

1. **The IABA** will create the tournament brackets, select host sites, and provide: baseballs, trophies and prize money.
2. **Prize Money:** 1st \$200, 2nd \$125, 3rd Place Tie: \$25 each.
3. **Host Sites** retain revenue from advertisements, fundraising, and gate fees (**Gate Fees:** \$5 for adults, \$2 for high school and college students. Children, and ball players in uniform, are free) and concessions. Host sites are responsible for a site manager, grounds keeping, two umpires per game, lights as needed, an official scorer and any other ordinary expense.
4. **Entry Fee:** \$100 per Team, which may come directly from participating Leagues.
5. **MLB Rules** - Major League Baseball Rules govern all games, except as herein revised:
 - Games are scheduled for 7 innings.
 - A Complete Game is defined as at least 5 innings of play.
 - A Ten-Run Rule is in effect after 5 innings of play.
 - No Time Clock will be employed
 - Either 15 or 18 inch Bases may be used.
 - After 7 innings, a Team's last out starts as a Runner at 2nd Base.
6. **DH Rule Clarification** – The DH is optional but must be determined prior to the start of the game. The DH may only hit for the pitcher. The DH may enter the game as a position player but the pitcher, or their substitute, must bat in the line-up position the DH replaced; the DH may enter the games as the pitcher but remains in their original position in the batting order.
7. **Pickoff Rule Clarification** - A pitcher gets two “disengagements” per batter, which can be either stepping off or a pickoff attempt; a 3rd unsuccessful attempt results in a balk, and the count resets if a runner advances.
8. **Alcohol Usage** - No alcohol may be consumed by anyone in a dugout or on the field, during tournament play.
9. **Pre-Game Infield / Batting Practice** - No pre-game infield or batting practice is allowed on the field at any host site; on-site batting cage practice by the host team, or any team, must cease 1 hour before the scheduled start time of the day's first game.
10. **Umpires** - No umpire may be scheduled to be behind home plate in more than one game a day; if the host site wishes, an umpire may work an additional game on the bases to have three umpires for the championship game.
11. **Weather Delays** - An umpire may temporarily stop play at any time due to rain or nearby lightening, then resume play when, in their opinion, weather conditions permit.
12. **Rainouts** - In the event of heavy rain, or other dangerous weather conditions, a game may be called by an umpire; if the game is a complete game, the team leading is the winner, otherwise the game is suspended.
13. **Suspended Games** - If a game is called before it is complete, the game is suspended. The game will resume when conditions permit, or at the next possible location; such games shall continue where they were halted and, if possible, with the same lineups on the field. IABA directors in attendance, along with the site manager, will decide when play can continue, or when a site change may be required. The IABA President will settle any disputes.
14. **Protests** - Only a manager may lodge a protest, but under no circumstance will a protest be entertained that involves a judgment call made by an umpire. In the event of a protest, the game shall be stopped immediately and the umpires, along with the IABA Directors in attendance, must settle the protest before play is re-started; if necessary, the IABA President will be the final arbiter of the protest.
15. **Player Eligibility:**
 - a. To be eligible, a player must have appeared in at least 4 regularly scheduled league games.
 - b. High School Players are not subject to the Player Eligibility Rule.
 - c. Managers shall provide proof of eligibility before a player in question will be declared eligible; once IABA directors have declared a player eligible, they are eligible for the entire tournament.
16. **21 Man Tournament Roster** – Up to 3 high school players may be additionally added to the ordinary Tournament Roster of 21 Players. No changes may be made to this roster after 10 AM, on Friday (8/1/25), the day before the start of the tournament.
17. **IABA Release of Responsibility** - Before the start of the first game played by a tournament team, the IABA Release of Responsibility form, if not already completed, must be signed by the manager and players who are present – **in their own handwriting** – and submitted to the Site Manager. Any player, who wasn't present to sign the form, must sign the form before they are eligible to play in subsequent tournament games. **NOTE: A parent, or guardian, must sign for a player under the age of eighteen.**
18. **Six Team, Single-Elimination Tournament** - Play begins on Saturday (8/2/25), with seeded brackets at 2 Host Sites. Only 1 game will be played at each Site on Saturday. The Two winners from each site will advance to the Championship Site on Sunday (8/3/25). Play, based on the Preset Brackets, will determine the two teams who will play for the Championship. **Start Time:** Quad Cities, Saturday: 12 Noon. Williamsburg, Saturday & Sunday: 1 PM Start.