



## SEC and ECADA

### A Partnership Serving Essex County Student Athletes

#### 2021 Baseball

1. **Eligibility:**

All schools must be members of the ECADA in good standing to be eligible to enter the **2021 Baseball Tournament**. This year the tournament shall be limited to **24** seeded teams. It is a single elimination tournament played on the following dates:

**Preliminary Round:** Games shall be scheduled on or by Friday, May 7, at the higher seeded team's field. Rain date is the following day, thereafter; as soon as fields are playable.

**First Round:** Must be played on Saturday, May 8 at 2:00 PM., at the higher seeded team's field. Rain Date: Sunday, May 9; thereafter; as soon as fields are playable.

**Quarterfinals:** Must be played on Wednesday, May 12 at higher seeded team's field. Rain Date: Thursday, May 13 thereafter; as soon as fields are playable.

**Semifinals:** Saturday, May 15, 11:00 and 3:00 PM., at Kelly Athletic Complex. Lower seeds shall play first game. Rain Date: Sunday, May 16; thereafter; as soon as field is playable.

**Championship:** Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 1:00 PM, at Yogi Berra Stadium on the campus of Montclair State University. Rain Date: Sunday, May 23.

**Postponed games** shall be rescheduled on the following day if conditions are acceptable.

The tournament directors shall oversee the rescheduling of games and have the right to reschedule. Tournament contests take precedence over conference and independent contests.

If a higher seeded team's field remains unplayable, the game will either be moved to a neutral site or to the lower seeded team's site if that field is playable and in better condition than the higher seeded team's site.

2. **Entry Fee**

The entry fee for the tournament is \$105.00. Please make the check payable to the "Super Essex Conference" and mail to:

**Bruce Essing, Tournaments Administrator**

3. **Tournament Directors**

Frank Bifulco  
Millburn High School

Dan Romano  
Caldwell High School

4. **Entry Procedure**

Entry materials must be submitted online through the Super Essex Conference website, [www.sec.powermediallc.org](http://www.sec.powermediallc.org), by midnight on **Monday, May 3, 2021** Entry form must include results up thru Monday, May 3 and include schedule up thru Tuesday, May 4.

**In order to ensure that sufficient recording of game results be documented for seeding purposes, the online entry may only be submitted between Friday morning April 30th until midnight on Monday, May 3.**

**An automated confirmation is sent to the person submitting the entry, an invoice is sent to the athletic director.**

Results of any games, which are played after the entry is submitted, must be phoned, e-mailed, or verbally transmitted to the tournament directors by the start of the seeding committee meeting which will be held on Tuesday, May 4, at Caldwell High School at 7:30 pm.

**Mail entry fee to Bruce Essing**

5. **Seeding**

The tournament will be seeded by committee on **Tuesday, May 4, 2021** at 7:30 pm., at Caldwell High School Only the members of the seeding committee and the tournament directors are permitted to attend the seeding meeting. Athletic directors will be contacted regarding their seeds and their opening round opponents. The seeding committee will be organized in accordance with ECT policies. Each division will have a representative. The GNT committee will have a rotating representation each year. The committee, procedures and guidelines are listed in this entry. We request the Athletic Directors and coaches should read and thoroughly comprehend the guidelines, especially for first year coaches. If your coach is selected for the committee and is a first year coach or if he wishes not to serve, please contact the Tournament Directors **immediately** so they may make arrangements for alternates to serve. Seeding criteria will be based on, but not limited to; records, strengths of schedules, head-to-head competition, common opponents, pitching strength, and judgment.

6. **Regulation Game**

**Games Prior to the Quarter Finals:**

A regulation game consists of seven (7) innings, unless extra innings are necessary because of a tie score, or unless the game is shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh or only a fraction of it, or because of darkness or weather.

If weather or darkness interferes with play so that the game is called by the umpires, it is a regulation game: if five (5) full innings have been played, or if the home team has scored a greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns at bat; or if play has gone beyond five full innings. If the game is TIED after 5 full innings of play, and then stopped due to weather, the game will pick up exactly where left off as described in the paragraph below.

**Games of the Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals:**

All quarterfinal, semifinal and final games must be played to the full seven innings (turns at bat) unless extra innings are necessary because of a tie score, or unless shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh inning or only a fraction of it. The exception to this is the 10-run rule that the state association has adopted.

A baseball game that is suspended at any time during the game shall be picked up at the point of interruption and then completed as the above paragraph states.

Both schools must document, in the scorebook, the situation that exists in writing and must have it verified by both officials. The stated situation must include things as base runners position, number of outs, batter's pitch count. If a player that was listed in the suspended game is also in the lineup in the resumed game, that player must be listed in the exact same lineup position in the resumed game. If a player in the suspended game would not be eligible for re-entry that will continue to hold true in the resumed game. Different pitchers may be used as the NJSIAA pitching rule may exclude the original pitcher from the rescheduled game.

7. **Umpires**

All umpires will be assigned by the SEC baseball assignor. The higher seeded team is responsible for paying umpires up to the semifinals. The ECT shall pay the umpires at the semifinals and final. The fee for all GNT umpires is \$86.00 per game through the quarterfinals and \$90.00 for the semifinals and finals.

8. **Balls**

Each team shall provide a like-number of balls through the quarterfinal round. Only National Federation High Schools (NFHS) approved baseballs are to be used. In the semifinals and the final, the ECT will furnish the baseballs.

9. **Batting Practice**

There will be no batting practice at the "Predetermined" tournament sites. **Exception:** If a team is providing a tournament field or is the home team, it may have batting practice.

10. **Publicity and Results**

The winning team shall call appropriate media outlets and Frank Bifulco (973-255-0235) or Dan Romano (201-953-0899) immediately following the game.

11. **Home Team**

For all rounds of the GNT, the **HIGHER SEEDED TEAM** will be the **HOME TEAM**. The **VISITING TEAM** will have its **CHOICE OF DUGOUTS**.

12. **Automated External Defibrillator.**

Pursuant to NJ state law, Janet's Law, schools hosting any ECT game, match or contest must provide an AED on site. For events held at predetermined neutral sites all contestants must bring and have available for immediate need an AED for their team

13. **Admission**

Admission will be \$5.00 adult admission, \$2.00 senior citizens and students at the semifinals. The championship game will have a \$6.00 general admission for all spectators.

14. **Deadlines**

Please adhere to all the tournament deadlines.

15. **Proper Completion of Entry Forms**

Properly complete all required entry forms and adhere to the instructions on each form **and** the instructions within the aforementioned tournament rules and regulations.

16. **Championship Postponements**

If the Finals are postponed on Saturday, May 22, the rain dates available in order are Sunday, May 23 and Sunday May 30 at a site to be determined. The Tournament Co-Directors and Tournaments Coordinator shall oversee the rescheduling of the Championship Final and have the authority to reschedule.

The procedure and site will be established in the following order if the venue is available on rain dates.

May 23 at Yogi Berra Stadium, Montclair State University.

May 30 at TBD.

*Good Luck, Dan Romano and Frank Bifulco*  
**Tournament Directors**