



SPRING CLASSIC - MAY 14-19, 2019

May 11, 2019

Hello Managers, Coaches, Teams and Families,

Welcome and thank you very much for joining us. We are looking forward to a beautiful week of baseball for the 4th Annual 2019 Frankfort Baseball Spring Classic (May 14-19). We have 50 baseball teams registered in 9U to 14U divisions. Many behind the scenes things have been happening so you can sit back and coach your teams to a victory!

This document is an all-encompassing document that covers everything about this tournament. It is encouraged that you print a copy so you can refer to it if there are any questions throughout the week. This entire document can be shared with your baseball families, so all spectators know what is happening throughout the week.

The Tournament Schedule Has Been Released. We are using Tourney Machine for scheduling and score updates. As a coach you can receive score updates and important news updates via text or e-mail by going to:

<https://admin.tourneymachine.com/R54003>

You can also download the tournament app by going to:

<https://admin.tourneymachine.com/R54003> on your mobile device.

Whether on our website, www.frankfortbaseball.com or on the tourney machine app, you may find forms that pertain to the tournament, i.e. rules, roster forms, etc.

Please review all documents and if you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly at tournamentdirector@frankfortbaseball.com

We are using the WhatsApp for **OFFICIAL** manager communication. This link has been shared with managers and coaches on Tourney Machine. Please keep this link to managers and coaches only. Only **PROFESSIONAL** dialogue will be communicated using this APP. Questions should only be asked by managers, and when asking a question please identify your team name, division, and name. Please refrain from any non-essential communication on this link.



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Additional Information for Tournament Participants:

Please remember you are responsible for your fans. We want this to be an enjoyable week for EVERYONE. Please respect each other, especially our kids that are playing, and the hard work that goes into all of this. We have included a copy of our code of conduct policy in this document. By receiving this document, you acknowledge you understand these rules and you accept them. You can also view our website for any additional information related to the code of conduct.

Lastly, a huge thank you to the families of all baseball players, our grounds crew, our volunteers, the entire Frankfort Baseball Board and The Frankfort Park District for making this a huge success.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, etc. this entire weekend please feel free to contact Ryan Crabtree.

Good Luck to all.

Play Ball!

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FOOD – now that we have your attention!!!!

The concession stand at both Main and Commissioner's Park will be open during the entire week.

- At Main Park we will have a featured local restaurant at the concession stand.

The logo for Bear Down Barbecue features a cartoon bear wearing a white chef's hat and a blue apron with "BEAR DOWN BBQ" written on it. The bear is holding a red fork. The logo is circular with "BEAR DOWN BARBECUE" written around the bottom edge. Below the logo, it says "GET SOME BEAR DOWN BARBECUE In Your Belly!" <p>GET SOME BEAR DOWN BARBECUE In Your Belly!</p>	<p>BEAR DOWN BARBECUE</p> <p>(8 4 4) D A - B E A R S</p> <p>Dine In * Carryout * Catering * Delivery</p> <p>20857 South LaGrange Road * Frankfort, IL 60423 * www.bear-down-barbecue.com</p>
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- Ice Cream at the Creamery on Tuesday! Whether it is before the home run derby or after feel free to get a refreshing treat! A portion of all sales will go back to Frankfort Baseball. Please mention this at the time of your purchase. Located right by Main Park at Nebraska and LaGrange.
- Buffalo Wild Wings is offering a portion of sales back to Frankfort Baseball with any food related purchases from Tuesday to Sunday. Please mention to this at the time of payment. Check them out!
 - Located at 20596 S. LaGrange, Frankfort
 - <https://www.buffalowildwings.com/en/locations/detail/3210/>



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3rd Annual 2019 Spring Classic Home Run Derby Contest

When: Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Registration: 5pm

Starts: 5:25pm

Where: Frankfort Main Park, 155 S. Locust, Frankfort, Illinois 60423

<https://goo.gl/maps/VqzjK3VV33C2>

Eligibility: Must be on a registered team and a rostered member in the Spring Classic from 9U to 14U. **MANAGERS CAN ONLY REGISTER THEIR PLAYERS**

