SABA HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Tournament games will be played under High School Baseball Rules, as published by National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) except for exceptions noted below.
2. Coin Flip determines Home Team. Coaches should conduct coin toss before their Game. (15 minutes prior to agreed upon or scheduled game time). Line up cards must be submitted at pregame meeting with umpires 5 minutes prior to the scheduled game time (official). Please send copy to press box 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time. (unofficial)
3. Teams should be at field and ready to play 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time. No game will start earlier than 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time. (Pre-approved exception approved by Tournament Director). If both teams agree and are ready to play with umpire approval may start play earlier than 30 minutes ahead of schedule. (If this occurs the Tournament Director should be notified by the site director).

4. Two-hour Time Limit. (1h50m for Rookies). No inning Starts after 2 Hours. tif time has not expired, extra innings will be allowed. tif game is still tied after expiration of time limit once the current inning is completed, game will be declared a tie unless a winner is determined in that inning. (Federation exception)

5. If game is tied extra inning(s) are played using the California Tie-breaker rule – last out of previous inning placed on 2nd base to start the inning. (Federation Exception)
6. Championship games – no time limit but run rules apply.
7. Time will be kept by Umpire-in-Chief on the field. **Time will start with the first warm up pitch.**
8. No Infield will be allowed between games. (Federation exception)
9. 8-Run lead after 5 innings constitutes a game (12 after 3 Innings, 10 after 4 innings) (Federation exception).
10. 1-EP Player in the batting Lineup is permissible. Must be listed on the lineup card - subject to same re-entry rule as any starter. (Federation exception)
11. DH – High School Rule
12. Pitch Limitations. Pitch Count is up to the Coaches discretion. We will not keep Track. (Federation exception)
13. Any player, or person, guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ejected from the game but player must stay in park or on bench. Coaches and non-players must leave the park if ejected.
14. Player or coaches who are ejected are subject to additional game(s) suspension to be determined by the Tournament Director. Fans who are ejected from the ballpark will not be permitted to return for the duration of the tournament unless approved by Tournament Director.
15. Protests fall under NFHS rules. No protest on judgment calls. A protest of a rule interpretation will be allowed and ruled on immediately on the field by the Umpire-in-chief. Protested rule interpretation must be submitted within ten minutes. The NFHS rule book or NFHS Rules app on phone or tablet (Electronically) are the authority. The ten minutes will not count against game time.

16. No water will be provided in your dugout. Please have players and coaches bring their own water.
17. Each Team shall provide 2 new baseballs for each game.
18. Please follow the rules of the sites with artificial turf – Branson and Hillcrest – with respect to sunflower seeds and shoes.