



### **Best of the West – Bantam AAA and Bantam AA Rules**

**Time limit:** All games are 7 innings or time limit - no new inning after the 2-hour mark. If we are on 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 with a 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. **Please note that if the speed up rule is used only 1 run will be rewarded to the winning team as runners were placed on bases.**

- If an inning has started and the time limit is reached, it must be completed unless the home team is leading.

- 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 (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

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

**Speed up Rule:** You can run for the pitcher or catcher at any time – the player must be someone presently not in the game. In each inning, a player can only run for either the Pitcher or catcher – not both.

**Official Book:** The home team has the official book. Umpires will confirm the official score with home team book.

**DH, EH or Hitting your whole Line up:** If you wish, you can have both an DH, EH or hit your whole line up. If you have an EH or hit your whole line – up, Players can be freely substituted to play defense, you do not have to report defensive changes to the umpire. Please note; If you hit the whole line up and someone is ejected or hurt, that spot will be an out.

**Re Entry:** If you do not hit your whole line-up, you can re-enter for the starters.

**Pitching Rules:** As other Provinces and organizations have different rules, we **Do Not** have Pitching rules. We trust coaches will have the best interest of the pitcher in mind. We strongly suggest you abide by the rules set up by your organization as there may be consequences on your return home.

#### **BAT Reg:**

- **Bantam AAA Division** – Wood or Wood Composite bat
- **Bantam AA Division** - Whatever is accepted within your Province is acceptable.

**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 (for any reason), the following **Refund Policy** will be our **Strictly Followed**.

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

**Withdrawal from a BLE event/Best of the West tournaments:** 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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