be tolerated. The umpire in charge has the power to eject any offender without warning.
5. Coaches and players are responsible for cleanup of dugout after their games.
6. **Weather permitting, each team is guaranteed 3 games. If weather does not allow your team to play 3 games, the following rules will apply in refunding your team:**

0 games played – full refund due

1 game played – ½ of the entry fee refund due

2 or more games played – no refund due

7. The Tournament Director reserves the right to change any of the rules listed.

NO CARRY-INS WILL BE ALLOWED

**FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE GROUNDS!!
THIS IS A PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME FOR OUR PROGRAM.
PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR PARENTS TO OBSERVE THIS RULE.**

**REMEMBER... THE GAMES ARE FOR THE KIDS TO HAVE FUN,
LEARN FUNDAMENTALS AND DISPLAY SPORTSMANSHIP AT ALL TIMES**