

Welcome to the 53rd Annual Hub DeJong & Jerry Smoot  
youth baseball tournament.

RECREATIONAL DIVISION Majors and Minor

We Thank You

Coaches you are very much appreciated and supported  
Never lose sight of the journey, this should not be about the Trophy  
Let them play this game and they will grow into great adults like each of you

THIS IS FOR OUR PLAYERS PLEASE REPRESENT GREAT LEADERSHIP

**SCORE REPORTING IS MANDATORY FOR THE WINNING TEAM  
YOU MUST !**

- 1) Write Score on Card at your Field and initial score card
- 2) GO TO Tournament Directors area and report Team name & score
- 3) OR TEXT: TEAM NAME & SCORE TO these numbers listed here  
360-815-5450 & 360-815-1768
- 4) YOUR SEEDING WILL BE AFFECTED BY NOT REPORTING & A TIE  
WILL BE RECORDED**

Coaches this is a Great Game and we are all competitive, please remember your actions are direct reflection of how your Players and Parents will respond. We are human and humans have flaws. A missed call is NOT the reason your game is not going the way you might like. We kindly ask for you to support our umpires and Thank them for the hardest part of the game, generally Half to All don't like the umpires most of the time, That's a rough item. At this time we have opted to let you manage your pitch counts. IE Innings per tournament.  
SEE RULE

### **RULE PROTEST'S**

These will not be heard if a PHONE CALL IS NOT MADE. Or Immediate communication With one of these

We strongly believe there will be no reason to protest any rule issues.

Let us not forget that a Judgement or missed call is not Protest able.

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**360-815-5843 Wade**

**360-510-4390 Neal**

**01. Time Limit:** Games will be 6 innings long. No inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes. If an inning starts before the 1 Hour 20 minute time limit warning to each team the entire inning will be played (home team will not bat if they are ahead). SEE Rule 18 if a Tie exists.

**02. Runs per inning:** Teams may score 5 Runs Max per inning or until 3 outs have been made. During the 6<sup>th</sup> inning (or last inning decided by the Time/Umpire/Coaches) 3 outs must be made to end the inning and teams continue to bat to tie or take lead. **PLEASE CHECK THE CLOCK @ 1 Hour 20 Minutes.**

**03. Run Rule:** If a team is up by 10 runs or more after 4 innings the game is over.

**04. Playing time:** You may place all players in the batting order. No player will sit out more than two consecutive innings, defensively. All Rec teams may use 4 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 dug out area.

**06. Dimensions:** Pitching 40/60 feet Minor grades 3-4, 46/60 Major grades 5-6

**07. Bunting:** Bunting is allowed.

**08. Stealing:** There is no leading off runners may steal as soon as the ball crosses home plate. Major can steal home. Minors may advance to home on a hit ball or walk, Runners may be called out for leaving a base early

**09. Infield fly:** There is no infield fly rule for Rec Major and Minor B.

**10. Third strike:** The batter is out when a third strike is caught or Dropped by the catcher. No RUNS can score.

**11. Slide rule:** If a play is being made on a runner, the runner must Slide or Avoid contact. It is not mandatory to slide! If runner runs into fielder and doesn't slide, he will be called out. If the runner has flagrantly runs into fielder, runner will be removed from that game. You may dive back to a base. Feet first slides are required in this league.

**12. Pitching rule All Divisions:** A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game or a Maximum of 12 innings for the entire tournament. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning. Starting pitchers may **NOT** re-enter the game as a pitcher. It is each team's responsibility to record innings pitched. Yes the Safety or All players is a concern please use your best judgement.. This is an ongoing topic with our committee and value your input (post tournament not during). This has been the rule for 5 Years without any major issues. FYI: We use a pitch count in the competitive Divisions the 3 day tournament. This is far harder to monitor/manage vs innings pitched.

**13. Game conduct:** Umpires will not be subject to any harassment in this Tournament. Violators will be suspended from games. It is the **Coach's** responsibility to make sure your players, parents and fans follow this rule. There will be no discussion over balls and strikes. Please coach good sportsmanship and you will be a successful Coach.

**14. Playing Rule:** Yes you may borrow fielders from another team if needed, let the players Play. If a player is injured or needs to leave the game 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. Yes you may add players to bottom of the order at any time.

**15. Bat rule:** The bat shall not be more than 33 inches in length, nor have a bat barrel in excess of 2 3/4 inches Bring a bat use a Bat rule no STAMP required.

Yes Wood Bats are also acceptable. NO Stamp required

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

**17. 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 remove a coach or declare a forfeit to the team for delaying the game.

**18. Tie- breakers:** Semi-final and final games will not end in a tie

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

1. Win Loss record
2. Lowest Runs allowed per games played
3. Run differential + or -
4. Total runs scored
5. Fewest runs allowed in one game
6. Coin Toss

**19. 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.

**20. Score book:** The home team will keep the official scorebook. Please record Game Start Time and Innings pitched

**21. Home teams:** A coin toss will be used, winner may choose Home or Visitor.

**22. Report scores:** The WINNING team shall record the score on the card at the field. Also report the score to the Tournament staff at the tournament table as soon as the game is over. Or TEXT 360-815-5450

**23. Mounds:** Competitive divisions. No Mounds for REC Divisions.

**24. Alcohol or drugs:** Neither are allowed on Park Property, please share that this is a public park, city park rules apply.

We will follow Local League rules when applicable.

Any potential RULE issue is to be brought to the Tournament Director immediately via a phone call, all decisions will be final.

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We at Lynden Youth Sports, the DeJong/Smoot families, Lynden City Parks want to Thank You for attending this year's event we do hope you will return to Bender field Again soon.