

THE LANDING CLASSIC '23 OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

PRESENTED BY 3&2 BASEBALL, LLC.

Tournament Directors & On-Site Assistance

Ron Pilat

c: 716-907-1387
ron@3n2buffalo.com

Mike Nolan

c: 716-430-9798
mike@3n2buffalo.com

Coach,

Thank you for registering for The Landing Classic '23. We're excited to put together a weekend of great baseball, entertainment and an event you can look forward too for years to come. Listed below are the official tournament rules, regulations and code of conduct. Please note that these are non-negotiable. We assembled this tournament through countless years of attending others and have put together what we feel is best in regard to the teams overall experience. Any questions or rule interpretations can be directed to Ron Pilat at 716-810-1316.

General Rules & Policies

**unless otherwise noted The Landing Classic will be operating under Little League rules*

PARK RULES

- No Smoking
- No Alcohol
- Please park in designated parking areas

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

All information regarding weather delays, cancellations or time changes will be updated through the notification feature on our 3&2 Baseball app available on Google Play or the App Store. Please advise your parents to download this free app to stay notified with any important tournament changes. Please note that all decisions regarding cancellations due to field conditions are to be made by the grounds crew provided by the Town of Lewiston.

RAINOUT POLICY

- Games may be suspended due to weather for 45 minutes, with final playing decision up to the grounds crew and Tournament Directors.
- Games are considered complete in all rounds if cancelled due to weather if 4 innings have been completed or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead
- In the event of rain on Championship Sunday, the Tournament Directors may choose to advance the higher seed once it's determined that all games cannot be played due to time restrictions.
- If the tournament is cancelled in entirety due to weather - 100% refund will be issued
- If only 1 game is completed and the rest is cancelled due to weather - 50% refund will be issued
- There will be no refunds issued once 2 games have been completed

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Tournament Directors will be on site at all times. The Tournament Director is responsible for interpreting tournament rules as well as addressing any coaches concerns. Please note that once the coin flip is complete and the game begins, the on-field Umpire will be responsible for all game decisions. In the event you'd like to challenge a rule or the outcome of a play, the Tournament Director will meet with the on-field Umpire only to decide the outcome. All decisions are final and we encourage you to read our Coaches Code of Conduct when challenging the outcome of a call.

COACHES / PLAYERS / SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

As the coaching staff, we ask that you lead your players and parents by showing respect for The Landing Classic '23. We have a very strict **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy in regard to the coaching staff and spectators. Any coach, player or spectator asked to leave a game for behavioral issues will be asked to leave the facility for the remainder of that game as well as serve a 1-game suspension. The suspension must be served the very next game. We strongly advise that you allow the umpires to do their job to the best of their ability. Whether or not your disagreement is justified by a blown call, no amount of arguing or banter will change the outcome. Please lead by example for the young and impressionable players on your bench. All umpires are instructed to submit any ejection in writing to the Tournament Director for review. In the event a Coach, player or spectator is ejected and returns to the field, they will once again be asked to leave the premises. Failure to do so can result in tournament forfeiture by your team. An appeal may be made to the Tournament Director as the goal is not to stop a player from participating in The Landing Classic '23. By initialing below, you are agreeing to our CODE OF CONDUCT above.

PROTESTS

If a Coach wishes to protest a game based on misapplication of the rules, the protest will not be recognized unless the umpires are notified at the time of play in question. Once the next pitch occurs, there can be no protest. In the event a rule needs to be interpreted, an umpire may call for a Tournament Director. The Tournament Directors decision will be final. Please note that the game clock will continue to run while you await the arrival and final decision from the Tournament Director.

ROSTERS

Your official tournament roster will be submitted alongside this agreement. Any changes for players added will need to be made via email to Ron@3n2buffalo.com. Your roster will be considered final (7) days prior to your first game. No player may be added to your roster once the tournament begins unless approved by Tournament Directors.

TEAM INSURANCE

Each team is required to carry its own insurance, naming "**3&2 BASEBALL, LLC.**" as insured, and submit that certificate of insurance within (7) days of your first game. Proof of insurance can be emailed to ron@3n2buffalo.com or dropped off at 3&2 Baseball - Tonawanda. By Initialing, you are agreeing to our TEAM INSURANCE policy above.

