

WELCOME TO THE 2018 Loveland Memorial Day Blast

May 24th – 27th

8uKP – 15/16u

All players participating in the Loveland Memorial Day Blast Tournament shall have photocopies of their original birth certificates and should be in the possession of their team manager. Failure to have a copy of the birth certificates for each player upon demand will result in the offending team losing the game, being ejected from the tournament, being placed last in the standings and forfeiting all awards and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.

NOTE:

1. Any player who before May 1st, reaches the next highest age classification, shall not be eligible to play in the lower age group. Example, a 9 yr. old cannot turn 10 before May 1st of the current year and be eligible to play in the 9-under age group.
2. Any player can play in a higher age classification, but cannot play in a lower age group.
3. All players must be fully uniformed, which includes the following: Pants, socks, cap, and team shirt with numbers that are non-duplicating and at least three inches in height.
4. Managers and coaches must wear a baseball cap with team insignia and will be properly dressed. (Coaches may wear coaching shorts).
5. While in the field, as a defensive player, team caps must be worn.
6. A full-use batting helmet which covers the top and back of the head and the side of the face must be worn by every player while in the on-deck circle, when at bat and while on the bases.
7. All bat boys/girls will wear full-use batting helmets when their team is at bat.
8. The catcher must wear protective gear: Mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup, catcher's helmet and throat guard. Ages 9-12: Catchers must wear helmet that fully covers their ears.
9. Metal spikes are prohibited for age divisions 12U and below.
10. **Courtesy Runner is allowed for catcher only and must be the last batted out.**
11. The Official High School Baseball Rules shall govern all playing rules not specifically covered above.

Loveland Memorial Day Tourney

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

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We will use the "Pool-Play" format in this tournament. Teams will be placed in pools where they will play a round robin within their pool. Each team will play 2 games in pool play. A single elimination championship tournament will be held for the all teams moving into the championship bracket. The exact format of the tournament, e.g., number of pools, number of teams in each pool, etc., how many divisions if enough teams to split per age division will be set by the Tournament Director.

AWARDS

A BATTLE FOR THE BATS

An engraved Baseball Bat for the 1st place Winning Team Coaches in each Division.

Mini Trophy Bats for 1st place players and 2nd place players

Only Player Water Coolers are allowed to be brought into park. No Food of any type or beverage is permitted in the Parks.

We have full concessions at every field complex. *This will be strictly enforced.*

ALL TEAMS MUST AT THE STE OF PLAY AT A MINUMUM OF 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST GAME. ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR ROSTER ON HAND AND ALONG WITH TEAM INSURANCE FORM.

GAME TIME LIMITS

AGES 8U – 12U THE CLOCK WILL START AFTER GROUND RULES AND WILL BE ON A 1 HOUR AND 40 MINUTES TIME LIMIT. THAT MEANS NO GAME WILL START A NEW INNING AFTER 1:40. IF TIE AFTER REGULATION OR TIME LIMIT IN POOL PLAY IT IS RECORDED AS A TIE. IN CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND THE OHIO SHOOTOUT APPLIES. IF THE SCORE IS TIED AFTER REGULATION OR TIME LIMIT, THE GAME WILL CONTINUE UNTIL A WINNER IS DETERMINED. THERE WILL BE NO TIME LIMIT ON CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IF BRACKET CONSISTS OF ONE. **ALL ELIMINATION GAMES, THE HIGHEST SEED IS HOME TEAM. FLIP COIN FOR HOME TEAM ON CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.**

AGES 13U-15/16U THE CLOCK WILL START AFTER GROUND RULES AND WILL BE ON A 1 HOUR AND 40 MINUTES TIME LIMIT. THAT MEANS NO GAME WILL START A NEW INNING AFTER 1:40. IF TIE AFTER REGULATION OR TIME LIMIT, IN POOL PLAY IT IS RECORDED AS A TIE. IN CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND THE OHIO SHOOTOUT APPLIES. IF THE SCORE IS TIED AFTER REGULATION OR TIME LIMIT, THE GAME WILL CONTINUE UNTIL A WINNER IS DETERMINED. THERE WILL BE NO TIME LIMIT ON CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IF BRACKET CONSISTS OF ONE. **ALL ELIMINATION GAMES, THE HIGHEST SEED IS HOME TEAM. FLIP COIN FOR HOME TEAM ON CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.**

INFIELD PRACTICE WILL BE NOT ALLOWED. TEAMS MAY WARM UP DOWN 1ST BASE AND 3RD BASE LINES OUT SIDE THE FIELD OF PLAY.

PITCHING

Limitations of pitching are based upon recorded outs while the pitcher is on the mound.

FIELD DIMENSIONS

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>BASES</u>	<u>PITCHING</u>
8U	60	44
9U	60	46
10U	65	46
11U	70	50
12U	70	50
13U	80	54
14U-15U	90	60.5

Age Divisions 12U and below shall play 6 inning games

Age Divisions 13U and above shall play 7 inning games.

- a. all age groups 8-12 that are scheduled for six innings, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 18 outs in any given day.
- b. In all age groups 13-15 that are scheduled for seven innings, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 21 outs in any given day.
- c. For six-inning games, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 24 outs in a 3-day tournament, regardless of game guarantee.
- d. For seven-inning games, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 27 outs in a 3-day tournament, regardless of game guarantee.
- e. Pitching limitations stop for the day when the park is shut down for the night and the teams leave.
- f. When games are suspended and continued the next day, pitching limitations are split between the two days.
- g. **In the case of a double or triple play, there will be no penalty for exceeding outs recorded at the time of the play, it will count as only 1 out for the pitcher.**

Comments: Outs recorded count for the day they are recorded. When the game resumes from suspension, all outs recorded count for the current day.

