

CONNECTICUT STATE TOURNAMENT RULES 2025

All department level tournaments will be run under the following rules with the exception of the final 8-team double elimination round of the Senior Division Tournament which is a part of the National Tournament and must follow National Tournament Rules

- A. The state tournament will be played under regular season rules according to the Connecticut State rule book except as noted differently below.
- B. The state baseball committee will set the format, dates and schedule for the state tournament no later than the April meeting in each year.
- C. Teams will be seeded based on regular season finish. Each Zone will determine the method for resolving ties within the zone. Cross zone rankings will be determined based on regular season winning percentage. Ties for seeding purposes will be broken by the random number assigned to each team at the start of the season. Teams will retain their original seed throughout the tournament.
- D. For all games prior to the final round of a pod, the home team will be the higher ranked team. The winner of Game 4 will be home team for all final round games of the pod. If the same two teams meet for the second time in an if necessary game at the end of a round, the home teams will be reversed for the second game but the host site will remain the same.
- E. Prior to the start of competition at neutral sites, the home team will be the host team. The host team is responsible for providing a safe, adequately prepared field at the designated start time for the game. When it is necessary to change a field for a scheduled game, other than for weather, the visiting team manager shall be notified twenty-four (24) hours before game time.
- F. Weekend games will start at 1 p.m. +/- one hour. Weekday games will start at 5:30 pm. +/- one hour. If there is the potential for a doubleheader, start time of the first game should be early enough to reasonably ensure that both games can be played. If the host team has lights, the travelling team may mutually agree to a later start time. Single weekday games at neutral sites will start at 6:30 p.m. Any time change of more than one hour must be mutually agreed to by both teams and approved by the state director in advance except in weather situations. Webmaster must be notified of any change in start time.
- G. Host site must report scores and pitch counts via the state website or text within 30 minutes of the completion of any game.
- H. All state tournament games will be seven innings. The ten-run mercy rule is in effect after five innings. Rule 1.V (the extra innings rule) will be in effect for all games tied after seven innings.
- I. For all games not played at a neutral site, each team shall be responsible for paying for one umpire. Each team will be responsible for providing 6 baseballs. The state baseball committee will pay for all umpires and provide baseballs for all neutral site games.

- J. Regular season pitching rules will apply. Days of rest requirements will carry from one round to the next including from the end of the regular season to the start of the tournament.
- K. Protests during state tournament games must be filed with the home plate umpire prior to the next pitch being thrown. The game will be stopped until the protest is resolved.
- L. Re-entry is permitted in the state tournament except in the final 19U 8-team double elimination series.

2025 19-U TOURNAMENT FORMAT - RULE 11.19U

The Regular Season will end on Saturday, July 19

The top 16 teams based on record will qualify. The first place team in each of the three zones will automatically qualify. The winner of the Stars and Stripes tournament, if not a Zone champion, will qualify and will be seeded fourth. The remaining spots will be filled by the teams with the next best records based on winning percentage to bring the total to 16 teams.

The host teams will qualify. If either of the host teams is not in the top 16, they would displace the lowest ranked team(s) in the tournament.

The Zone champions will be seeded 1 through 3 based on winning percentage and the Stars and Stripes winner will be seeded fourth if not a zone champion. The teams will be placed in four pods based on seed as follows:

Pod A 1, 7, 10, 16

Pod B 4, 6, 11, 13

Pod C 3, 5, 12, 14

Pod D 2, 8, 9, 15

The two highest seeded teams in each pod will be host teams for the first round of pod play. The pods will play three games - July 21 (2 games), July 22 (2 games, 1 team eliminated, 1 team advances to final) and July 23 (1 game, winner advances to the final).

NOTE: Re-entry is permitted during pod play

The eight surviving teams will play a double elimination tournament to determine the state champion. Losses in the pod round will not carry over to this event. This tournament will be played from Sat. July 26 through Wed. July 30 with an if necessary game on Thur, July 31. The tournament will be played at two sites, South Windsor and Middletown, with the final game(s) at Palmer Field in Middletown. The tournament will be played under National Tournament rules and will follow the National 8-team double elimination bracket format.

The Teams advancing from the pod will be paired as follows in the first round

A1 vs D2

B1 vs C2

C1 vs B2

D1 vs A2

The tournament will follow the National Regional Double Elimination bracket

19-U Tournament Schedule

See Appendix D

During the state tournament, prior to the start of the National Tournament, a player will be allowed to attend a showcase or other baseball related event and still continue eligibility in the tournament provided that:

- a. He does not miss a game or any part of a game. (Player must be present in uniform in his team's designated area at least one half hour before the scheduled start time of the game.)
- b. He has advance written permission from his coach
- c. He has submitted an American Legion Baseball **Form 6** to his coach in advance. The coach will submit it to the state director or his designee and receive approval prior to his attendance at the event.

