2021 NEOBL General League Rules 12u Division

1) All rules stated here supersede rules stated in the NFHS Rule Book. NEOBL reserves the right to modify rules prior to the start of the season, if any item is misrepresented in this document.
2) Playing age is players age as of April 30
3) Players may not play on multiple rosters within the same age division.
4) All game protests are must be settled at the point of infraction.
5) Games will be 7 innings Official game after 5 innings (4 ½ if Home team winning)
6) Mercy rule: 10 after 5 innings
7) Pitchers will be limited to 4 innings per game
8) An "Additional Hitter" Rule will be allowed. The "AH" Rule is optional. The "AH" is a 10th hitter placed anywhere in the line-up. The "AH" can be substituted for and the re-entry rule will apply. The "AH" is considered a defensive position and can play in the field. DH allowed in 15u thru 18u ONLY
9) Roster Batting will be allowed. (Encouraged for all regular season games)
   a. Teams can bat a 9-player lineup, a 10-player lineup using an additional hitter (AH), or roster bat all present uniformed players. The lineup must be declared before the start of the game and used the entire game.
   b. If a team chooses to roster bat, then all players other than the nine defensive position players are additional hitters and can move freely in defensive positions.
   c. If a team is batting all present, uniformed players, with no eligible substitutes listed on the lineup card, and the number of players is 9 or 10, that team is considered to be roster batting for the purposes of defensive substitutions and courtesy runners, unless the coach has specifically declared otherwise at the pregame plate conference. If additional players arrive after the game has started, those players are placed at the end of the batting order. If the coach declares at the pregame plate conference that he is not roster batting, the late players are listed on the lineup as eligible substitutes.
10) No Bat Restrictions
11) Speed-up rule : Teams may use a courtesy runner anytime for the pitcher and/or catcher. The runner must be a player from the bench, or if none available -- the last batted out.
12) There can be Tie Games in regular season
13) Regular season plays thru June 27

14) Playoff Teams / Seeding will be decided by POINTS
    Teams will be awarded 3 pts for a WIN --- 2 pts for a TIE --- 1 pt for a LOSS

    Playoffs will have the TOP (4) from each group play a 'single elimination' tournament
    Round 1 games begin June 28 - July 1……..All playoff games will be played to conclusion.
    NEOBL does not penalize teams for their participation in 'out of state' events

    Tie Breakers : Two (2) Teams tied a) Head to Head b)Fewest runs allowed vs. each other
    c) Most runs scored vs each other (max 10/game)

    Three (3) or more Teams tied (if equal # of games or revert to average for full season)
    a) Fewest runs allowed vs each other
    b) Most runs scored vs each other (max 10/game)

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