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I. CHECK IN-REQUIREMENTS

1. Prior to the start of the tournament (Depending on day of your 1st scheduled Game May 11 or 12) load your roster (name and number) into Tourney Machine.
2. All managers must check in at the Main Park (In-between Field E and D) or at Commissioners Park C2 - 45 minutes prior to the start of their first game with the following:
 - a. Tourney machine roster with players name, uniform numbers.
 - b. Ensure team Managers have Copies of Birth Certificates readily available upon request.
 - c. Proof of Team/League Insurance (If you haven't already submitted to Tournament Director prior)

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

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 carry out their responsibilities.

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.

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 team coaches and players are permitted in the dugout and on the field.
- Use of noisemakers in the dugout is prohibited.



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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.

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 Department 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 **45 Minutes** 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 30-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.
<https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning-sports>



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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.
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 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 90 days of this cancellation (refunds will be issued to the issuing agency that original check/credit card was given):
 - a. 0 games started = Full refund minus \$100 administrative fee.
 - b. 1 game started = 50% refund of tournament entry
 - c. 2 games started = No refunds
 - d. Frankfort Baseball will do their best to issue refunds within 90 days.

***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>



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Hickory Creek Middle School

22150 S. Owens Road, Frankfort, Illinois 60423

(cross streets of Laraway Ave and 116th Avenue)

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

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 45 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled game.

VII. CONTACTS:

Tournament Director, Brian Cary

tournamentdirector@frankfortbaseball.org

312-989-9001 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



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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.
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 and continue to move to the next tie breaker.
3. Run Differential – runs scored less runs allowed-max of 8 per game.



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4. Runs Allowed – If 3 teams are tied for one spot, the team with the least number of runs allowed will advance. If 3 teams are tied for two spots, the teams with the least and 2nd least number 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 tournament.



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XI. SCORECARDS

The home team for each game will be in charge of texting a pic of the final game card (provided at registration) to Vince Adamo 815-341-3401 & Brian Cary 312-989-9001.

The game card must be dated and signed by both team managers and the presiding Ump.

Example:

<u>Frankfort Spring Classic - Game Card</u>			
	<u>Team Name & Age</u>	<u>Final Score</u>	<u>Manager & Ump</u>
	<u>Division</u>		<u>Initials</u>
Team 1	Cubs 8U	5	BC
Team 2	Sox 8U	3	JW
Umpire	Smith	---	TS

***Text Pic of this Game Card to:
Brian Cary 312-989-9001 & Vince Adamo 815-341-3401***



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XII. EQUIPMENT

1. Baseball Bats
 - Wooden allowed with NO restrictions.
 - Only 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.
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. DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES (please note many of these rules follow the ILTBL specific rules):

8U

- Base Distance – 50'
- Mound – 38' - 40' (Home Field dictates (Max 40ft.))
- Infield Fly – No
- Dropped 3rd Strike – No
- Metal Spikes - No
- Base Stealing – Yes – once the catcher catches it on a “clean” catch. If the ball is dropped by the catcher, the runner must return to the previous base.
 - The runner only gets one base on a steal. If there is an overthrow the player needs to stay on that base (this applies to second and third base).
 - There is no stealing home.
- No fake or delayed stealing. If a runner starts to steal and then stops anytime on his way to the base, he must return to the base he came from. If he is thrown out, he is out. He can get into a run down and be safe, however he must return to the base he started at after the play is ruled dead. A player stealing may only advance one base at a time. For example, if the runner is on 2nd base and he steals 3rd and the catcher throws the ball into left field, the runners cannot advance another base.
- Balks – NO



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- Kill Play – is in effect. We will use the “Half the Distance” between the base paths to determine if a runner shall advance or return to the previous base before the ball is deemed “dead” near the pitcher’s mound (approximately 10-12 feet in diameter – inside the circle).
- Any player can “kill” the ball on the mound
- It is the umpire’s discretion whether a player is more than ½ way and shall return to the previous base.
- A player cannot advance on attempt by the defense when the ball is “killed” on the pitcher’s mound.
- Any pitcher who hits three batters in an inning must be removed.

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 – No



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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

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



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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

XIV. 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.

XV. NO CONTACT RULE

1. There is a “No Contact” rule in effect at all bases if a play is being made on the runner.
2. 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.



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3. 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.

XVI. PITCHING

1. 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.
2. One pitch will constitute an inning.
3. No restrictions on innings for the tournament. Re-entry in the pitcher position is not allowed in a game if he/she is removed.
4. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in the same inning, that pitcher must be removed from pitching for the remainder of that game (8U, 9U, 10U).
5. Pitch Count Limits and Required Rest Recommendations
It is important for each league to set workload limits for their pitchers to limit the likelihood of pitching with fatigue. Research has shown that pitch counts are the most accurate and effective means of doing so. See required rest recommendations below.

Age	Daily Max (Pitches in Game)	0 Days Rest	1 Days Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest	4 Days Rest	5 Days Rest
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A



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6. <https://www.mlb.com/pitch-smart/pitching-guidelines>
7. 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.

XVII. GENERAL RULES:

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

