



# 2020 Ohio Blast Father's Day Classic (ASA/USA Eastern National Qualifier)

Jun 19 - 21, 2020  
New Middletown, OH

## TOURNAMENT RULES

### 1. Registration:

- A. Teams are required to register and check-in a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their first game.
- B. At registration and check-in, teams are to provide the following information: *(Without the appropriate information during check-in, teams may be prohibited from playing in the 2020 Ohio Blast Father's Day Classic).*

- ASA/USA sanction number.
- Teams must provide proof of adequate team insurance.
- A fully completed ASA/USA Liability Waiver & Roster Form for all players on your team.
- A copy of your manager's A.C.E. coaching certificate.
- A copy of your manager's background check certificate.
- A copy of your manager's concussion certificate.
- Cell phone numbers for all managers and coaches.

Items that do NOT need to be provided during registration:

- A birth certificate copy for each player listed on your roster. Birth certificate copies do not need to be checked-in at registration. However, they will be required to be presented in the event of any player eligibility protest. Failure to provide a copy of the birth certificate will result in forfeiture of the games in which the player played.

### 2. ASA/USA Rules will govern the tournament, except when noted differently below.

3. The tournament will consist of "POOL PLAY" games and a single-elimination "CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND" for each age division. Pool play games will be played on Friday and Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting, each team will play 3 pool play games. Pool play games will be used to seed the teams for Sunday's championship round. Weather permitting, all teams will advance to the championship round. In the event of a weather-shortened tournament, the tournament committee/director reserves the right to "shorten" the championship round teams to a specified amount of teams deemed appropriate to fairly complete tournament. Rest assured, the tournament committee/director will diligently work with the field crew and staff in an attempt to get all (or as many) games in as possible.

Championship round seeding will be based on each team's pool play win/loss/tie record in each age division. When ties exist, the following tie breaker rules will be applied:

- A. Head to Head
- B. Total Runs Allowed
- C. Run Differential
- D. Total Runs Scored
- E. Coin Toss

4. Forfeit time is the scheduled start of the game. Forfeits will be determined by the tournament committee/director. Forfeits will NOT be determined by umpires. If a game is forfeited for any reason, the score will be officially recorded as 1 to 0 in favor of the team winning by forfeit.
5. There will be a coin toss to determine the HOME team prior to each game.
6. Each game will be umpired by sanctioned ASA/USA umpires (2 per game). 1 per game for 8U.
7. Game balls will be provided. All balls must be returned to umpires at the conclusion of each game.
8. The HOME team will be the official scorekeeper. Umpires will check with both teams after each inning to help ensure accurate scoring.
9. Lineups:
  - A. Team lineups MUST be exchanged between each team and the home plate umpire for both pool play and championship round games.
  - B. Team lineups MUST consist of player's full name (*last name, first name*) AND the player's number.
  - C. Friday and Saturday pool play games will allow the option of batting your entire roster.
  - D. Championship round games will follow strict ASA/USA lineup rules.
10. Game Length:
  - A. Pool play and championship round games (except the final championship games) will be 7 innings with a 70 minute limit. No new inning will begin after 70 minutes.
  - B. If the time limit has been reached, teams will compete the current half inning if the home team is winning, or the full inning if the away team is winning.
  - C. The tournament will use ASA/USA mercy run rules. 15 runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings. 12 runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings. 8 runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings.
  - D. For pool play games, when a game is tied after 7 innings, or when the time limit has been reached, the game will be recorded as a tie. For championship round games (except for the final championship games), the ASA/USA tie-breaker rule will be in effect.
  - E. Final championship games will be 7 innings without a time limit. In the event of a tie after 7 innings, the game will continue until a winner is determined.
  - F. In order to stay as close as possible to the schedule, all teams are asked to be previously warmed up, ready to enter the dugouts, and ready to play - 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game.
  - G. In an effort to help umpires keep games flowing, and maximize the amount innings played within the time allotted, teams will be allowed 5 warm-up pitches before their half of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning and when changing pitchers. Otherwise, only 3 warmup pitches will be allowed between innings.
11. The managers of both the WINNING and LOSING teams must report the score to the tournament committee/director by text at (234) 308-8358 within 20 minutes of the end of each game. Having both teams report the score will help ensure accuracy.
12. The tournament will award first place and runner up trophies to each age division. An Eastern National Qualifier berth will be awarded to the Champion of each age division as well.

13. Protestation:

Protested games must be immediately reported to the home plate umpire. There will be a \$100 protest fee that is refundable if the team filing the protest wins the protest. All protests will be heard by a protest committee that will be composed of an ASA/USA Ohio Youth Director, ASA/USA Ohio Area Director, the tournament committee/director, or others appointed by the tournament committee.

14. Inclement Weather:

- A. The ASA/USA Ohio Youth Director, the ASA Ohio Area Director and/or the tournament committee/director, reserve the right to modify the tournament if necessary due to inclement weather. In case of rain, all managers are responsible to contact the tournament director for information on weather delays or game changes. The tournament will be utilizing the ***Tourney Machine*** app to keep coaches, players, families and fans up to date on schedules, results, standings, brackets and any updates including, but not limited to, weather delays or cancellations.
- B. There will be no rain makeup dates. The tournament will not be held responsible for the changing or cancellation of games due to the effects of weather.
- C. In the event that we are unable to complete the pool play round, we will rank teams using the best record of games played, then follow the same tie breaker rules listed in section 3 from above.
- D. In the event that we are unable to complete the championship round, our tournament committee, along with the USA Softball of Ohio representative, may determine the team with the best record of games played, and follow the tie breaker rules listed in section 3 from above to further determine which team should receive the berth. If the effects of weather result in only a small amount of games being played at all, the tournament committee/director reserve the right to NOT award a berth, or champion at all.

15. Rain Out Policy:

*A game is considered played after 2 full innings have been successfully completed.*

Total rain out – 0 games played (pool play and championship rounds combined)	\$200.00 Refund
1 game played (pool play and championship rounds combined)	\$125.00 Refund
2 games played (pool play and championship rounds combined)	NO REFUND

16. General Refund Policy:

- A. There is a \$125.00 non-refundable registration fee.
- B. Registration fees will not be refunded within 30 days of the tournament start date.

**The Ohio Blast Organization, Springfield Township Baseball Association, Springfield School District, Springfield High School Sports Complex, ASA/USA, and Ohio ASA/USA will not be held responsible for any accident or injury during this tournament.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our tournament committee members:

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