- 1. Only BBCOR certified or wood bats may be used in the tournament.
- 2. All games except for the semi-final and championship games will be 7 innings with a 2 hour time limit. No new inning will start after two hours. A pool play game that is tied AFTER the time limit has expired will result in a tie. A pool play game that is tied after 7 innings BEFORE the time limit expires will continue play into extra innings until the time limit expires. Semi-final games will have 2 hour 30 minute time limit. If a semi-final game is tied after the time limit has expired, each team will put the last batted out on 2nd base with no outs and continue until a winner is determined. There will be no time limit in the Championship game.
- 3. A coin toss will determine the home and visiting teams for all pool play games. Coaches are encouraged to do this early (while game in front of you is still being played). For the semi-finals and championship game, the higher seed will be the home team.
- 4. The pool winners will be determined by the following:
 - A. Pool play record
 - B. If two teams are tied (head to head determines pool winner)
 - C. Three teams are tied (if one team has defeated the other two they are pool winner)
 - D. Three teams are tied but one hasn't defeated the other two, the following tie breakers will be used in this order to determine the pool winner Runs allowed, Run differential, Runs scored, Coin toss. Run differential will be capped at +/-8 per game.
- 5. The three pool winners and one wildcard team will advance to the semi-finals. The other 6 teams will play a consolation game on Sunday.
- 6. The mercy rule will be in effect for all games including the Championship game 12 runs after four innings, 8 runs after five innings.
- 7. There are no pitching restrictions for the tournament. Use discretion.
- 8. Teams may bat 9 and/or use an EH to bat 10 players. Teams may use a DH that can be for any defensive player. The re-entry rule will be in use. Any player who starts the game may be substituted for and may re-enter the game for that substitute in his original spot in the batting order one time. The sub would then be finished for the game. This applies to the EH as well. The EH may be used as a free defensive substitution.
- 9. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher at anytime. The courtesy runner must be someone who is not currently in the lineup. A courtesy runner is NOT mandatory for the pitcher or catcher with two outs.
- 10. A pitcher must be removed from the game on the second trip to the mound in an inning.

- 11. Game time is forfeit time under normal circumstances. Please have your team on time and ready to play. Forfeits will be recorded using the average number of runs scored for the winning team to 0 for the losing team. If a forfeit occurs on a winning team's first game, the score will be recorded as 7-0.
- 12. There will be no protests. All umpire decisions are final.
- 13. Any coach or player ejected from a game must sit out the next game. A second ejection for any coach or player will result in them being removed for the remainder of the tournament.
- 14. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to re-format the tournament.
- 15. National Federation of High School Rules will be used for any rule not covered by these rules.
- 16. All participants are competing at their own risk. By participating you agree to hold the Tournament Director, Prep Baseball Report, Tournament Officials, Tournament Hosts, and Tournament Sponsors harmless from any liability resulting from participation in the tournament. Team insurance is mandatory and must be available upon request.
- 17. Be sure to follow us on twitter @PBRKentucky and monitor the website www.prepbaseballreport.com/kentucky for scores, standings, and any weather related schedule changes should they become necessary.