Fee: \$5.00 (cash on-site or check made payable to Frankfort Travel Baseball). **You can also register and pay online at www.frankfortbaseball.com.**

Additional Information:

The competition will be broken up into seven age groups: 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, and 14U. Each team is allowed up to (4) Players. There will be two rounds per age group; a Preliminary and Championship. Official Rules will be at the event on Tuesday. Please bring an adult pitcher of your choice. Awards for first, second, and third place in each division. Bat rules will be followed according to the tournament rules. We will have the concession stand open. No players can be added after 5:20pm on Tuesday, May 14. ****Pre-Register online by NOON on Monday, May 13, 2019 and fill out this paperwork and bring to you to be checked in.**

Internal – Payment:

Cash

Check # _____

Online

Level: _____

Organization Name: _____

Player Name: _____

Player Number: _____



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Home Run Derby Awards

Champion Bat



2nd & 3rd Place Bats





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I. CHECK IN-REQUIREMENTS

1. Prior to the start of the tournament load your roster (name and number) into Tourney Machine.
2. All managers must check in at the tournament tent 45-60 minutes prior to the start of their first game with the following:
 - a. Tourney machine roster with players name, uniform numbers, and a copy of the birth certificate (bring a second copy of your roster with name, number, and date of birth for our files).
 - b. Proof of Team/League Insurance (bring a copy for our files)
 - i. ***NO rosters or insurance paperwork will be accepted electronically

II. CODE OF CONDUCT – MANAGERS, COACHES, FANS, PLAYERS

Code of Conduct Rules and Other Miscellaneous Prohibitions:

- Unless specifically designated otherwise, tobacco and/or alcohol are prohibited at all Frankfort Baseball complexes.
- Weapons (including but not limited to firearms) and illegal drugs are prohibited at all Frankfort Baseball complexes.
- Use of demeaning, threatening or profane language to or directed at any player, coach, spectator, umpire or staff member is prohibited.
- Umpires are to be treated with respect and professional courtesy. An umpire in charge (UIC) will be at each field if rules need to be clarified.
- Only registered coaches and players are permitted in the dugout and on the field.
- Use of noisemakers in the dugout is prohibited.

Frankfort Baseball seeks to provide a safe environment for all participants, avoiding physical or verbal harm requiring all teams to demonstrate fair play, sportsmanship, hustle, development above winning, self-control, respect and positive support of all players and opponents. Each team is required to maintain quality and cleanliness of The Frankfort Baseball complexes by cleaning up trash, caring for equipment and fixtures and not littering.

Further – Frankfort Baseball wishes all players, coaches and spectators have fun and enjoy the spirit of the game of baseball – and supports letting the players play, the coaches coach, and the umpires umpire.



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Failure to abide by the Rules of the Frankfort Spring Classic will result in the indicated penalties below. With specific reference to rules regulating code of conduct and on field sportsmanship of players, coaches, and spectators– please clearly note the following:

Players and Managers/Coaches will receive (1) Verbal Warning on conduct in violation of the rules.

If a player is ejected from a game – that player will be suspended for the following game (including potential Championship Game).

If a Manager/Coach is ejected from a game – that Manager/Coach will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament and will not be allowed back in the Frankfort Complex in any capacity (including as a spectator).

Managers are responsible for their fans. After (1) Verbal Warning on conduct in violation of the rules to the Manager of the Team any fan that requires removal from the field will also result in forfeiture of game for their team.

Our friendly Frankfort Police Officer will be patrolling our fields and parks to make sure that sportsmanship is followed to the utmost degree.

III. READINESS FOR GAMES:

Besides the first games on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday please be at your games ready to play *one* hour before the start of your game. In the event that we can start games early, Frankfort Baseball, will start games early to keep the entire schedule on track.

IV. WEATHER RELATED / CANCELLATION POLICY:

1. If lightning is seen, a 20 minute waiting period is put into play. ALL individuals should report to their vehicles and stay off the fields until the Umpire in Charge and/or Tournament Director give an all clear to resume normal baseball playing.
2. Once an entry fee is paid for the tournament, no refunds (cash, check, charge) will be given for any reason, unless Frankfort Baseball cancels the event in advance of the start of the tournament. If a team registers and is unable to participate please notify the tournament director ASAP via email.
3. ****In the event that we have inclement weather please understand we will do everything in our power to play ball. *Your flexibility in waiting for pertinent***



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information with regards to this is paramount. We will communicate with you information as soon as we have information available.

