



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF WHATCOM COUNTY

## **2017 Hub DeJong Baseball Tourney Rules**

- 01. Time Limit:** games will be 5 innings long and no inning will start after 1 hour and 15 minutes. If an inning starts before the time limit, the entire inning will be played (home team will not bat if they are ahead).
- 02. Runs per inning:** Teams will bat through their order or until 3 outs have been made. If one team has more players, the other team can bat until they reach the same number of batters. During the 5<sup>th</sup> inning (or last inning decided by the umpire) 3 outs must be made to end the inning and teams can bat through the order more than once.
- 03. Run Rule:** If a team is up by 10 runs or more after 3 innings, the game is over.
- 04. Playing time:** All players will be placed in the batting order. No player will sit out two consecutive innings, defensively. 9/10 year old Minor B rec teams use 4 outfielders; 11/12 year old and Select teams use 3 outfielders.
- 05. On deck batter:** For safety reasons, all on deck batters should stand behind the batter, regardless of the side his bench is on. All other players should be in the dugout area.
- 06. Dimensions:** Bases are 60 feet and pitching distance is 40 feet for Minor B and 46 feet for the Minor A division and Majors.
- 07. Bunting:** Bunting is allowed.
- 08. Stealing:** There is no leading off. Runners may steal 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base as soon as the ball crosses home plate. The Major and Select divisions can steal home. Teams will be warned once and called out if leaving early each time after. There is no stealing home in the minor B division, only in the major and Select divisions can a player steal home!
- 09. Infield fly:** There is no infield fly rule for rec. Select will have infield fly.
- 10. Third strike:** The batter is out when a third strike is caught or not caught by the catcher (Minor and Rec).
- 11. Slide rule:** If a play is being made on a runner, the runner must slide or avoid contact. If a runner runs into a fielder and doesn't slide, he will be called out. If the runner flagrantly runs into a fielder, the runner will be ejected from the game.
- 12. Pitching rule In Major B and Minor B games:** A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 3 innings a game, 8 innings for the entire tournament for the minor B division and 9 for the major and competitive division. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning. A starting pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher. It is each team's coaches' responsibility to record each player's pitched innings in case it comes into question. Each game you must have the opposing coach initial your pitcher log.
- 13. Pitching rule In Major A and Minor A games:** Select teams will adhere to the Cal Ripken Tournament Pitching Rules and will use pitch count limitations. There are no limitations on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch in the tournament, but each pitcher is subject to the following pitch count limitations:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Daily Max Pitches</u>	<u>Rest Period</u>		
		<u>0 Days</u>	<u>1 Day</u>	<u>2 Days</u>
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36+
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+

**14. Game conduct:** Umpires will not be subject to any harassment in the Boys & Girls Club leagues. Violators will be suspended from games. It is your responsibility to make sure your players and their parents obey this rule.

**15. Playing Rule:** Teams must have a minimum of 8 players to start a game. If a player is injured or needs to leave the game the before it is complete, his spot will be passed over without penalty. If a player is ejected from the game, an out will be recorded for each of his succeeding at bats.

**16. Bat rule:** The bat shall not be more then 33 inches in length, nor have a bat barrel in excess of 2 ¼ inches

**17. Shoes:** metal cleats or spikes are not permitted

**18. Intentional Delays:** Intentionally delaying the game to achieve victory or take advantage of the time rule is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will not be tolerated. The umpires or tournament officials reserve the right to eject a coach or declare a forfeit to the team delaying the game.

**19. Tie- breakers:** In the event of a tie at the end of a game teams will play one more inning if within the time limit, if it remains a tie after the extra inning the game is over. Semi-final and final games will not end in a tie.

In the event of a tie in pool play we will consider:

1. Head to head results
2. Average runs allowed per games played
3. Lowest single game runs allowed
4. Most runs scored in one game
5. Coin flip

**20. Time in-between innings:** Our expectations are that teams will take two minutes in-between innings. Pitchers are allowed to take 8 warm up pitches in their first inning of action and 5 warm up pitches every inning after they pitch.

**21. Score book:** The home team will keep the official scorebook.

**22. Home teams:** Home teams are listed second on the schedule.

**23. Report scores:** The winning team must report the score to the athletic staff at the tournament table as soon as the game is over.

**24. Mounds:** May be used in the major division and competitive if we can get them. Some games may be played on mounds and some may not. Please be flexible with this.

**Please note:** Additional rules will follow Cal Ripken League rules or as directed by the tournament staff and will be dealt with as they arise.