

# Ajax Rep Tournament Rules 2025

## General Information:

### Tournament Headquarters will be located at:

Ajax SportsPlex

2001 Audley Road, Ajax

May 26-26

Diamond #4

August 4-6

Diamond #5

## Convenor & Contact Information:

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1. In the event of schedule changes please check web schedule first
2. Each team needs to provide 2 mobile phone contacts a minimum of 2 days before the tournament
3. Payment of the entry fee will apply as an appearance bond and will not be refunded
4. A team roster approved by the Baseball Ontario Affiliate Registrar must be available in the event player eligibility is questioned. If a team is using call-ups, the team must have a copy of the call-up team's roster with them.
5. Tournament awards are set at 16 per team.
6. Only the Official Baseball Rules (OBR) and the Playing Rules of OBA shall apply except as revised below. Please see OnDeck for specific rules.
7. Home field will be determined prior to the start of all games by the flip of a coin 30 minutes before the posted start time at the Tournament Headquarters (not at the plate). The furthest travelling team makes the call in all games. Please be on time. Coin flips will occur with or without both teams present. If only one team is present, that team will have their choice of Home or Visitor. If neither team is present the furthest traveling team will be Home.
8. HOME team is official scorekeeper & pitch counter. Teams are encouraged to have their own choice of hard copy or electronic scoring (i.e. Game Changer or similar) for recording game details.
9. Convenor will provide "Game Summary Report" for Home team
10. A completed "Game Summary Report" is to be delivered, to the convenor within 20 minutes of the game end. Failure will result in a Home team 7-0 Forfeit.
11. Pitch counts must use OBA pitch count app & must be completed within 20 minutes of the game end.
12. All pitch count discrepancies MUST be brought to the attention of Tournament Convenor at such time of the incident(s). In any discrepancies on pitch count or score the "official" person responsible for each task will be rendered as final.
13. OBA lineup cards or similar should used & be exchanged at least 10 minutes before game time.
14. Site convenor will have a supply of game paperwork.
15. There will be no pre-game warm up on the infield (all diamonds) or on the infield sidelines (SP5 & SP6) before any scheduled game.  
Where bullpens or other areas are available, please follow grounds crew instructions.
16. In case of rain and/or other unforeseen delays the tournament schedule and details such as time limits, may be revised at the Convenor's discretion.
17. Only rule interpretation protests shall be permitted. Protests will be decided by the Tournament Convenor and/or the Tournament Protest Committee whose decision shall be final.

18. A protest fee of \$80 cash is required at the time of the protest. This protest fee is refundable only if the protest is upheld. Only one representative shall be permitted to speak on behalf of the protestor. When a time limit is in effect, the clock stops for protests until play resumes.
19. Ejection from any tournament game means the ejected person is required to go to the parking lot for the balance of that game plus a one game additional suspension. A suspension may be increased at the sole discretion of the Tournament Convenor, depending on the severity of the infraction. Teams are responsible to see the Tournament Convenor in person to verify suspension length. Convenor needs to speak privately with umpires before a suspension decision will be made.
20. A 7-0 score will be recorded for a forfeited game and the winning team will be credited with a complete game (7 defensive innings).
21. Pitch counts of the Official Pitch Counter will be the ONLY numbers used by the home plate umpire during any game, regardless of any other numbers that any other coach, or spectator may have. No appeal or protest of the pitch counts recorded will be permitted. It is strongly suggested that coaches verify the pitch count of their pitcher(s) with the Official Pitch Counter at the conclusion of each inning.
22. Coaches will sign the official Game Summary Report immediately following the conclusion of their game & acknowledge the Pitch Counts of the pitchers used during the game on the Pitch Count App. In the event of a discrepancy in numbers, the Pitch Counts of the Official Pitch Counter shall prevail. In the event a coach fails to sign the game sheet, the pitch counts recorded on the app will be considered OFFICIAL and no appeal, or protest will be allowed after the fact. It is recommended that coaches initial the Pitch Count of a pitcher as recorded by the Official Pitch Counter immediately upon any pitching change.
23. Teams are required to conduct post-game meetings off the field. Please gather all equipment and personal items as quickly as possible in order to keep games on schedule. All garbage and water bottles must be collected inside the dugouts by teams BEFORE leaving the area.
24. All Coaches are responsible for their spectators. Spectator problems can result in coach ejections.

