

2026 “Fall Classic” Rules & Field Addresses

1. Each Team **MUST** provide a copy of your **Proof of Insurance form**; Please email to oruprpu@aol.com ***We encourage you to email (scan or take a picture) your forms before the tournament to save time**

****Umpires are Pay at the Plate:**

*1-umpire/game	= \$45	per team
*2-umpires/game	= \$75	per team

2. ****Winning Team in each game MUST text/call your score to 732-581-5776 please!**
3. Home Team for every game on Saturday will be determined by a coin-flip, with the team traveling the furthest calling the toss. The Home Team scorebook is official. In Sunday playoff games, the Higher seeded team has choice of home/away. (Ex: #2 seed has choice over #3 seed)
4. We will present 1st & 2nd Place Player awards in each age group
5. No smoking allowed within the confines of the playing area! **Please keep your bench area clean!** After each game, please clean up your garbage before leaving.
6. No pre-game infield warm-ups before games! You may use the outfield grass to warm up
7. Umpires are instructed **NOT to take any abuse** from players, coaches, parents & fans. If any umpire feels that anyone is being overly abusive towards them, that person will be asked to leave the complex! If that person fails to leave within 2 minutes, their team will forfeit the game & possibly all games for the weekend! Managers are responsible for their players, coaches and fans!
8. Teams will be seeded according to pool-play points:

*Points will be used as the 1st criteria when an EVEN number of teams exist and an equal number of games have been played in a bracket

WIN = 3 pts

TIE = 1 pt

LOSS = 0 pts

*Teams tied in points will be broken by:

- A. **Head to Head** (if only 2 teams are tied); if still tied, then:
 B. Least number of **Runs Allowed** in the 3 games. If still tied, then:
 C. Most number of **Runs Scored** in the 3 games. If still tied, then:
 D. Coin Flip by Tournament Director

****If any teams play less or more than 3 games due to weather issues, odd number of teams in a bracket, etc. then Winning Percentage will be used as their first criteria, followed by Average Runs Against, followed by Average Runs Scored***

9. Mercy Rule for ALL GAMES:

- *12 runs after 3 innings
- *10 runs after 4 innings
- * 8 runs after 5 innings

10. In the event of bad weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to use a Rain Schedule which could limit the number of games played and/or time limit of games and may also declare a game official if weather or darkness become an issue. Any game halted due to weather (ie: rain, thunder/lightning, darkness) will have the clock continue. Scores will count and will revert back to the last completed inning, no matter how many innings or how much time has been played. (If home team is ahead, score would not revert if batting in the bottom of an inning)

11. All games, except “Finals” games, are played to 7 innings or to Mercy Rule. However, **NO New Inning may start at or after 80 minutes!** Once at the 80 minute mark, that inning will be completed, if needed. If the Home Team is batting and is ahead, or goes ahead at any point after the 80 minute mark, the game is over. If the Visiting Team is batting at the 80 minute mark, the inning will be completed

***Saturday** games can end in a tie. If time remains and full innings have been completed and game is tied, then International Tie-Breaker will be used

***All Sunday** Playoff games, excluding “Finals” games, will also be NO New Inning may start at or after **80** minute mark. Any Playoff game that is tied after a full inning at or after the **70** minute mark will start the next inning with the ITB. “Finals” games will be no new inning at or after 90 mins. If tied after 80 mins the next inning starts with the ITB

*Any Sunday Playoff game that ends tied (after 7 innings or time limit) will immediately go to International Tie-Breaker, with the player scheduled to bat last that inning starting as a base runner at 2nd base

*Any Sunday Playoff game that is tied at the end of an inning that has reached the **70** minute mark will go to International Tie-Breaker to start the next inning

12. No infield or outfield warm ups allowed between innings, except for the 1st inning! Pitchers are allowed 5 warm up pitches in the first inning (or for new pitchers entering the game).
3 warm ups allowed for all other innings. **1 minute between innings strictly enforced by umpires**

13. Courtesy Runners are allowed for Pitcher & Catcher at anytime. With 2 outs, Courtesy Runner is **mandatory for the catcher** (first offense: Warning. Second offense, an out is assessed). Courtesy Runner must be a bench player. If all players are in the batting lineup, then last batted out

14. There are **NO Protests** allowed on any call at anytime! All discrepancies or rules interpretations will be settled by the home plate umpire. Umpire may call the UIC, if needed, to settle a rules question (clock continues to run)

15. Teams may bat their entire roster (or any number of players over 9) in any game, but a minimum of 8 players are needed to play at anytime. Any team who plays with 8 players will have an out assessed each time the 9th batting position is due up. Teams may add to their lineup if a player arrives late.

*Offensive changes to the batting order must be reported to the plate umpire and opposing team. Defensive changes need not be reported

16. All Starters & Subs may re-enter the game 1 time
17. The DP/Flex Rule can be used for this tournament.
18. Should weather become an issue awards will be presented to the best remaining seeds
19. Winning Teams are responsible for making sure their winning scores are texted/called in to **732-581-5776** and that they are correctly posted online
20. All games, including playoff games & Finals are Pay at the Plate
21. No phone calls will be made Saturday night! Emails will be sent to team contacts & posted online on our website at www.TRLightning.com

Field Addresses

N. Bay Veterans Park Fields

**1643 N. Bay Ave.
Toms River, NJ 08753**

Rash Fields

**2008 NJ-71
Belmar, NJ 07719**