

## 2009 HAA SCHEDULE NOTES

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### ***For fields 1 & 2 Major League***

#### **Practice**

1. Practice schedules are included with the game schedules up to and including the end-of-the-season tournament.
2. Weeknight practices for Regular Season Teams and Tournament Teams may be cancelled if time is needed for rescheduled Regular Season games postponed by weather or other factors.
3. Practice schedules for June and July will be distributed after Metro Sports Baseball chooses venues for the Metro Tournaments.

#### **Regular Season Games**

1. Each Hoover East **Major League** Team is scheduled for 12 regular season games. For all games the last team listed on the game pairing is the home team.
2. Regular season games may end with the score tied if the time has expired. Extra innings should not be played, even if there is time remaining.
3. The rule is waived that stipulates a manager may decline to play a game rescheduled within two days after the original date. Weeknight games postponed because of weather or other factors will be rescheduled for the next available night of the same week. If a weeknight is not available, the postponed games will be rescheduled for Saturday of the same week, likely resulting in the teams playing twice on Saturday. If a weeknight game cannot be rescheduled during the same week or Saturday of the same week, the game may be cancelled. Saturday games postponed because of weather or other factors may be cancelled. It is possible that some teams will play more games than others in the Regular Season.

#### **Regular Season End-of-the-Season Tournaments**

1. Following the regular season, each team is scheduled for 4 pool play round robin games and at least 1, but not more than 3, single-elimination tournament games. Pool play round robin results determine seeding for the single-elimination tournament. Ties for seeding positions will be broken by the following:
  - a. The results of head-to-head competition in pool play.
  - b. If necessary, the average number of runs allowed in all pool play games.
  - c. If necessary, random draw.
2. The game clock will be used for all pool play and tournament games except the championship game.
3. The highest seeded team in each game, pool play and elimination play, has the choice of playing as the home or visiting team. If the teams are seeded the same, a coin toss determines which team has the choice of playing as the home or visiting team.

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4. All pool play games must be played, but need not be played in the order scheduled. Pool play games postponed because of weather or other factors will be rescheduled for the next available night of the same week. If a weeknight is not available, the postponed games will be rescheduled for Saturday of the same week, possibly resulting in the teams playing twice on Saturday.
5. Pool play games may end with the score tied if time has expired. Extra innings should not be played, even if there is time remaining. Elimination games must be played until there is a winner, even if time has expired.
6. All end-of-the-season tournament games will be played. Each round must be completed before the next round begins.
7. Pitching rules and mercy rules will apply in all pool play and tournament games.

RULES NOTE #1: HAA Rules Article VIII, Section 1, is amended for the 2010 season to allow both 11- year olds and 12-year olds to play on each Major League team rather than fielding separate teams for the two ages.

RULES NOTE #2: HAA Rules Article IV, Section 14, Item B, Number ii, is amended for the 2010 Season to allow a Major League Team to pickup substitutes as follows:

For a 12-year-old, any 12-year-old chosen in the third round of the draft or later; or any 11-year-old; or any Minor League player.

For a 10 or 11-year-old, any 11-year-old chosen in the third round of the draft or later; or any Minor League player.