#### **Game Length**

25. All games will be 7 innings except when time limits apply (aka Curfew, No New Inning / NNI)
26. Time limits apply in all games (including finals) as follows:
  - Round Robin / Draw Play: No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes
  - Semi-Finals/Finals: No new inning will start after 2 hourshave elapsed from the time of the first pitch of the game however, once started an inning will be completed unless the home team is batting and leading or scores the winning run when curfew is reached. All games end at their earliest point per OBA & OBR rules.
27. OBA Mercy Rules apply in all games.
28. The umpire (or designate) shall be the official time keeper of the game and shall announce the time of the first pitch to both teams. Umpire time piece is final.
29. If a game is stopped for weather, light failure, park curfew or similar event after becoming an official game, the game is over.
30. If a game is stopped for weather, light failure, park curfew or similar event prior to becoming an official game then it is suspended and will be resumed from the point of suspension. Teams will need to keep records of who is playing each position, base runners, count on batter etc to resume from the same point. The clock for time limit also stops in these circumstances.

#### **Tie Games**

31. Tie Games will be allowed to stand in all Division / Pool Play.
32. No ties are permitted in all quarter-finals, semi-finals or finals. A winner must be determined.

33. Where tie games are permitted, Extra Innings are played only when a game is tied after 7 innings are completed but time remains on the NNI clock.
34. In games requiring a winner, Extra Innings rules apply at the first of: a new inning starting after the time limit; or after 7 innings have been completed.

### **Standings for Seeding from Division / Pool Play**

35. Standings will be determined by the number of points earned: 2 pts win; 1 pt tie & 0 pts loss
36. In the event of a tie in standings, OBA tie-breaker rules below apply.

#### **RP7.3 Tie-Breaker Rules (from OnDeck updated 2025)**

- a. Where tie-breaking rules are required, the following tie-breaking rules will be used for each placement independently:
  - i. Teams with a forfeit loss are ineligible for tie-breakers
  - ii. Head-to-head record among tied teams;
  - iii. Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
  - iv. Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games;
  - v. Team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
  - vi. Team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games;
  - vii. Coin toss
- b. When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tie-breakers will exclude RP7.3(a)(ii). After the winner of that tie-breaker is determined, the tie-breakers will continue, if necessary, excluding RP7.3(a)(ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tie-breaker will start at RP7.3(a)(i).

### **Tournament Formats**

37. Where possible each team will be in a division of 4 teams. Each team plays 3 round robin (RR) / pool play games, weather permitting. Other groups will be organized as required.

- May 24-26 - 9U & 16U Tournament.
- August Civic weekend Mega Tournament. Four teams advance to Sunday playoff rounds as follows:

# of Teams	# of Divisions	Format	Final Four Teams
6	2 Div of 3 Teams	3 games vs other division	Top 2 Seeds in each division*
8	2 Div of 4 Teams	3 RR games vs same division	Top 2 Seeds in each division
10	1 Div of 10 Teams	3 RR games vs same division	Top 4 Seeds
12	3 Div of 4 Teams	3 RR games vs same division	Top Seed in each division + one overall
16	4 Div of 4 Teams	3 RR games vs same division	Top Seed in each division
Other	As needed	3 Pool play games	Top 4 Seeds from pool play

- Semi-Final winners advance to Finals.

38. In all Semi-Finals, matchups are arranged to avoid matchups from the earlier rounds.
39. In a 6-team format, where teams play only against the other division. If all 3 teams in one division all have 0 points, only the top seed in that division advances (as the #4 seed). The other 3 teams (who went 3-0) are seeded #1 to #3 based on their tie-breaker standings.

**Link for most recent OBA Rules & Updates:** <https://ondeck.baseballontario.com/>