

PART III – TOURNAMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES

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- 7.1 The official National Federation Baseball Rules will prevail for the tournament with the following clarifications or state option.
- 7.2 All CIAC tournament games will comply with the game ending procedure as defined by National Federation Rule 4-2-Art. 2. ALL games will be played in their entirety. **THERE IS NO LONGER A MERCY RULE.**
- a. Any tournament games which must be halted for whatever reason will be declared suspended and the game will be continued from the point of suspension, with lineup and batting order of each team the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension.
- b. Extra innings will be played until a winner can be determined if a winner cannot be determined at the completion of seven full innings of play.
- 7.3 Beginning with the quarter-final games, the umpire must consult with the site director before a game is suspended because of inclement weather.
- 7.4 ***BALL -- THE FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT BALLS WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT: RAWLINGS CIAC – In the rare event that the teams do not have the tournament ball, the umpires should play the game and report the problem to the tournament director immediately after the game.***
- 7.5 Throughout the tournament, the higher ranked team shall have the choice of taking or not taking the last time at bat and choice of dugouts. In the event of a postponement or suspension of game, all conditions described herein shall prevail when the game is played or resumed.
- 7.6 For all games the site director will notify both teams of the location of the field, the time of the game and the time of batting and infield practice as well as any special ground rules. ***PRE-GAME PRACTICE WILL BE NO MORE THAN 12 MINUTES IN DURATION.***
- 7.7 The home team scorer will be considered the official scorer through the semi-finals.
- 7.8 In the event of any situation not covered in the rules, the decision of the Committee or its representatives shall be final. Selection of teams and sites by the Committee is final.
- 7.9 ***REPORTING OF TOURNAMENT GAMES***

**PLEASE -- IMMEDIATELY following a tournament game the BOTH TEAM COACHES FOR ALL DIVISIONS will telephone game scores to –
FRED BALSAMO -- Home (203) 265-3053**

Please arrange to have someone from the site call from a cell phone.