



# RICHMOND HILL PHOENIX TOURNAMENTS 2024

## 12U A & BELOW

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### TOURNAMENT RULES

The tournament Richmond Hill Phoenix 12U A & BELOW will follow 2024 OBA Procedures & Playing Rules. In addition, the following local rules will apply:

1. All teams must email their OBA Pitch Count # to the tournament convenor.
2. Coaches / Managers must have a copy of each player's proof of birthdate in case it is requested during the tournament. If a team has call-up players, then the team must also have a copy of the OBA roster of the call-up players. If it is a House League player, then a proof of registration in the respective club/association.
3. For ALL games (round robin, semifinals and championship game), the home team will be determined by a coin toss, 10 minutes prior to the game; the team who traveled the furthest will make the call. The home team will be the official scorekeeper including Pitch Count.
4. Line-up cards will be used for all games. Line-up cards should be exchanged at least 15 minutes before the game time. Line-up cards MUST include player information (number, name and position), also MUST include coaches' information (number and name).
5. OBA Pitch count information MUST be entered live during the game or right after the game.
6. OBA Pitch count information MUST be submitted and approved within 15 mins after the end of the game.
7. Tournament Results form, we are not using scoresheets anymore, it is replaced by a Tournament Results form. The home team must complete the form and return it to the convenor immediately after the game. The form must be signed by both teams and pitch count game ID # must be included in the form.
8. All scores will be posted on the tournament website: <http://www.rhphoenixtournaments.com/>
9. Pitch counts will NOT be posted on the tournament website, OBA Pitch Count app is the official tool to record the pitch counts and catchers' information.
10. In case of inclement weather, the tournament schedule will be revised at the Tournament Convenor's discretion. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend, alter or adjust, the rules pertaining to scheduling and/or the structure of the tournament to facilitate the completion of the tournament.
11. Baseball coaches must wear their proper team uniform (jersey, pants and cap) while participating in a game. Jerseys should be individually numbered. Shorts will NOT be allowed.
12. Two umpires will be used in all games. ABUSE OF UMPIRES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Major abuses will be reported to the Associations concerned and to OBA.



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#### 13. Tournament Format:

- a. The 8 teams registered will be grouped in 2 divisions (A and B) of 4 teams each division for Round-Robin games.
- b. After Round-Robin games the top 2 teams in each division will advance to the Semi Finals (SF). OBA tie break rules will be used if needed.
  - i. [SF #1] Div-A 1<sup>st</sup> -vs- Div-B 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - ii. [SF #2] Div-B 1<sup>st</sup> -vs- Div-A 2<sup>nd</sup>
- c. The winners of the Semi Finals will play the Championship Game.

14. Round-Robin games will be 7 innings in length (6.5 innings if the home team is winning). No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the time of the first pitch, except in instances where the mercy rule is applicable. Tied games are allowed in Round-Robin.

15. Semi Finals (SF) will be 7 innings in length (6.5 innings if the home team is winning). No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the time of the first pitch, except in instances where the mercy rule is applicable. Tied games are NOT allowed in the Semi Finals; extra innings will be played if necessary to determine a winner.

16. Championship Game is not subject to the time curfew limit and will be a full game (7 innings) to determine a winner except in instances where the mercy rule is applicable. Extra innings will be played if necessary to determine a winner.

#### 17. Score:

- 2 points for a win.
- 1 point for a tie.
- 0 points for a loss.

18. In case of a forfeited game, the score will be recorded as 7-0 in 7 innings. A team with a forfeit loss will not be allowed to advance to the Semi Finals.

#### 19. Mercy rules are in effect.

- a. 18 runs after 3 innings
- b. 15 runs after 4 innings
- c. 10 runs after 5 innings
- d. If the home team leads by mercy after the top half of any such inning, the game shall be considered a mercy and the home team will not bat.

20. If the home team is winning and is at bat when the time limit is reached, then the game will be stopped. The score at the time of the stoppage will be recorded as the official score.

21. **A game will be considered official after 4 innings of play or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead [RP2.2 (b)].** If a game is stopped before being considered an official game it would be suspended and when play



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continues, it will be from the point at which the game was suspended. 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. But if a game is stopped after being considered an official game, then it is over.

22. **Pre-game, warm-ups are not allowed on the infield. Teams can use the outfield for warming-up IF TIME PERMITS.**
23. Awards:
  - a. Tournament awards are limited to 18 per team.
  - b. Tournament awards for the 1<sup>st</sup> place and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
24. Entry fees are considered bond by the Tournament Committee. Fees will not be refunded in the event of default or withdrawal. Refunds will not be considered beyond the tournament registration deadline dates that appear on the OBA Tournament Listings.
25. Coaches and managers are responsible for the conduct of anyone associated with their team throughout the entire tournament.
26. Participants of the tournament including spectators **MUST refrain from using alcohol or any tobacco and vapour products including smoking and vaping of cannabis during the tournament, including in the parking lot. The city of Richmond Hill and Richmond Hill Phoenix Baseball Club have a zero-tolerance policy for drinking alcohol and smoking (any type). Failing to this policy will impact your team and might be disqualified from the playoffs or from the tournament.**
27. A player, coach or spectator ejected for any reason is considered to be ejected from the next game and/or of the tournament; it will depend on the circumstances. If a player is ejected due to the contact rule, the Tournament Convenor will determine if the player will be allowed to continue after one game suspension.
28. Spectator seating must be arranged along first base / right field line or third base / left field line or on bleachers provided in the park. **Spectators are NOT ALLOWED to seat behind fence of home plate.**
29. Richmond Hill Phoenix Baseball Club accepts no responsibility for any injuries, damages, or losses to anyone during the tournament.
30. The decision of the umpire(s) is final. Protests will be resolved on the field by the Protest Committee. To file a protest, a fee of \$100 cash must be paid to the Protest Committee prior to being heard. Time will stop when the protest is made and will begin again once it is resolved. No protests will be heard after the completion of the game.
31. **Pitching rules:**
  - a. OBA Pitching rules will be strictly enforced, please refer to the OBA On Deck app to review the rules.



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- b. OBA Arm Care rules will be strictly enforced, please refer to the OBA On Deck app to review the rules.
- c. Pitch counts of the "Official Pitch Count recorder" will be the only numbers used by the umpires during a game regardless of what numbers (pitch counts) any coach or spectator may have, no appeal or protest of the numbers recorded will be permitted. It will be confirmed with the OBA Pitch Count app.

32. **In case of ties in standings**, OBA Tie Break rules **RP7.3** will be used.

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