**Unless noted prior to the event, National Federation High School Rules will be used with the following notations.**

1.) Age Requirement: May 1 will be the designated date to determine ages. Photocopies of birth certificates will be required.

2.) Roster rules are as follows:

7u to 14u – TEAMS WILL SUBMIT A WEEKEND ROSTER UPON ARRIVAL TO PARK, BEFORE FIRST SCHEDULED GAME. ANY PLAYER NOT ON THAT SUBMITTED ROSTER IS INELIGIBLE THAT WEEKEND. D2 TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH PSDS STATE OFFICE NO LATER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE AN EVENT IN ORDER TO BE ON A “D2 ONLY” SCHEDULE.

3.) Protest Fee: $100 cash (on rule interpretation only).

4.) Game time starts at completion of coin toss, umpire will announce time on his watch and it will be recorded on Game card. Any violation of this policy should be immediately reported to the onsite director and or UIC. Neither team book will be used for keeping time.

5.) Home Team: Determined by coin flip in pool play, Elimination play home team is the higher seed UNLESS they choose to be visitor. Home team is required to keep the official book.

6.) Player Minimum: A team can start with and finish with 8 players but must take an “Out” in vacated batting position until 9th player arrives at the field and can be written in to 9th position in the line-up. THIS PLAYER MUST BE ON THAT TEAMS WEEKEND ROSTER.

7.) Championship Games: No time limit, however championship games can end in a tie due to weather or Park participation restrictions. ALL TIED CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AFTER REGULATION WILL AUTOMATICALLY GO TO LAST BATTED OUT ON 2ND BASE AND NO OUTS TO BEGIN EXTRA FRAMES.

\*\*\*Saturday Only Events will be 2 Hr NO NEW INNING\*\*\*

8.) Pitching Rules (Innings per Tournament):

9U THRU 12U (10 innings per weekend)
13u THRU 18u (None)
PEACH STATE DIAMOND SPORTS IS NOT HERE TO POLICE YOUR ARMS, IF YOU’RE COACHING TRAVEL BASEBALL IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR PARENTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND HANDLE YOUR ARMS AS YOU SEE FIT. No game is worth hurting a young arm and THERE ARE NO FROZEN ROSTERS.

If pitching rules are violated and the infraction is detected, the situation will be reviewed and consequences will be determined by the Onsite tournament director. Consequences may include, but are not limited to, the following: coach and/or player ejections, game forfeiture, removal of team from the tournament.

9.) Infield Warm-Ups: All teams are encouraged to warm-up as much as possible before game time. No pre-game infield.

10.) Baseballs: Teams must provide all game balls unless otherwise stated (1 New/1 Good used per game). Some events we will provide baseballs but that will be stated ahead of time.

11.) No metal cleats in the following age groups: 12u and younger. Pitchers may not wear Metal cleats on any of the portable mounds

12.) 13u and younger = High School bat weight/length differential rule is waived (small barrel allowed) bats must be stamped BPF 1.15. 14U and older = -3 BBCOR restriction in effect unless player can prove he has not turned 13 yet in which case the waiver kicks in (Birth Certificate)

13.) Uniforms: Numbers mandatory, matching uniforms not .

14.) Adverse Weather: Peach State Diamond Sports events are sometimes played in adverse weather conditions. The format may be changed to lesser time limits or fewer innings to complete the tournament. Coaches and players accept these conditions when entering the tournament.

15.) All age groups can have an EH (Extra Hitter) if they choose to bat 10. Both a DH and EH may be used at the same time. Teams in the 7u through 14u age brackets may choose to bat their entire roster and have free defensive substitution. If this option is chosen, then you can used the last batted out for your courtesy runner for pitcher and catcher.

**16.) FREE DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE GAME EXCEPT FOR PITCHER. PLAYERS DO NOT HAVE TO BAT. ALL PITCHING AND LINE-UP CHANGES WILL BE RECORDED and follow NFHS rules**

17.) Visits to the mound: As per NFHS rules, each team are allowed three charged visits to the mound within a game. A charged visit is a trip in which the manager or coach does not remove the pitcher. After the three charged visits are used, every trip to the mound will result in the pitcher being removed.

18.) Run Rules: 20 after 2, 15 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5

19.) Rosters: Teams may carry up to 25 players on their registered roster. A Player may not play on two teams on the same weekend.

Drop down players (D1/Open -> D2) : If you register your team D2 then add players from a D1 team prior to your next event and win that tournament you will lose your D2 Status. We will then assume you are trying to improve your team and wish to be a Top Tier club. D2 status is for AA caliber clubs and lower level AAA teams. High level AAA, Major and Elite teams are considered D1. We will determine who is who and will adjust accordingly throughout the year to maintain competitive balance anywhere and everywhere possible. We will review other organizations Rankings and records if we feel we need further evidence to move a team but it isn’t a pre-requisite to a teams status.

20.) Birth Certificates: Will be required from each participant. Each team is responsible for showing their packet of BCs upon check-in. Each team must then keep the packet of BCs available throughout the tournament. An age protest, like any other protest, requires a $100 cash protest fee. If a protest is lodged against your team, you MUST provide proof of age. If you can not do so, you lose the protest and the protesting team gets their $100 back. If you are able to prove proper age for your player, the protesting team loses the protest and the protest fee.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU REGISTER YOUR TEAM WITH PEACH STATE DIAMOND SPORTS WE WILL BE HAPPY TO KEEP YOUR PHOTO COPIED BC’S IN AN ELECTRONIC FILE ALONG WITH YOUR ROSTER FOR EASY ACCESS, ANY CHANGES CAN ALSO BE EMAILED.