4. If the event is cancelled due to inclement weather, field conditions, unforeseen circumstances, etc. Frankfort Baseball will issue the following refunds within 60 days of this cancellation (refunds will be issued to the issuing agency that original check/credit card was given):
 - a. 0 games – 100% refund
 - b. 1 game – 50% refund
 - c. 2nd games – no refund.

***Pool Play, Bracket Play and Tournament format can be changed at any time due to weather delays in an effort to complete the Championship round.

V. FIELD LOCATIONS:

Main Park

155 S. Locust, Frankfort, Illinois 60423

(cross streets of Nebraska & LaGrange)

<https://goo.gl/maps/37ntL4B3a6y>

Commissioner's Park

22265 S. 80th Avenue, Frankfort, Illinois 60423

(cross streets of 80th Avenue & Laraway)

<https://goo.gl/maps/dsBQufwVeNH2>

Hickory Creek Middle School

22150 S. Owens Road, Frankfort, Illinois 60423

(cross streets of Laraway Ave and 116th Avenue)

<https://goo.gl/maps/KVnDrEx29qWLf6jb9>



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VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT BOTH PARKS:

- Concession Stand
- Bathrooms
- AED (in the event of an emergency please call 9-1-1 and then find a tournament official)
- Batting cages may be available prior to games (Commissioner's Park only).
- There will be **NO** infield practice before games.
- Teams are allowed to warm-up in the outfield area if the time allows.
- No flip drills allowed into fence.
- All teams should be ready to play 60 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled game.

VII. CONTACTS:

Tournament Director, Ryan Crabtree

tournamentdirector@frankfortbaseball.org

708/822-0113 text messages are acceptable

VIII. GAME RULES / SPEED UP RULES

1. Teams must bat all rostered players in uniform (unless injured).
2. Teams must bat a minimum of nine.
 - a. If for any reason a team cannot bat nine an automatic out will be declared at the time where this batter was supposed to bat.
 - b. If a team starts with more than nine but a player is removed because of an obvious injury, that spot in the line-up will not be an automatic out. An injured player cannot return to the line-up if he has been removed from that game.
 - c. If a player arrives late, that player will be added to the end of the line-up.
3. Free defensive substitutions are allowed.
4. Courtesy runner for the catcher is allowed at any time. This must be the catcher who will be catching the next defensive inning. The courtesy runner must be the last batted out. Running for the catcher is mandatory with 2 outs for speed of play.



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5. Courtesy runner for the pitcher is optional at any point. The last batted out will be the runner.
6. For pool play; Home and Away will be determined by a coin flip. Either team can occupy either dugout.
7. For elimination bracket play; Home team is the higher seed (lower number seed) and will occupy the third base dugout.
8. The home team is asked to score the game using the score board.
9. Any player warming up a pitcher, either on or off the field, must wear a catcher's mask.

IX. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

1. 3 game format with 2 pool play games, after which all teams will be seeded into a single elimination Championship Bracket. If the tournament is impacted negatively by the weather, the tournament director reserves the right to modify the tournament format (each age group may have a different format for play, however 3 games are always guaranteed).
2. See notes on cancellation above.
3. Official brackets and game times are posted on the tourney machine app. All updated game times will also be here.

X. SEEDING FOR THE ELIMINATION BRACKET WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Overall record
2. Head-to-Head – If there are exactly 2 teams tied, if more than 2 teams are tied, head-to-head is thrown out.
3. Run Differential – runs scored less runs allowed-max of 8 per game.
4. Runs Allowed – If three teams tied for one spot, the team with the least amount of runs allowed will advance. If three teams tied for two spots, the teams with the least and 2nd least amount of runs will advance.
5. Coin Toss
6. Tournament director reserves the right to alter bracket play seeding to ensure two teams that played in pool play don't play their first elimination game versus each other.
7. Tourney Machine is the official APP used for this.



