

“Cincinnati Shootout”

Rules and Information Packet

*Please be sure to review the following rules and info packet as this event may differ slightly in certain play verses other **“Tournaments for a Cause”** events. We offer slightly different event format to give a nice blend of play for all to enjoy. Game time limits, run rule, ties or tie breakers etc. may vary.*

*All players participating in these **“Tournaments for a Cause”** events play shall have photocopies of their original birth certificates in the possession of their team manager. Failure to have a copy of the birth certificate in possession upon request may 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. Protest of uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the Tournament Director’s responsibility regarding uniform legality. Violation of the uniform rule will result in the violator being allowed to conform or be removed from the game.
7. 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.
8. All bat boys/girls will wear full-use batting helmets when their team is at bat.
9. 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.
11. The Ohio High School Baseball Rules shall govern all playing rules not specifically covered in this packet.
12. **Metal spikes are prohibited for ages 9U – 12U. Also not permitted in the older ages 13U and above at Rivercity West Complex. However, metal spikes are allowed at MVP and Northside K of C Sports Complex in those older age groups 13U and above.**

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

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GAME FORMAT

This event will use a 3-game format. Teams will schedule to play 2 games pool format and then be seeded for single elimination championship play based on team counts in each age group. Some ages may split to an upper and lower division as well. The exact format of the tournament, maximum number of teams in each age group and game schedule will be set by the Tournament Director based on the number of teams in each age group and may be altered considering weather conditions that may affect the event during play.

AWARDS

IN EACH AGE DIVISION, THERE WILL BE 1ST AND 2ND PLACE TEAM AWARDS. IN EACH AGE DIVISION, THERE WILL BE 1ST AND 2ND Place INDIVIDUAL AWARDS AS WELL.

REGARDING REFUNDS

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

- A) 100% 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) Once bracket is drawn and/or cutoff date is met, ALL TEAMS ARE SUBJECT TO A \$150.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT AND WILL BE OFFERED A \$25.00 CERTIFICATE TO ANOTHER TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IF NO GAMES ARE PLAYED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.
- C) A \$100.00 REFUND will be given if a team only plays one game. IF A TEAM PLAYS 2 GAMES, NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN AND A \$25.00 CERTIFICATE will be offered to a future tournament hosted by the tournament director if the tournament is not rescheduled or completed.
- D) IF A TEAM DOES NOT FINISH THE TOURNAMENT AND ELECTS TO DROP OUT: THEY MAY BE POSSIBLY USPENDED OR SUBJECT TO A COMPLETE BAN FROM FUTURE EVENTS. ALSO MANAGERS IN THE EVENT OF A TEAM NAME OR MANAGER CHANGE THE FOLLOWING SEASON.

ADMISSION (all players and 3 coaches per team enter free)

ADULTS: \$5.00 PER DAY. CHILDREN UNDER 16: FREE

No Food or any beverage including water coolers are to be brought into the parks.

All teams must check in at the park office prior to their first game played to ensure roster, insurance and entry fee is taken care of.

GAME TIME LIMITS

AGES 8U – 18U WILL BE ON A 1 HOUR AND 50 MINUTES TIME LIMIT. THAT MEANS NO GAME WILL START A NEW INNING AFTER 1:50. IF TIE AFTER REGULATION OR TIME LIMIT, CK. OHIO SHOOTOUT. THE CLOCK WILL START AFTER GROUND RULES. IF THE SCORE IS TIED AFTER REGULATION OR TIME LIMIT, THE GAME WILL CONTINUE UNTIL A WINNER IS DETERMINED. THE TIME LIMIT ON CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WILL BE 2:10 MINUTES. **COIN FLIP WILL DETERMINE HOME TEAM IN POOL GAMES. All ELIMINATION GAMES, THE HIGHEST SEED IS HOME TEAM. COIN FLIP WILL DETERMINE HOME TEAM FOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, HIGHEST SEED MAKES THE CALL.**

INFIELD PRACTICE IS NOT ALLOWED DURING TOURNAMENT, TEAMS MAY TAKE GROUND BALLS OUTSIDE OF INFIELD FOUL LINES IF DESIRED.

PITCHING

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

- a. In all age groups that are scheduled for six innings, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 18 outs in any given day.
- b. In all age groups 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 27 outs total for the tournament, regardless of game guarantee.
- d. For seven-inning, a pitcher cannot pitch more than 30 outs total for the tournament, regardless of game guarantee.
- e. Any pitcher in the 16U or younger divisions that has pitched three days in a row must rest the 4th day regardless of outs recorded.
- f. In the 17U-18U high school divisions, there are no pitching limitations.
- g. Pitching limitations stop for the day when the park is shut down for the night and the teams leave.
- h. When games are suspended and continued the next day, pitching limitations are split between the two days.

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

FIELD DIMENSIONS

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>BASES</u>	<u>PITCHING</u>
8u	65	46
9u	65	46
10u	65	46
11u	70	50
12u	70	50
13u	80	54
14u	90	60.6

Age Divisions 12u and below shall play 6 inning games. Age Divisions 13u and above shall play 7 inning games.

RUN RULE

- ❖ 15 runs after three innings, or two-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead).
- ❖ 10 runs after four innings, or three-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead).
- ❖ 8 runs after five innings, or four-and-one-half innings (if the home team is ahead).

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

REGARDING TIE BREAKERS

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

- ❖ WIN-LOSS RECORD
- ❖ HEAD TO HEAD
- ❖ FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED
- ❖ HIGHEST RUN DIFFERENTIAL
- ❖ COIN FLIP
 - *The maximum run differential per game is +8 or -8*

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. There will be no DH allowed other than 16u and older teams.

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. If a player is injured and cannot continue due to injury or illness, he will be skipped in the batting order and no out will be applied.

CHECK LIST

All teams must be registered with tourney machine. A completed roster must be submitted with proof of insurance to the tournament director prior to any games being played. A team must be composed of not more than twenty eligible players. Coaches or managers must be included in the twenty in order to be eligible to play. Birth certificates and Team Insurance must be available upon request if needed.

REGARDING SCHEDULES

The game schedules will be posted online at www.tourneymachine.com under the event by the Monday evening prior, or I will notify by email to all teams that the schedules are now posted online.

PLAYING RULES

Playing rules not specifically covered in this packet shall follow OHSAA. (Ohio High School Baseball Rules).

8U- No stealing will be allowed in the 8U division. Step/step/shuffle/shuffle lead off with no pick off attempts. Runner cannot advance unless batted ball in play. Drop third strikes are outs at all times.

OHIO SHOOTOUT

IN THE CASE OF A TIE AFTER REGULATION AND/OR TIME LIMIT EXPIRES: WE WILL THEN REVERT TO THE OHIO NATIONS BASEBALL SHOOTOUT. THE LAST 2 BATTERS FROM THE PRECEDING 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 PRECEDING 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 SUBSTITUE RUNNERS USED FOR THE LAST 2 BATTERS FROM THE PRECEDING INNING INCLUDING THE PITCHER AND CATCHER.**

Event Facilities

MVP Sports Park

10701 Campbell Rd.

Harrison, OH. 45030

Weather/Field Conditions: 513-328-5428

METAL CLEATS ALLOWED

Rivercity West

10400 State Rte. 128

Harrison OH. 45030

Weather/Field Conditions: 513-629-9809

NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED

Northside K of C Fields

3144 Blue Rock Rd

Cincinnati OH. 45239

Weather/Field Conditions: 513-923-3144

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Thank you,
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