



# **RULES of the EASTON LONGBALL CHALLENGE**

## **1) PARTICIPANTS**

- a. 16 Participants will be invited to compete in the Easton Longball Run Challenge.
- b. Only players that appear on the eligible roster of 2026 NCBA member teams are eligible to compete in the Easton Longball Challenge.
  - i. NCBA Division I, Division II & Division III players are eligible to compete.
- c. Each of the 8 teams that qualify for the 2026 NCBA Division I World Series will be invited to enter at least one member of their team to compete in the Easton Longball Challenge.
- d. Up to 8 Additional participants will be invited to compete from NCBA member teams that did not qualify for the 2026 NCBA Division I World Series.

## **2) UNIFORMS**

- a. All participants will dress in the full uniform (Pants & Jersey) of their respective NCBA member team.
- b. All participants will wear their respective team The Game Brand hat that must feature the official NCBA logo.

## **3) BATS**

- a. During the Easton Longball Challenge competition, participants may use ANY brand bat as long as it is BBCOR certified and is legal for play in the NCBA.

## **4) PITCHERS**

- a. All participants will be responsible for providing their own pitcher during the Easton Longball Challenge.
- b. All pitchers must be a registered player or coach of an NCBA member team.
- c. The pitcher does not have to be from the participant's respective team.
- d. All pitchers will dress in the full uniform (Pants & Jersey) of their respective NCBA member team.
- e. All pitchers will wear their respective team The Game Brand hat that must feature the official NCBA logo.

## 5) DEFINITIONS

- a. “Homerun”: A batted ball that goes over the outfield fence on the fly between the foul poles and is deemed fair by the officials.
- b. “Out”: Any pitch that is swung at by the batter and not deemed a “Homerun” by the officials.
- c. “Moneyball Homerun”: A “Homerun” hit by a batter that has already recorded 9 “Outs”. A “Moneyball Homerun” counts as 2 “Homeruns”.

## 6) BATTING ORDER

- a. The batting order will be set prior to the start of the event by the Easton Longball Challenge Officials.
- b. The batting order will remain consistent through all rounds of the event.

## 7) ROUNDS

- a. Opening Round
  - i. 16 Participants get as many pitches as necessary to hit as many homeruns as possible before making **10** “Outs”
    1. Any homeruns hit with 9 outs are considered “Moneyball Homeruns” and are worth 2 homeruns.
  - ii. The 6 Participants with the most “Opening Round Homeruns” move on to compete in the Semi-Final Round.
  - iii. Should more than 1 participant tie for the 6<sup>th</sup> most “Opening Round Homeruns”, see Section 8: TIE BREAKERS.
- b. Semi-Final Round
  - i. 6+ Participants (See 8.d) get as many pitches as necessary to hit as many homeruns as possible before making **10** “Outs”
    1. Any homeruns hit with 9 outs are considered “Moneyball Homeruns” and are worth 2 homeruns.
  - ii. The 3 Participants with the most “Semi-Final Homeruns” move on to compete in the Final Round.
  - iii. Should more than 1 participant tie for the 3<sup>rd</sup> most “Semi-Final Homeruns”, see Section 8: TIE BREAKERS.
- c. Final Round
  - i. 3+ Participants (See 8.d) get as many pitches as necessary to hit as many homeruns as possible before making **10** “Outs”
    1. Any homeruns hit with 9 outs are considered “Moneyball Homeruns” and are worth 2 homeruns.
  - ii. The Participant with the most “Final Round Homeruns” is declared the Winner.
  - iii. Should more than 1 participant tie for the most “Final Round Homeruns”, see Section 8e: FINAL ROUND TIE BREAKER.

## 8) TIE BREAKERS

- a. First Tie Breaker: The participant with more Homeruns in that particular round moves on.
- b. Second Tie Breaker: The participant with more Total Homeruns in the Home Run Challenge moves on.
- c. Third Tie Breaker: The participant with more Regular Season Homeruns moves on.
- d. Should none of the three Tie Breakers be satisfied, both participants will move on to the next round.
- e. Final Round Only:
  - i. Should 2 or more participants tie for the most “Final Round Homeruns”, a ‘Sudden Death’ will take place between the tied competitors.
  - ii. “Sudden Death” will consist of as many 4 “Out” Rounds as necessary until a winner is declared.
  - iii. Each participant gets as many pitches as necessary to hit as many homeruns as possible before making 4 “Outs” in each “Sudden Death” Round.
    1. There are no “Moneyball” homeruns in sudden death.
  - iv. The first Participant to win a “Sudden Death” Round is declared the 2026 Easton Longball Challenge Champion.
  - v. If 3 consecutive “Sudden Death” Rounds take place with no homeruns being hit, the event is stopped and the remaining contestant with the most total home runs hit in the event is declared the winner. If there is still a tie for total home runs hit in the event, those contestants that are tied will continue participating in “Sudden Death” Rounds until a winner is determined.

## 9) EXAMPLE: TONY WINS

NAME (Reg Season HR Total)	RND 1	SEMI	FINAL	SUDDEN DEATH	TOTAL
Tony (9)	4	6	7	2	19
Mike (4)	6	6	7	1	20
Kevin (3)	6	6	5	Eliminated	17
Jim (10)	6	5	Eliminated	Eliminated	11
Steve (10)	6	5	Eliminated	Eliminated	11
Dave (7)	7	4	Eliminated	Eliminated	11
Ryan (7)	4	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	4
Justin (6)	4	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	4
Chad (4)	3	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	3
Kyle (7)	2	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	2
Greg (0)	2	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	2
Rob (4)	2	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	2
Doug (1)	1	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	1
Larry (3)	1	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	1
Dan (3)	1	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	1
Toby (5)	0	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	0