RUN RULE

- ❖ 15 runs after 3 innings, or two-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead). ---6 innings
- ❖ 10 runs after 4 innings, or three-and-one-half innings (if home team is ahead)----6 innings
- ❖ 15 runs after 4 innings, or three-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead). -7innings
- ❖ 10 runs after 5 innings, or four-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead). ----7 innings

If the home team has run-ruled the visiting team, the game is declared complete, and the winner is named.

REGARDING TIE BREAKERS FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY

The following rules will determine which teams will advance out of their pool. **With three or more teams tied, fewest runs allowed and then runs scored will be used.**

- ❖ WIN-LOSS RECORD
- ❖ HEAD TO HEAD
- ❖ FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED
- ❖ MOST RUNS SCORED
- ❖ COIN FLIP

EXTRA HITTER

In all age divisions an extra hitter (EH) will be allowed. This will give a team a 10-player line-up that must be declared before the start of the game and used the remainder of the game. If a team is unable to continue a 10-player line-up for any reason, that slot will be an out. The player in the EH position, while not actually playing a defensive position, will be treated as though they are for substitution purposes. The re-entry rule applies for the EH. **The DH will be allowed but you must have 11 players in batting order to utilize the DH. This means you will have 2 EH's and can still utilize the DH. **the DH Rule applies to 15/16U only**

Teams can Roster Bat: They can roster bat all present uniformed players. The lineup must be declared before the start of the game and used the entire game. If you choose to roster bat, then all players other than the nine defensive position players are extra hitters and can move freely in defensive positions.

PLAYING RULES

*8U SPECIAL RULES

- 1) 6 INNING GAMES---ALL KID PITCH
- 2) THE RUNNER FROM 3RD CANNOT SCORE UNLESS AN ATTEMPT IS MADE AT THIRD BASE.
- 3) NO BALKS WILL BE CALLED
- 4) INFIELD FLY RULE WILL BE IN AFFECT
- 5) NO STEALING HOME ON A PASSED BALL
- 6) LEAD OFFS ARE NOT ALLOWED, BUT THE RUNNER CAN STEAL WHEN THE BALL LEAVES THE PITCHERS HAND -----REASON FOR THE RULE...WE WANT TO ENFORCE GOOD CATCHER PLAY AND MIDDLE INFIELDER PLAY
- 7) NO DROPPED THIRD STRIKE

This tourney will follow the Official Federation of High Schools Baseball Rules unless specifically covered by the official.

OHIO SHOOTOUT APPLIES –APPLIES TO SE TOURNEY PLAY ONLY

IN THE CASE OF A TIE AFTER REGULATION AND/OR TIME LIMIT EXPIRES: WE WILL THEN REVERT TO THE OHIO BASEBALL SHOOTOUT. THE LAST 2 BATTERS FROM THE PRECEEDING INNING WILL BE PLACED IN ORDER AT 1ST AND 2ND BASE (THE 2ND LAST BATTER GOES TO 2ND BASE AND THE LAST BATTER GOES TO 1ST BASE, BOTH FROM THE PRECEEDING INNING) AND THE OFFENSE WILL HAVE NO OUTS. THIS METHOD WILL BE USED FOR EVERY INNING AFTER UNTIL A WINNER IS DETERMINED. **THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTE RUNNERS USED FOR THE LAST 2 BATTERS FROM THE PRECEEDING INNING INCLUDING THE PITCHER AND CATCHER.**

Regarding Bats Restrictions

Bats must be made of an approved material, and they must be smooth and round.

In 13U bats will be restricted to a -10 or lower and have the 1.15 stamp (The weight of the bat in ounces as compared to its length in inches, must be no greater than 8).

14U bats will be restricted to a -5, or lower and have the 1.15 stamp. (The weight of the bat in ounces as compared to its length in inches, must be no greater than 5).

15/16u will be -3 and must have 1.15 Stamp

For age divisions 12U and below, there are no bat size restrictions

REGARDING REFUNDS

THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SHALL RETAIN THE ULTIMATE DECISION REGARDING REFUNDS OF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE. **REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS FOR ENTRY FEES MUST BE MADE IN WRITING WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE EVENTS COMPLETION TO THE HOST.**

- A) 90% refund IF TEAM WITHDRAWS BEFORE BRACKET DRAWN OR ESTABLISHED CUT OFF DATE PROVIDED BY THE HOST or the Age Group is cancelled due to lack of teams.
- B) 75% refund and \$55 Certificate TO NEXT SEASONS TOURNEY ENTRY IF WEATHER CANCELS OR POSTPONES EVENT AND NO GAMES ARE PLAYED.
- C) 60% refund and \$50 Certificate TO NEXT SEASONS TOURNEY ENTRY IF TOURNAMENT IS POSTPONED OR RESCHEDULED AND TEAM ONLY PLAYED ONE GAME.
- D) \$25 CERTIFICATE TO NEXT SEASONS TOURNEY ENTRY IF TOURNAMENT IS OR IS NOT RESCHEDULED AND TEAM PLAYED TWO OR MORE GAMES.
- E) IF A TEAM DOES NOT FINISH THE TOURNAMENT AND ELECTS TO DROP OUT: THE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE REVIEWED AND THEY MAY BE SUBJECT TO A BAN FROM FUTURE LOVELAND BASEBALL EVENTS.