

Opening Ceremony and Skills Competition

Friday July 29 @ 6:00 pm

Coaches please pick different players for each skill to ensure your whole team participates.

Base Race – four players

This is a timed event. 4 designated players from each team will compete in this skill. Competitors will start at home plate. First runner will run the bases starting with their foot on home plate. Runner #2 is in front of home plate with his foot on the front portion of the plate. This runner cannot leave for 1st until the previous runner has touched home plate behind them. This is repeated until all 4 runners have run the bases. Runners must touch 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and home to complete their turn. Failure to touch a base results in a 5 second penalty. Coaches will be positioned at each base to ensure that runners touch the base. The team with the best time is declared the winner. Trophies presented.

Around the Horn – five players

This is a timed event. 5 designated players from each team will compete in this skill. A competitor will be at each base (1st, 2nd, 3rd and home) and one on the pitching mound. The player on the mound starts the competition by throwing to the player at home. That player must touch home after catching the ball and then throws to 1st base. The player at 1st must catch the ball, touch 1st base and throw to 2nd, the player at 2nd must catch the ball, touch 2nd and throw to 3rd, the player at 3rd must catch the ball, touch 3rd and throw home. The player at home catches the ball, touches home and throws back to the player on the mound who must catch the ball and touch the rubber. The team with the best time is declared the winner. Trophies presented.

Accuracy Throw – three players

A pitching net is placed against the backstop. The players throw three baseballs from the 1st base path into the net. Getting the ball in any corner pocket is 25 points, in the center pocket 10 points. This is not a hardest throw competition – balls that bounce out will not be counted. The total of all three player's points is the team score. Highest score wins. Trophies presented.

Bocci – every player on team.

A cone is placed on home plate. The players are assembled approximately 30 feet behind second base. Each player gets one throw to see if they can be the closest to the cone. The player that starts goes to 1st base after throwing (they are closest obviously) then anyone who is closer takes their place at 1st base as the skill progresses. When the last player throws the person who is entitled to 1st base is declared the winner. Trophy presented.