**2017 TEDDY BEAR TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. PWSA/CASA playing rules apply.
2. Free substitution will be allowed on defense only, all players must bat.
3. "Temporary Runners" (formerly Courtesy Runner) Allowed for catcher with 2 out and in the case of injury. Injury must occur during tournament play. Must be last available batter
4. Teams must be ready and available to play 15 minutes prior to game time.
5. There will be no infield practice on game diamond.

1. "Home Team" decided by flip of coin by plate umpire.
2. "Game Length” will be a regulation seven innings with the following exception:
* No new inning will start after 1 hour and 20 minutes.
* Umpire keeps official time and will provide this time to each team after the first pitch.
* Home team will not bat if ahead after time limit expires.
1. "Runs Ahead Rule” will be In effect for all games including medal games.
* 20 runs ahead at the end of the 1st Inning
* 15 runs ahead at the end of 3 or 4 innings.
* 10 runs ahead at the end of 5 or more innings
* ***In U12 Girls (Squirt) Division, if any team is ahead by twenty-five (25) or more runs after any complete inning (or half inning if home team) the game will be terminated.***
* ***In the U18 Women (Midget) Division, if any team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs at the end of three innings (two and a half if home team) or any inning thereafter; or if any team is ahead by seven (7) or more runs at the end of five innings (four and a half if home team) or any inning thereafter, the game will be terminated.***
1. In case of a tie at end of 7 innings, game will remain a tie during round robin play.

1. "Final Standings” The following will be used to break a tie after round robin play:

 1. Record between two tied teams, 2. Run Differential, 3. Runs Against, 4. Runs For, 5. Coin Toss

1. **Medal** games will be 7 innings with no time limit. Runs Ahead Rule will apply.
* 20 runs ahead at the end of 1st inning
* 15 runs ahead at the end of 3 or 4 innings
* 10 runs ahead at the end of 5 or more innings
* If game is tied upon completion of 7 innings International tie breaker rule will apply.
* **“Exception” Squirt Division: no new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes**
1. Both teams are to provide their own scorekeepers. Coaches/Managers are not to leave the diamond area until official score sheet provided by Tournament Official has been signed. Failure to sign score sheet at the conclusion of the game may result in the game being declared a loss.
2. No protests will be accepted. The umpire’s decision is final. The game will be decided on the field of play.
3. Medals will be awarded for first, second and third. Maximum of 15 medals per team.
4. Forfeit games will be scored 7 - 0.
5. All teams must check in with the Park Convenor and submit a team roster prior to first game.

1. Proof of age must be available upon request from tournament staff at all games.

1. Any team having ineligible players will be disqualified from the tournament immediately with no refund.

1. Tournament Coordinators reserve the right to alter the tournament format or guidelines if necessary due to circumstances beyond their control.
2. Player/Coach/Spectator misconduct will not be tolerated.
3. HAVE FUN!!

\*\* In the event that tournament play is affected by adverse weather, including rain, lightning or field

Conditions, tournament organizers reserve the right to alter the format of the tournament, including game length. \*\*

The following refund policy will be in effect in the event that games are partially or fully affected.

If zero games are played the team will receive a100% refund

If one game is played the team will receive a 75% refund

If two games are played the team will receive a 50% refund

If three or more games are played there will be no refund given.