

**Blaine Area Little League 2017
Rookie League Tournament
July 15-22, 2017**

The Rookie League Tournament is a 9–team Pool Play event with three pools of three teams. Games will be played July 15 – 22 (rain date July 23). Pool play will take place on Saturday 7/15 and Sunday 7/16. Every team is guaranteed two pool play games. The first and second place teams in each pool advance to single elimination bracket play, which will be Wednesday 7/19 and Friday 7/21. Championship games are on Saturday 7/22 (rain date Sunday 7/23).

Pool Play Seeding Method

1. End of season winning percentage will determine pool play seeding.
2. If there is a tie in winning percentage, the winner of the regular season head to head play is the higher seed. If teams that are tied played each other twice, the first head-to-head game is what counts. If teams are tied but they did not play each other, we will use the results of the first game against the next highest opponent to break the tie.
3. If the tie is between three or more teams, we will use the record against opponents in the tiebreaker to determine highest seed and then go back to #2 if there is still a tie with any remaining teams.
4. If teams are still tied, we will use total runs allowed against *all opponents* as the last tie breaker. If teams are still tied, we will use runs allowed against *the team(s) they are tied with*, to break the tie.
5. Seeding will be completed by the commissioner and posted with the pool play schedule on the division home page no more than 24 hours after the last regular season game.
6. There are no substitutions allowed in tournament play. If a team has less than 8 players, the game will be considered a 6 inning forfeit with a score of 6-0.

Seeding for Rookies	Team name
1	Rafters
2	Moon Dogs
3	Mallards
4	Chinooks
5	Bucks
6	Growlers
7	Kingfish
8	Rox
9	Express

Tournament Pool Play Rules

1. There will be no new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes. Teams must play the last inning as there is no maximum game time.
2. A game must go four innings to be considered complete. If a game is stopped due to inclement weather and has not completed four innings or the home winning after 3 ½ innings, the game will be suspended and must be completed by the time limit rules. Example: if we have to continue a game on another date, we must still abide by the time limit rules, so if a game is 1 hour 20 minutes in and we stop it for rain, there is only 10 minutes remaining when we start it up the next day.
3. If there is a tie score after 1 hour 30 minute time limit, one extra inning will be played. If there is a tie score after the extra inning, the game will be declared a tie. Teams in semi-final and championship games will play until there is a winner.
4. Advancement to the next round is based on point totals, head to head results, and then fewest runs allowed per inning based on pool play games.
5. Regular season pitching calendar “Days of Rest” carryover and apply in league tournament play.
6. The higher regular season seed is the home team in pool play, listed first on schedule, and will occupy the 3B dugout.
7. The Home team for semi-final and finals play will be higher seed emerging from pool play and will occupy the 3B dugout.

8. The 10 Run Rule will be in effect throughout the tournament. Games will end if the home team is ahead by 10 runs after 3 ½ innings, or if the visiting team is ahead by 10 runs after 4 innings.
9. Pool play points allocation – 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss.

Pool Play Schedule for Rookies

<p>Sat 7/15</p> <p>9 a.m. 6 vs 9 AQ2 5 vs 8 AQ3</p> <p>11 a.m. 4 vs 7 AQ2</p> <p>1 p.m. 1 vs 9 AQ2 2 vs 8 AQ3</p> <p>3 p.m. 3 vs 7 AQ2</p>	<p>Sun 7/16</p> <p>1 p.m. 1 vs 6 AQ2 2 vs 5 AQ3</p> <p>3 p.m. 3 vs 4 AQ2</p>
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Single Elimination Tournament Schedule

*Note: In bracket play, the seeding is dependent on how many points you earn in pool play. If there is a tie in points, the higher seed from the regular season is the higher seed in pool play. **Example:** if the top team and the third-place team in the regular season emerge from pool play with 3 points each, and the second-place team emerges with 4 points, the seeding for bracket play will make the regular season second-place team #1, the regular season first-place team is #2 and the regular season third-place team is #3.*

