



## **Best of the West – Bantam Rules**

Welcome everyone to the “Best of the West” Bantam Classic Tournament.

### **Rules:**

**Time limit:** All games are 7 innings or time limit (2 hours) no new inning after the 2 hour mark. If we are at time and the game is tied at that mark, it will go down as a tie. Other circumstances that could happen:

- If a game is tied after 7 innings and under the time, it will be played until the 2 hour mark with the speed up rule - runner at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1 out and all hitters start with a 1 – 1 count.

- If an inning has started and the time limited is reached, it must be completed unless the home team is leading – then the game is over

- If weather or an unforeseen incident occurs during the game, we will resume the game at the present point at a later time – Please understand that 5 innings constitute a complete game and will not be resumed (4 ½ if the home team is leading).

**Home Team:** Decided by a Coin flip in round robin games and then higher seed has the option in the Playoff round

**Mercy Rule:** 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 complete will be in effect.

**Tie Breaker:** 1. Best Record 2. Head to Head 3. Defensive runs against in all games played 4. Run Differential 5. Most runs scored in all round robin games 6. Sudden death mini game (\*\*+ or – 10 runs\*\* will be used in “D” runs against, “O” runs for and Differential)

**Slide or Avoid:** Straight into the bag or attempt to avoid contact. Please note that it will be the umpires discretion on incidental contact:

**Speed up Rule:** You can run for the pitcher or catcher at any time – player must be someone presently not in the game.

**Official Book:** The home team has the official book

**DH & EH:** If you wish, you can have a DH and EH. The EH can be freely substituted to play defense, you do not have to report that to the umpire.

**Re Entry:** You can re enter for the starters, just make sure they come back in the same spot in the batting order

**Hitting Line up:** You can hit 9, 10 or whole line up. Please note is you hit the whole line up and someone is ejected or hurt, that spot in the line up will be an out. If you hit the whole line up, all players can be freely substituted to play a defensive position – no need to report to umpire

**Pitching Rules:** There are none. This will be left it up to you, but you may have to abide by the rules set up by your organization.

**BATS:** Wood bat or Wood composite Bat tournament (Baum bat is legal).

**WEATHER:** If weather becomes a factor here is the priority of games to be played;

1. Round Robin
2. Playoff Games
3. Higher seeded Consolation Games
4. Lower seeded Consolation Games

### **For Tournament or Travel event play – Weather or Cancellation:**

In the case of weather or cancellation of games or an event, the following will be our **Strictly Followed Refund Policy**. Of course we will do our best to get all games in but will lean on teams to help with fields as manpower may be an issue.

0 games = 90% refund    1 game = 67% refund    2 games = 33% refund    3 games or more = no refund

**Withdrawal from a BLE event:** One month prior to the start date will result in **NO REFUND**. Once again, management does reserve that right to offer a credit under special circumstances.

Have a great tournament, cheers

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