

2022 Frederick Spring Classic

Official Baseball Tournament Rules

May 13 – May 15, 2022

Major League Baseball (American League) rules will be utilized for this tournament. Any modifications for this tournament are listed below.

1. Pre-game

- Coin flip (with umpire present) prior to the game determines home and visiting team in preliminary round play.
- In elimination round play (Sunday), the higher seeded team has the choice of home or visitor.
- Dugout selection is first come, first served.
- Home team maintains the official scorebook, however, both teams are encouraged to maintain a scorebook.

2. Uniforms

- Please no duplicate jersey numbers on the same team.

3. Bat Restrictions

- Any bat with a USA, 1.15 BPF, or BBCOR certification is legal, unless noted below.
 - Marucci Cat5 MCB2 33/30 BBCOR 33"
 - DeMarini 2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8) 29"/21 oz WTDXCBR 2129-17
 - 2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8) 30"/22 oz WTDXCBR 2230-17
 - 2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8) 31"/23 oz WTDXCBR 2331-17
 - 2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8) 32"/24 oz WTDXCBR 2432-17
 - 2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10) 28" /18 oz WTDXCBZ 1828-17
 - 2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10) 29" /19 oz WTDXCBZ 1929-17
 - 2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10) 30"/20 oz WTDXCBZ 2030-17
 - 2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10) 31"/21 oz WTDXCBZ 2131-17
 - 2017 CF Zen SL 2 3/4" (-10) 32"/22 oz WTDXCBZ 2232-17
 - 2017 CF Zen Zero Dark 2 3/4" 29"/19 oz WTDXCBZ 1929-17F1
 - 2017 CF Zen Zero Dark 2 3/4" 30"/20 oz WTDXCBZ 2030-17F1
 - Custom 2017 CF Zen 2 3/4" (-10) WTDCCBZ17V
 - Custom 2017 CF Zen Balanced (-8) WTDCCBR17V
 - Dirty South Kamo BB KA 8 (30/22, 31/21, 32/22, 31/23, 32/24 only)

4. Official Game

- Four (4) innings shall constitute an official game or three and one half (3 1/2) innings if the home team is leading. However, a game called due to the time limit is an official game regardless of the number of innings completed.

5. Time Limit and Ready Play

- No new inning may be started after One (1) hour and fifty (50) minutes, excluding the final championship game.
- An inning started must be completed unless the home team is leading or takes the lead during its final at bat.
- A new inning officially starts as soon as the third out is recorded in the preceding inning.
- Ties count as such in preliminary round play.
- The official game start time (determined by the umpire) should be noted in both scorebooks prior to the start of the game.
- If an elimination game (excluding the Championship game) is tied after the 1:50 mark, no new inning limit is reached, all subsequent innings begin with the last batter out in the preceding inning on second base (international tie breaker rule).
- If a preliminary round game is tied after regulation and prior to reaching the 1:50 mark, no new inning time limit continue playing extra innings until the time limit prevents further play. If still tied, it is a tie.
- All teams are expected to be ready at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. If conditions (field/umpire being ready) warrant early start times, we will utilize the time and begin games early.

6. Protests

- No protests are permitted on any umpire judgment calls. If there is a valid dispute over a rules issue, the decision of the tournament site director (or designee) will be final. Resolve any disputed rule questions before play continues.

7. Player Eligibility

- This is a 13U open baseball tournament with an age cut-off date of April 30, 2022. Players cannot turn 14 prior to May 1, 2022. Rosters will be collected and each team is responsible for maintaining proper age documentation.
- If a coach/manager questions the eligibility of a particular player or players, he may do so privately with the tournament site director (or designee). He/she will investigate and resolve eligibility questions as quickly as possible.
- Player eligibility protests must be addressed during the game or immediately (within 15 minutes) following the game.

8. Official Team Roster and Insurance

- Every team must complete and submit a Tournament Team Roster and Certificate of Insurance (prior to the first game of the tournament).
 - Rosters and COI's should be sent to Todd Torbert via email at : toddtorbert@gmail.com
- The certificate of insurance should have the following listed as additional insured:
 - Frederick Rangers Youth Baseball Association LLC, 7632 Weedon Road, Adamstown, MD 21710
- The team roster must include player name, player number (no duplicate numbers) and player birth date.

- Participating tournament teams are not limited to a maximum number of players. However, there will only be 15 awards for the champions and runner-up.
- The head coach/team manager is required to maintain in his/her possession a copy of the official team roster and a copy of each player's birth certificate in the event that an eligibility question arises.
- We would not expect that an ineligible player would ever be asked by a coach/manager to play. However, if that were to occur and it is discovered, the player and his head coach/manager will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.
- A game underway will be forfeited immediately to the opposing team as would a game completed in which the ineligible player participated (final score recorded as 7 - 0). The team (without its head coach/manager and the ineligible player) may continue to play in the remainder of the tournament.

9. **Playing Conditions**

- The tournament director will make all decisions regarding playing conditions prior to each game. He/she will determine whether or not the field conditions are fit to play with the safety of the players first and foremost.
- After a game starts, the umpire is responsible for stops/starts. Any indication of lightning in the area will immediately stop play.

10. **Refund Policy**

- We make every effort to get as many games played for our participating teams as possible. Unfortunately, weather conditions beyond our control occasionally conspire against us. In the event that the tournament is abbreviated, the following refund policy will apply to all teams.
 - Two (2) games played, no refund.
 - One (1) game played, 70% refund.
 - No games played, fee returned with \$75 administrative fee subtracted to cover prepaid expenses.