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XI. SCORECARDS

The home team for each game will be in charge of texting the final score to the tournament officials using the WhatsApp.

Example:

8U Division Illinois 10 – Wisconsin 0 – Field Main E

For purposes of scoring each game, an electronic scoring system such as Game Changer, may be used and/or a written score book can be used.

XII. EQUIPMENT

1. Baseball Bats
 - Wooden allowed with NO restrictions.
 - Either USA Bat or USSSA bats are allowed as long as they are properly labeled by either organization. No drop or barrel size restriction.
 - Must be stamped with BPF 1.15 stamp on the handle/Barrel
 - Illegal Bat Penalty for All Ages: It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure bats used by players meet the requirements of the published bat rules. A batter is in violation of the rule when said batter steps into the batter’s box with an illegal bat. The bat must be removed from the game.
 - See the addendum for a listing of all illegal bats
2. Helmets must cover both ears and be worn while batting and on the base paths.
3. All players must be properly equipped with boy’s protective gear.

XIII. AWARDS

9U	1 st , 2 nd Place Individual Trophies	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Place Plaque
10U	1 st , 2 nd Place Individual Trophies	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Place Plaque
11U	1 st , 2 nd Place Individual Trophies	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Place Plaque
12U	1 st , 2 nd Place Individual Trophies	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Place Plaque
13U	1 st , 2 nd Place Individual Trophies	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Place Plaque
14U	1 st , 2 nd Place Individual Trophies	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Place Plaque



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XIV. DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES (please note many of these rules follow the ILTBL specific rules):

9U

- Base Distance – 60’
- Mound – 44’
- Infield Fly – Yes
- Dropped 3rd Strike – No
- No slash bunting – A player showing bunt at any time after entering the batter’s box cannot pull back and swing away at the pitch.
- Metal Spikes - No
- Base Stealing – Yes –
 - After the ball crosses the plate.
 - Secondary lead offs are allowed after the ball crosses the plate.
 - Stealing on passed balls is allowed.
 - A base runner stealing a base can advance on an overthrow by catcher.
 - Stealing Home is allowed.
- Balks – NO

10U

- Base Distance – 65’
- Mound – 46’
- Infield Fly – Yes
- Dropped 3rd Strike – Yes
- No slash bunting – A player showing bunt at any time after entering the batter’s box cannot pull back and swing away at the pitch.
- Metal Spikes – No
- Stealing/Lead-offs – MLB rules
- Balks – one warning



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11U

- Base Distance – 70'
- Mound – 50'
- Infield Fly – Yes
- Dropped 3rd Strike – Yes
- No slash bunting – A player showing bunt at any time after entering the batter's box cannot pull back and swing away at the pitch.
- Metal Spikes – No
- Stealing/Lead-offs – MLB rules
- Balks – one warning

12U

- Base Distance – 70'
- Mound – 50'
- Infield Fly – Yes
- Dropped 3rd Strike – Yes
- No slash bunting – A player showing bunt at any time after entering the batter's box cannot pull back and swing away at the pitch.
- Metal Spikes – No
- Stealing/Lead-offs – MLB rules
- Balks – NO warning



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13U

- Base Distance – 80’
- Mound – 54’
- Infield Fly – Yes
- Dropped 3rd Strike – Yes
- No slash bunting – A player showing bunt at any time after entering the batter’s box cannot pull back and swing away at the pitch.
- Both Rubber and Metal spikes allowed.
- Stealing/Lead-offs – MLB rules
- Balks – NO warning

14U

- Base Distance – 90’
- Mound – 60’ 6”
- Infield Fly – Yes
- Dropped 3rd Strike – Yes
- No slash bunting – A player showing bunt at any time after entering the batter’s box cannot pull back and swing away at the pitch.
- Metal spikes allowed.
- Stealing/Lead-offs – MLB rules
- Balks – NO warning



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XV. GAME LENGTH

1. Games are 6 innings (7 innings for 13U and 14U)
2. NO new inning starts after 1 hour and 40 minutes after the start of the game.
3. Pool play games can end in a tie.
4. All innings started will be completed.
5. No time limit for championship.
6. A game will be completed if 3 innings have been completed or 2 ½ if home team is winning.
7. All games that have not reached this point, due to weather problems, will be considered suspended.
8. Mercy rules:
 - a. 15 runs after 2
 - b. 12 runs after 3
 - c. 10 runs after 4
 - d. 8 runs after 5.

