BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **ALL BRIGHTON BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS WILL ADHERE TO THE RULES AS WRITTEN BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE LISTED HEREIN.**

2. **TEAMS ARE EXPECTEDTO BE READY TO BEGIN GAMES PROMPTLY. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. STARTING TIME MAY BE DELAYED BY PREVIOUS GAME GOING INTO EXTRA INNINGS. IN SUCH CASESGAME TIME WILL BE TWENTY MINUTES FROM THE CONCLUSION OF THAT GAME.**

3. **HOME TEAM WILL BE DETERMINED BY COIN TOSS INVOLVING BOTH MANAGERS PRIOR TO START OF GAME. LINEUPS ARE TO BE EXCHANGED AT THIS TIME AND SHOULD INCLUDE PLAYERS NAME, NUMBER, & POSITION. THE HOME TEAM WILL BE THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER, WHEN A SCOREKEEPER IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE. ALL LINEUP CHANGES MUST BE REPORTEDTO THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER. THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER NEED NOT KEEP A SEPARATE SCOREBBOOK, HOWEVER WE ASK BOTH MANAGERS VERIFY THE SCORE AT THE END OF EACH INNING. ERRORS MAY NOT BE CORRECTED ONCE A NEW INNING STARTS.**

4. **THE WINNING TEAM IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE & RETURN TO A TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL THE GAME SUMMARY SHEET PROVIDED. BOTH MANAGERS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN. FAILURE TO RETURN SUMMARY SHEET MAY RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THAT GAME.**

5. **ANY ILLEGAL ENTRY OF NON-VERIFIED PLAYERS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE FORFEITURE OF ALL GAMES AND ELIMINATION FROM TOURNAMENT. NO REFUNDS!!!!**

6. **DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF "ALL-STAR" TEAMS WE CANNOT ENFORCE A UNIFORM RULE. WE ASK THAT ALL PLAYERS DRESS AS MUCH ALIKE AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL ASK THAT ANY DISTASTEFUL CLOTHING BE REMOVED. ALL UNIFORMS MUST HAVE A NUMBER ON BACK OF SHIRT.**

7. **ANY PLAYER EJECTED FROM A GAME FOR ANY REASON WILL BE EJECTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT GAME AND THE NEXT GAME PLAYED. ADDITIONAL GAMES COULD BE ADDED TO SUSPENSION BY TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS. THE PLAYERS TEAM WILL TAKE AN OUT IN AGE GROUPS WHERE EVERYBODY BATS. NOTE: ANY COACH EJECTED WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

8. **AWARDS AND/OR TROPHIES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TOURNAMENTS RUNNERS-UP AND CHAMPIONS.**

9. **THE FEDERATION BAT RESTRICTION RULE (AGES 11u-14u) WILL NOT BE ENFORCED.**

10. **THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS. IN THE EVENT OF A CHALLENGE REGARDING RULES OR RULE INTERPRETATIONS, BOTH MANAGERS MAY CONFER WITH THE UMPIRES. ALL DISPUTES WILL BE SETTLED AT THAT TIME. IF NECESSARY, A TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE INCLUDED IN ANY DISCUSSIONS. HOME PLATE UMPIRE'S DECISION IS FINAL. JUDGEMENT CALLS MAY NOT BE DISPUTED. REMEMBER THE CLOCK IS RUNNING DURING ANY DISCUSSIONS.**

11. **THE FOLLOWING TIE-BREAKERS WILL BE USED FOR "POOL WINNERS".**
    A. **HEAD TO HEAD PLAY.**
    B. **RUN DIFFERENTIAL IN ALL GAMES WITH THE TEAM HAVING THE GREATER DIFFERNTIAL BEING DECLARED THE WINNER. <u>10 RUNS PER GAME MAX.</u>**
    C. **LEAST AMOUNT OF RUNS ALLOWED.**
    D. **MOST RUNS SCORED.**
    E. **COIN FLIP.**

12. **THERE CAN BE NO GREATER RUN DIFFERENTIALTHAN 10 RUNS ENDED BECAUSE OF THE MERCY RULE. MERCY RULE IS IN EFFECT AFTER FOUR COMPLETE INNINGS HAVE BEEN PLAYED, UNLESS THE HOME TEAM IS AHEAD AFTER THREE & ONE-HALF INNINGS. MERCY RULE IS 15 RUNS AFTER THREE INNINGS OR 10 AFTER FOUR. IN THE CASE OF FORFEITURE, A RUN DIFFERENTIAL OF +10 WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNING TEAM.**

13. **ABSOLUTELY NO SOFT TOSS OR PEPPER AGAINST FENCES OR BACKSTOPS.**

14. **NO INFIELD PRACTICE PRIOR TO ANY GAME.**

15. **NO PETS ALLOWED.**

16. **ALL SCHEDULED GAMES MUST BE PLAYED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN FORFEITING ANY GAMES ALREADY, OR REMAINING TO BE, PLAYED .**

** RUN DIFFERENTIAL IS USED FOR TIE-BREAKERS ONLY. IF OFFICIAL GAME ENDS BECAUSE HOME TEAM IS AHEAD AFTER THE TOP OF THE 4,5,6 OR 7 INNING, OR HOME TEAM SCORES IN BOTTOM OF INNING TO END GAME. THE GAME IS OVER. NO HOME TEAM CAN CONTINUE TO PLAY TO INCREASE RUN DIFFERENTIAL.