11. **Pre-game Warm-ups**

- No batting practice or infield practice is permitted on the infield prior to the games.
- Warm-ups must be conducted in open field space that does not interfere with any game that is in action.
- Please be prepared to play thirty (30) minutes prior to scheduled start time.

12. **Game Results Reporting**

- Immediately following the conclusion of each game, the winning team is responsible for reporting the score to the tournament representative and/or texting the score to **301.461.5906**.

13. **Umpires**

- There will be two umpires for all games.

14. **Awards**

- The championship and runner-up teams will receive 15 individual trophies.

15. Mercy Rule (applies to ALL games)

- Fifteen (15) runs after 3 innings, twelve (12) runs after 4 innings and ten (10) runs after 5 innings.
- The home team does not bat if ahead by the mercy limit, but does bat if the visiting team goes ahead by the mercy limit in the top of an inning.
- This Mercy Rule is in effect for all games including the Championship game.

16. No Shows and Forfeits

- Teams that are no shows for a game will be subject to immediate disqualification from the tournament and will forfeit 100% their entry fees.
- The opposing team will be awarded a 7-0 win in the standings as a result of a forfeit.

17. Tie Breakers

- The following tie breakers will be used (if necessary) to determine seeding following preliminary round play:

Two-way tie:

- Head to head competition (only applies when only two teams are tied)
- Lowest total runs allowed (if head to head does not apply)
- Highest total runs scored
- Coin Toss

Three (or more)-way tie:

- Lowest total runs allowed in ALL games will determine the highest seed (but if one team beat all other tied teams, they are the top seed)
- After highest seed is determined and two teams remain tied, revert to two-way tie breaker procedures.
- If all tied teams did not play each other then head-to head does not apply. A team with 2 ties in preliminary round play equates to a team with a 1 - 1 record.

Age Group	Bases	Mound	Innings	Cleats	Dropped 3 rd Strike	Infield Fly
13U	90'	60'	7	Metal	Yes	Yes

18. Collision Rule

- All runners must slide or otherwise attempt to avoid a fielder who has possession of the ball and is waiting to make a tag.
- If the runner fails to do so and a collision occurs the runner is out, the ball is dead and trailing runners may not advance.

- If in the judgment of the umpire the collision is intentional or flagrant, the offending player may be ejected from the game.
- If a runner does not slide and there is no collision and the umpire rules the runner safe, the runner is safe.
- Head first slides are permitted.

19. Courtesy Runners

- Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher of record and catcher of record at any time.
- Any pitcher who enters a game and throws a pitch to a batter, is now the pitcher of record.
- The catcher from the previous defensive inning is considered the catcher of record.
- The courtesy runner should be the player making the last out or a substitution player.

20. Intentional Delays

- Intentionally delaying a game to achieve victory through a time limit is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will not be tolerated.

21. Intentional Walk

- An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team, requested by coach or catcher, without pitching to the batter or on any ball/strike count. The ball is declared dead before the umpire awards first base to the batter.

22. Starting Line-up

- Our intent is to encourage coaches to play as many players as possible and provide each coach with options.
- The coach must determine prior to the game how many batters are in the starting line-up and this must be communicated to the umpire and the opposing coach/scorekeeper.
- Teams may bat nine (9), the entire roster or any number in-between. However, once the number of batters is established, it must remain the same throughout the game.
- A substitute is defined as any player not placed in the original batting line-up to begin the game.
- As soon as a substitute bats or runs for another player, the substitute and the original starter are locked into that batting line-up slot and either one may bat or run at any time (in that line-up position only).
- If no substitutes are available and a player is ejected from the game, an out will be recorded each time that spot in the line-up is scheduled to bat.
- A team may play with 8 players, but must start the game with 9.
- A team with only 8 players must take an out each time the missing player is scheduled to bat.
- If an injury occurs to a player on a team batting more than 9 players and if the injury prevents the player from batting and no substitutes are available, his spot in the line-up going forward may be skipped without penalty. If he recovers, he may return to the line-up.
- If an injury occurs during an at-bat and the player cannot continue the at-bat, the next batter will take over that at-bat and assume the count.

- If an injury occurs to a base runner and no substitute is available, the player that made the last recorded out may take his place on the bases.
- If a player is removed from the game due to injury, that player is not eligible to return to the game in any capacity once his spot in the lineup has been skipped. The injured player may only return to the game if his spot in the lineup has not yet been skipped.

23. Defense

- Any player on the roster may assume any defensive position in the field at any time throughout the game with one exception. A player once removed from the pitcher position may not return to pitch later in the same game. Note: Defense has nothing to do with the offensive batting line-up - any rostered player is eligible to play in the field at any time (without regard to whether or not he is in the batting line-up).

24. Pitching Restrictions

- There are no pitching restrictions. Each coach/manager is responsible for tracking pitches/innings and to monitor player's health. Please be responsible!

25. Balks

- There are no warnings for balks.

26. Sportsmanship

- Any player, coach, manager, parent or team spectator displaying inappropriate behavior towards an umpire/official, player or coach may be ejected by the umpire.
- Anyone (except players) that is ejected will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
- An ejected player will be confined to the bench area.
- Team coaches/managers are responsible for the conduct of all coaches, players, parents and spectators.

27. Tournament Website/App

- Games results and scheduling updates will be posted to this site on a timely basis.
<https://tourneymachine.com/Public/Results/Division.aspx?IDTournament=h20211012004413099f8ca3381a2b143&IDDivision=h20211012004413135c51e9dcbea0e4b>
- It is highly recommended to download the Tourney Machine App in order to stay informed throughout the tournament weekend.

MANAGERS/COACHES

Please print a copy of this document and keep it with you during tournament play. Please share with assistant coaches, players and parents so everyone is fully informed. Thank you!