Once the National Tournament begins (the senior 8-team double elimination series) the National Tournament rules are in affect and the state director cannot grant permission to attend a showcase event. Attendance at such an event will make the player ineligible for the remainder of the Department, Regional and World Series tournaments. However a player attending a college orientation workout or participating in military services may be granted an exception on a case-by case basis. Players granted such an exception may not miss any game of a national tournament. Prior written approval is required.

2025 17-U TOURNAMENT FORMAT - RULE 11.17U

24 17U teams will qualify for the tournament. The top 22 teams based on winning percentage plus the two hosts. If the host teams qualify by record, the next best winning percentage will qualify.

The regular season will end on Friday, **July 18, 2025**. Play-in games if necessary will be played on Saturday July 19. The Zone champions will fill the top seeds based on winning percentage, The winner of the Stars and Stripes tournament will take the third seed if not a Zone champion. All remaining teams will be seeded based on winning percentage, Teams seeded 9 through 24 will play a single game play-in on Sunday July 20 at the higher seeded team's field. The modified double elimination Sectional Tournament (**4 pods of 4 teams**) would begin on Monday, **July 21, 2025** at the higher seeded teams' fields. Games will be played on July 21, 23 and 25. Two teams will advance from each pod to the super regional event. The Super regionals will be held at Glastonbury and Milford. The super regional will be a four team double elimination tournament with the winner at each site advancing to the state final. Super Regional games will be played on July 27, 28, 30 and 31. Note: If Glastonbury or Milford qualifies for the super regional, they will host their side of the bracket. Seed adjustments may be needed to place them on opposite sides of the bracket at the start.

The Championship Game will be played in Middletown on **Saturday, Aug. 2**.

U-17 Tournament Schedule

See Appendix E

2025 15-U TOURNAMENT FORMAT - RULE 11.15U

All U-15 teams will qualify for this tournament.

The regular season will end on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

If there are less than 16 teams the top teams based on winning percentage will receive a first round BYE. The remaining teams will be seeded based on winning percentage. Seeds 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 16 will be placed in one sectional. Seeds 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 and 15 will be in the other sectional. If there are more than 16 teams, a one game play-in will be played on Wednesday Jul. 23.

The double elimination Sectional Tournaments will begin on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at the higher seeded teams' fields. Games will follow on Sat. July 26, Sun. July 27, Tue. July 29 and Thur. Jul. 31 at the higher seeded teams' fields. The winner of each sectional will meet in the Championship Game in Middletown on Saturday, **Aug 2**.

U-15 Tournament Schedule

See Appendix F

2025 AGE 13 TOURNAMENT FORMAT - RULE 11.13

All age 13 teams will qualify for this double elimination tournament. Teams will be seeded based on regular season winning percentage.

The tournament will begin on Thursday Jul. 24 with all games at the site of the higher seed. Teams will be seeded based on regular season record. The lowest seeded teams will play a one game play-in on Jul 24 with the winners advancing to the double elimination bracket which will begin play on Sat. Jul. 26..

Note: If there are more than 12 teams, the tournament will follow the same format as the U15 tournament.

The championship game will be played in South Windsor on Sat. Aug 2.

U-13 Tournament Schedule

See Appendix G

APPENDIX A

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

Random Number Tie Breakers for seeding 2025

1	Willimantic	5083
2	Stamford	6704
3	Fairfield	12142
4	Danbury	14353
5	New Britain	22340
6	Simsbury	25145
7	East Hartford	26282
8	Berlin	28228
9	Trumbull	29585
10	Meriden	31482
11	Norwich	35591
12	Windsor Locks	45414
13	South Windsor	49261
14	Ellington	51007
15	Milford	51973
16	RCP	55015
17	North Haven	55031

18	Moosup	55130
19	Bristol	56227
20	Oakville	60485
21	Tri-County	65008
22	Middletown	67415
23	Norwalk	67725
24	Torrington	70097
25	Farmington	79010
26	Glastonbury	80219
27	Naugatuck	81673
28	Tri-Town	82102
29	Ridgefield	85097
30	Tolland	85605
31	Waterford	88085
32	Danielson	89573
33	Enfield	93015
34	West Hartford	97398