UMPIRES

As of now the goal will be to have (2) umpires per game. Due to the shortages we saw

throughout the 2022 season, it's very possible we'll only have (1) per game. In the event of (1) Umpire, he will be positioned behind the pitchers mound. As always, Umpires are instructed to us their best judgement for all calls. Please respect their decisions as well as the organization you represent.

FORFEITS

Forfeits will be handled on a case by case basis, but will always be marked as a 10-0 score. Intentional forfeits will be grounds for team suspensions from all future 3&2 Baseball, LLC. events. In the event that an intentional forfeit plays a role in playoff seeding or playoff entry, the Tournament Directors reserve a judgement call on which team advances.

9U & 10U

Gameplay Rules & Policies

**unless otherwise noted The Landing Classic will be operating under Little League rules*

GENERAL RULES

- Bases - 60'
- Pitchers Mound - 46'
- 6-Inning Games
- 1 Hr. 50 Min Time Limit
- * No new inning is allowed to start beyond the time limit.*

BAT RESTRICTIONS

- USA Bats - 2 5/8 barrel maximum
- BPF 1.15 marking - 2 1/4 barrel maximum
- *Wood bats are ALLOWED*
- *USSSA Bats are NOT ALLOWED*
- *Any bat violation will result in an out for the batter*

MERCY RULE

- 15 runs after 3 completed innings
- 10 runs at any point after 4 completed innings
- *Inning must be completed, with an equal number of at bats by both teams*

LINEUPS & SUBSTITUTIONS

Your coach will declare their lineup during ground rules prior to the start of your game by exchanging lineup cards or Game Changer information with the opposing Coach. Listed below are your options for lineups and substitutions.

- A team may use a (9) player lineup;
- A team may use a (9) player lineup, with the option of a designated hitter (DH). The DH may bat for anyone in the lineup and will be considered a started for re-entry purposes;
- A team may use a (10) player lineup, with the 10th batter being utilized as an extra hitter (EH). The EH may change position and/or rotate from EH to the field at the Coach's discretion. A DH can still be used, when batting a (10) player lineup;
- **A TEAM MAY CHOOSE TO BAT THEIR ENTIRE LINEUP, WITH OPEN FIELD SUBSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE GAME (RECOMMENDED BUT NO MANDATORY)**
- In the event of an injury, an no substitution is available based on the rules above, the players spot in the lineup will be recorded as an out.

ROSTER SIZE

Teams may start a game with 8 players. In this situation, the 9th batter in the lineup will be counted as an out. If a 9th player joins the team then he/she may be added to the empty spot in the batting order at anytime. If a team starts with 9 and loses a player due to ejection or injury, the game can be completed with 8 players. A team cannot play with 7 or less players, at which point the game would turn to a forfeit resulting in a 12-0 score for the opposing team.

RE-ENTRY RULE

Starters may re-enter the batting order once after being removed from the game and MUST re-enter in the same lineup position. Pitchers may not re-enter to pitch again. Substitutes will not be available for re-entry.

COURTESY RUNNERS / CATCHERS SPEED UP

Courtesy runners can be used with 2 outs for the Pitcher or Catcher. The runner will be the last batted out. This is optional, not mandatory. In the event of an injury, the courtesy runner will always be the last batted out.

AVOID CONTACT / SLIDING RULE

Players must avoid contact at all costs. If contact is not avoided, the base runner is called out. If an Umpire decides a player's approach to a base or home plate is malicious, the base runner may be ejected from the game.

- Head first slides are NOT ALLOWED, unless returning to a bag
- Each team will be given (1) warning before the player is called out
- In the event a player is called out for a head first slide, it will be considered a dead ball and the players will return to their bases occupied at the time of the violation

LEADOFFS & STEALING

- Leadoffs and steals are allowed once the ball crosses home plate. This will be at the discretion of the Umpires.
- Immediate dead ball call if the runner leaves early. Each team will have one warning and the second offense the runner will be called out
- Stealing home is allowed
- **Dropped 3rd strike is permitted for the 10u - 11u - 12u tournaments only**

BALKS

Our umpires will issue warnings for educational purposes only. We ask that Coaches further instruct any obvious balk situation in between innings.

OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK

Each team is required to keep a scorebook for every game. If a situation occurs where the inning, score or innings pitched is in question, the HOME TEAMS scorebook will be considered official.

EXTRA INNINGS

- **POOL PLAY** - One additional inning is permitted, assuming it begins prior to the expiration of the time limit
- **ELIMINATION GAMES / CHAMPIONSHIP** - The last out from the previous inning will begin on 2B and each batter will begin with count of 2-1. The game will be played until a winner is determined

PITCHING RESTRICTIONS

- Per Game Limits - 9 consecutive outs
- Tournament Limits - 24 outs total
- No player may appear as a pitcher for 3 consecutive days, regardless of pitch count
- *Team scorekeeper is required to keep a detailed history of innings pitched*

Due to the pitching restrictions being structured around outs and not pitch count, we strongly encourage Coaches to follow the USA Baseball Medical and Safety Advisory Committees recommendations below.

AGE GROUP	PITCHES	1 DAY REST	2 DAYS REST	3 DAYS REST	4 DAYS REST
9u	75	21-35	36-50	51-65	66
10u	75	21-35	36-50	51-65	66
11u	85	21-35	36-50	51-65	66
12u	85	21-35	36-50	51-65	66

MOUND VISITS

- One Coach's mound visit per inning is permitted without needing to remove the pitcher. If the same pitcher is visited twice in one inning, they must be removed from the game.
- Catchers visits are not considered visits, but we request they limit to one per inning if necessary.

PLAYOFF FORMAT

- **POOL PLAY** - Thursday - Saturday (3 games total)
- **CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND** - Sunday
 - **Seeds 1 - 6** advance to the **Platinum Bracket**
 - Seeds 1 & 2 will receive a first round bye
 - **Seeds 7 - 12** advance to the **Gold Bracket**
 - Seeds 7 & 8 will receive a first round bye

SEEDING AND TIE BREAKERS

In order, this is how all seedings will be determined

- Overall pool play overall record (winning percentage);
- If 2 teams are tied, head to head winner advances;
- Run differential;
- Total runs against;
- Total runs scored;
- In the event we have a tie in all categories above, the higher seed will be determined by a coin flip from the Tournament Director with both Coaches present

NOT COVERED IN THE RULES

In the event a certain rule or scenario was not covered in the rules, the Tournament Director will make the decision based on the Little League rules or make the fairest possible ruling, which will be considered final.

11U & 12U

Gameplay Rules & Policies

**unless otherwise noted The Landing Classic will be operating under Cooperstown Dreams Park rules*

GENERAL RULES

- Bases - 70'
- Pitchers Mound - 50'
- 7-Inning Games
- 1 Hr. 50 Min Time Limit

** No new inning is allowed to start beyond the time limit.*

BAT RESTRICTIONS

- No bat restrictions

MERCY RULE

- 15 runs after 3 completed innings
- 10 runs at any point after 4 completed innings
- *Inning must be completed, with an equal number of at bats by both teams*

LINEUPS & SUBSTITUTIONS

Your coach will declare their lineup during ground rules prior to the start of your game by exchanging lineup cards or Game Changer information with the opposing Coach. Listed below are your options for lineups and substitutions.

- A team may use a (9) player lineup;
- A team may use a (9) player lineup, with the option of a designated hitter (DH). The DH may bat for anyone in the lineup and will be considered a started for re-entry purposes;
- A team may use a (10) player lineup, with the 10th batter being utilized as an extra hitter (EH). The EH may change position and/or rotate from EH to the field at the Coach's discretion. A DH can still be used, when batting a (10) player lineup;
- **A TEAM MAY CHOOSE TO BAT THEIR ENTIRE LINEUP, WITH OPEN FIELD SUBSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE GAME (RECOMMENDED BUT NO MANDATORY)**
- In the event of an injury, an no substitution is available based on the rules above, the players spot in the lineup will be recorded as an out.

ROSTER SIZE

Teams may start a game with 8 players. In this situation, the 9th batter in the lineup will be counted as an out. If a 9th player joins the team then he/she may be added to the empty spot in the batting order at anytime. If a team starts with 9 and loses a player due to ejection or injury, the game can be completed with 8 players. A team cannot play with 7 or less players, at which point the game would turn to a forfeit resulting in a 12-0 score for the opposing team.