XVI. NO CONTACT RULE

- a.) There is a “No Contact” rule in effect at all bases if a play is being made on the runner.
- b.) The base runner will NOT be ruled out for not sliding, if in the Umpire’s judgment the runner made the effort to avoid the tag and or contact.
- c.) If in the Umpire’s judgment, a base runner intends to injure, makes malicious contact or whose actions are considered to endanger any player on the field, the runner will be called OUT and EJECTED from the game.

XVII. CHANTING RULE

A team can cheer on their teammates but it must stop when the pitcher comes to a set pitching position.



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XVIII. PITCHING

A pitcher must be removed on the second visit to the mound in an inning or third visit to the mound in a game. Visits to the mound will count whether from a manager or a coach. This does not apply if a pitcher is injured.

One pitch will constitute an inning.

9u - maximum 3 innings per game

10u/11u/12u - maximum 4 innings per game

13u/14u - maximum 5 innings per game

No restrictions on innings for the tournament. Re-entry in the pitcher position is not allowed in a game if he/she is removed.

XIX. GENERAL RULES:

Where not specified under the Frankfort Baseball Rules all Pony Baseball Rules will apply.



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XX. BAT RESTRICTIONS:

ADDENDUM

WITHDRAWN AND/OR NON-COMPLIANT BASEBALL BAT MODELS

Effective April 6, 2017 – Updated June 5, 2018

The following baseball bats were properly marked by an authorized USSSA Bat Manufacturer to indicate that they would be allowed in USSSA play, but were subsequently withdrawn by the manufacturer or found by USSSA to be disallowed.

Manufacturer	Model	Comments/SKU
Marucci	Cat5 MCB2 33/30 BBCOR	
Nike	BT0636 CX2	light grey
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8) 29"/21 oz	WTDXCBR 2129-17
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8) 30"/22 oz	WTDXCBR 2230-17
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8) 31"/23 oz	WTDXCBR 2331-17
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8) 32"/24 oz	WTDXCBR 2432-17
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10) 28" /18 oz	WTDXCBZ 1828-17
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10) 29" /19 oz	WTDXCBZ 1929-17
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10) 30"/20 oz	WTDXCBZ 2030-17
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10) 31"/21 oz	WTDXCBZ 2131-17
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10) 32"/22 oz	WTDXCBZ 2232-17
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen Zero Dark 2 3/4" (-10) 29"/19 oz	WTDXCBZ 1929-17F1
DeMarini	2017 CF Zen Zero Dark 2 3/4" (-10) 30"/20 oz	WTDXCBZ 2030-17F1
DeMarini	Custom 2017 CF Zen 2 3/4" (-10)	WTDCCBZ17V
DeMarini	Custom 2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8)	WTDCCBR17V
Dirty South	Kamo BB KA 8 (30/22, 31/21, 32/22, 31/23, 32/24 only)	
Easton	Ghost X (30/20 only) – (USA BASEBALL MARKED)	YBB18GX10 30/20 LL18GHX 30/20 Japanese



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USSSA BASEBALL | DISALLOWED BATS UPDATE

May 4, 2018

USSSA has completed a round of BPF testing at the USSSA approved lab. The 2018 DeMarini CF Zen CBZ 2 ¾" -10 model bat, 28", 29" and 30" will be disallowed for play immediately. The 28" bat at has been placed on the USSSA Disallowed List. While the 29" and 30" bats have been provisionally placed to the

USSSA Disallowed List, subject to further consideration. Based on this testing, the entire 2018 DeMarini CF Zen CBZ 2 ¾" -10 model bat is currently disallowed for USSSA Play.

Further, as a result of the Easton Ghost X, 30" -10 USA Baseball bat (LL18GHX 30/20 Japan model & YBB18GX10 30/20) being decertified by USA Baseball, USSSA has disallowed those bats. Those bats are therefore not permitted in USSSA Play effective immediately.

