

## **TBDMSA Year-end Tournament Rules 2023**

Season standings have been calculated following those guidelines outlined in the Season Rules. At the end of regular season play, positions in the standings have been determined by: Total points, Record against each other and runs for/against ratio.

1. Regular season rules apply except for the rules stipulated below within each division.
2. If home team is leading by 5 or more runs going into the bottom of the last inning, then they do not bat. Maximum +5 can be earned by winning team for a game in preliminary round games.
3. No team may choose their Umpires. If they refuse to play, they forfeit the game.
4. All decisions made by the Umpires are final.
5. A maximum of 5 runs can be earned per inning except for the open inning in the Peewee and Bantam Semi Final and Championship Final games.
6. Time limit of 1 hour and 25 minutes are in effect for all preliminary round games. **In the event the last inning is not completed within the allotted time limit the final score is reverted to the last full inning.** In event of a tie, each team will be awarded a point.
7. Placement after the preliminary round games will be determined by how many points each team has. In the case of a tie, it will be determined by team's plus/minus in the tournament. If no resolution, then it would be determined on how the teams played against other during the tournament. If a tie still exists, then it's the total number of runs each team accumulates in the tournament.
8. Game scores **MUST** be presented to the division Convenor or TBDMSA Executive Member at the pavilion **IMMEDIATELY** after the game by the HOME team Coach.
9. Substitution complaints from coaches will be ruled on by division convenors.

### **U7 Specific**

1. At the end of the preliminary round games the top 3 teams advance. Team 1 gets a bye to the final, team 2 plays team 3 in a semi-final game. Winner advances to final.
3. Highest placed team from preliminary round is home team in semi-final and final games.
4. Semi final and Final games are 3 full innings
5. If there is a tie in the semi final or final game the International Tie Breaker rule will be in effect and no time limit will be implemented.

### **U10 Specific**

- 1.Regular season winner gets a bye game in preliminary round.
2. At the end of the preliminary round games the top 3 teams advance. Team 1 gets a bye to the final, team 2 plays team 3 in a semi final game. Winner advances to the final.
3. Highest placed team from preliminary round is home team in semi-final and final games.
4. Semi final and final games are 3 full innings
5. If there is a tie in the semi final or final game the International Tie Breaker rule will be in effect and no time limit will be implemented.

### **U14 Specific**

1. At the end of the preliminary round the top 3 teams advance. Team 1 gets a bye to final, team 2 plays team 3 in a semi-final game. Winner advances to final.
- 2.Semi-final and final games will consist of 5 innings. Last inning is open.
3. Highest placed team from preliminary round is home in semi-final and final games.
4. No time limit in Semi Final and Final games as there is an open inning.
5. If there is a tie in semi-final or final games, the international tie breaker will be in effect and no time limit will be implemented.

### **U19 Specific**

1. At the end of the preliminary round the top 3 teams advance. Team 1 gets a bye to final, team 2 plays team 3 in a semi-final game. Winner advances to final.
2. Semi-final and final games will consist of 5 innings. Last inning is open.
3. Highest placed team from preliminary round is home team in semi-final and final games.
4. No time limit in Semi Final and Final games as there is an open inning.
5. If there is a tie in the semi final or final game the International Tie Breaker rule will be in effect and no time limit will be implemented.

### **International Tie Breaker Rule**

When a softball game is tied at the end of seven innings, the International Tie Breaker rule goes into effect. At the start of each inning, a runner is placed on second base with **1 out** - the runner will be the last batter scheduled to bat in this inning. Any eligible player may be substituted for this runner. At least one full inning is played, allowing each team the same chance to score. If the score remains tied, the same process is used in each inning until a victor emerges (one team scores more runs than the other at the end of a complete inning).