RE-ENTRY RULE

Starters may re-enter the batting order once after being removed from the game and **MUST** re-enter in the same lineup position. Pitchers may not re-entrer to pitch again. Substitutes will not be available for re-entry.

COURTESY RUNNERS / CATCHERS SPEED UP

Courtesy runners can be used with 2 outs for the Pitcher or Catcher. The runner will be the last batted out. This is optional, not mandatory. In the event of an injury, the courtesy runner will always be the last batted out.

AVOID CONTACT / SLIDING RULE

Players must avoid contact at all costs. If contact is not avoided, the base runner is called out. If an Umpire decides a player's approach to a base or home plate is malicious, the base runner may be ejected from the game.

- Head first slides are NOT ALLOWED, unless returning to a bag
- Each team will be given (1) warning before the player is called out
- In the event a player is called out for a head first slide, it will be considered a dead ball and the players will return to their bases occupied at the time of the violation

LEADOFFS & STEALING

- Leadoffs are permitted
- Stealing home is permitted
- Dropped 3rd strike rule is in effect

BALKS

- One balk warning per pitcher will be issued

OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK

Each team is required to keep a scorebook for every game. If a situation occurs where the inning, score or innings pitched is in question, the HOME TEAMS scorebook will be considered official.

EXTRA INNINGS

- **POOL PLAY** - One additional inning is permitted, assuming it begins prior to the expiration of the time limit
- **ELIMINATION GAMES / CHAMPIONSHIP** - The last out from the previous inning will begin on 2B and each batter will begin with count of 2-1. The game will be played until a winner is determined

PITCHING RESTRICTIONS

- Per Game Limits - 12 consecutive outs
- No player may appear as a pitcher for 3 consecutive days, regardless of pitch count
- *Team scorekeeper is required to keep a detailed history of innings pitched*

Due to the pitching restrictions being structured around outs and not pitch count, we strongly encourage Coaches to follow the USA Baseball Medical and Safety Advisory Committees recommendations below.

AGE GROUP	PITCHES	1 DAY REST	2 DAYS REST	3 DAYS REST	4 DAYS REST
9u	75	21-35	36-50	51-65	66
10u	75	21-35	36-50	51-65	66
11u	85	21-35	36-50	51-65	66
12u	85	21-35	36-50	51-65	66

MOUND VISITS

- One Coach's mound visit per inning is permitted without needing to remove the pitcher. If the same pitcher is visited twice in one inning, they must be removed from the game.
- Catchers visits are not considered visits, but we request they limit to one per inning if necessary.

PLAYOFF FORMAT

- **POOL PLAY** - Thursday - Saturday (3 games total)
- **CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND** - Sunday
 - **Seeds 1 - 6** advance to the **Platinum Bracket**
 - Seeds 1 & 2 will receive a first round bye
 - **Seeds 7 - 12** advance to the **Gold Bracket**
 - Seeds 7 & 8 will receive a first round bye

SEEDING AND TIE BREAKERS

In order, this is how all seedings will be determined

- Overall pool play overall record (winning percentage);
- If 2 teams are tied, head to head winner advances;
- Run differential;
- Total runs against;
- Total runs scored;
- In the event we have a tie in all categories above, the higher seed will be determined by a coin flip from the Tournament Director with both Coaches present

NOT COVERED IN THE RULES

In the event a certain rule or scenario was not covered in the rules, the Tournament Director will make the decision based on the Little League rules or make the fairest possible ruling, which will be considered final.

PAYMENTS TERMS AND POLICY

- Cost Per Team: \$950
- Only payments made in full will be accepted, no partial payments
- To process a credit card, call Ron Pilat at 716.810.1316
- Payments accepted via credit card, cash or check

Make payable to:

3&2 Baseball, LLC.

77 Oriskany Dr. Suite C

Tonawanda NY 14150

- ***Must be paid in full by April 1, 2023 or else your team will be removed and open to the waiting list***

CANCELLATION POLICY

Any team who wishes to cancel after payment has been submitted must contact us via email Ron@3n2buffalo.com. A 100% refund will be only be issued if another team fills your vacated spot.

QUESTIONS?

Call Ron Pilat at 3&2 Baseball for more information 716.810.1316