



2025 Sykesville Wood Bat Classic

Tournament Information

Tournament Website: We will use Tourney Machine, for all score posting and in-tournament communication. Please download the TeamSnap Tournament app and encourage your parents to do so as well. Refer to our organization's website, www.sykesvillecyclones.com, for field maps and a copy of the tournament rules.

Tournament Check-in: No Check-in is required for the Wood Bat Classic. However, managers must carry a copy of their roster, COI, and official birth certificates or state identification cards for each player. Managers must be prepared to present them at any time during the event.

Age Requirements: 9U - Born on or after 5/1/2016, 10U - Born on or after 5/1/2015, 11U - Born on or after 5/1/2014, 12U - Born on or after 5/1/2013, 13U - Born on or after 5/1/2012, 14U - Born on or after 5/1/2011, 15U/16U - Born on or after 5/1/2009

Team Insurance: All teams must submit a Certificate of Insurance, by: **October 16, 2025**

....to the Tourney Machine site.

The Certificate Holder Block should read-

Sykesville Baseball, PO Box 1361

Sykesville, MD 21784

Rosters: All rosters should be submitted electronically, via Tourney Machine, by: **October 16, 2025**

Game Locations:

Century High School: 355 Ronsdale Road, Sykesville

Freedom Park: 100 Raincliff Road, Sykesville

Fairhaven Park: 600 Obrecht Road, Sykesville

South Carroll High School: 1300 W Liberty Rd, Sykesville

9U /10U – Fairhaven Park, Fields 1,4,5

11U – Freedom Park, Fields 5, 6

12U – Freedom Park, Fields 3, 4

13U – Freedom Park, Field 2 & South Carroll High School

14U – Freedom Park, Field 1 & Century High School

15/16U- Freedom Park, Field 1, 2

Snack Bar: Our snack bars will be open from 5:30 – 8:30 pm on Friday, 8:00 am– 6:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, or based on demand. Run by our 12U teams heading to Cooperstown, the snack bar will offer hot dogs, pizza, nachos, pretzels, candy, chips, beverages and a variety of other food items.





Official Rules

Tournament Format: All ages: 2 pool play games on Friday night and/or Saturday; Championship round Sunday. Pool play games are determined by blind draw.

Bats: This is a classic wood-bat tournament. ONLY single-construction wood bats are permitted. No two-piece or composite bats, of any kind are allowed. If a player is found to be using an illegal bat:

First infraction= batter will be called out

Second infraction= batter will be ejected

Tournament Seeding: The tournament will consist of 2 pool play games from which seeding will be determined for Championship play on Sunday.

Seeding will be based on:

1. *Record*
2. *Head to Head – (Only used when two teams are tied. This does not apply when 3 or more teams are tied)*
3. *Runs Allowed*
4. *Runs Scored*
5. *Run Differential*
6. *Coin Toss*

In the event of inclement weather:

- If some pool games are canceled, seeding will be determined by the pool games completed. If one round of pool games has not been completed, seeding for the Elimination round will be determined by a blind draw conducted at the Freedom Park Clubhouse on Saturday.
- If the Elimination round cannot be played or completed, the highest remaining seed (determined by pool play) will be the Age division champion.

Game Length: 6 innings for 9U-14U, 7 innings for 15/16U

- Pool Play - No new inning after 1:45. An inning is considered complete when the final out is recorded. Ties are permitted in Pool play.
 - Hard Stop Clarification:** The following rules apply to the hard stop:
 - Games are considered official if the hard stop limit is reached, regardless of the rules for the minimum number of innings.
 - Games are considered official if 4 complete innings have been played.
 - In pool play, if the hard stop is reached with the away team in the lead, and before the completion of an inning, the score will revert to the last full inning played.
- Elimination Play – No new inning after 1:45. International rules will be used to decide tie games. The last player to have batted in the lineup in the previous inning will be placed on 2nd Base.
- Championship Game – No time limit.
- In the case of inclement weather, game duration may be shortened/ modified accordingly. If some games are not played due to inclement weather, scores will be finalized as 3-3 ties.

Awards: Champions and Runners-Up of each age group will receive a Tournament Trophy and Tournament Medals.





Umpires: • 9U-12U- 1 Umpire for Pool games and 2 Umpires for all elimination games.

- 13U-16U - 2 Umpires all games

Warmups: No infield warmups or using open diamond infields to warm up. Teams must be prepared to start 30 min before scheduled game times to avoid game delays and speed up play.

Rule book: The Official Rule book is MLB rules except for those specified in this document.

Rosters: No roster limits on players. In the event of a player's age challenge, the team manager must present proof of age to the umpire. If a player is found to be ineligible, the player will be removed from the tournament and the team will forfeit all games that the ineligible player participated.

Lineups: Free defensive substitutions. Teams may substitute defensive players freely (with the exception of the pitcher) as long as the batting order remains the same. Players pinch hitting are married in the batting lineup for the remainder of the game.

Teams may bat 9 or 10 (with EH) batters or teams may bat the entire roster. In this case, if a player cannot bat for any reason other than injury sustained during the game, an out is declared for that player each time he cannot take his turn at bat. Each team must announce their options when exchanging lineups with the other team and at the pregame conference with the umpire.

Home/Visitor: Determined by coin flip in pool play. In elimination/consolation games, the higher seed will be the home team.

Balks: 1 Balk warning per 11/12U Team.

Dugouts: Dugouts are first come first served.

Start of Game: All teams are expected to be at the fields ready to play 30 minutes before game time. Please be prepared to start games early if the field and umpire are ready to play. Teams may start the game with 8 players, but an out will be taken in the 9th spot. Players arriving late may be added to the bottom of the lineup.

Courtesy Runners: For the Pitcher/Catcher of record must be an eligible sub or the player who made the last batted out.

Run Limits: None

Mercy Rule: All age groups: 12 runs after 3 Innings (2 ½ if the Home team is ahead); 10 Runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if the Home team is ahead); 8 runs after 5 innings (4 ½ if the Home team is ahead).

Pitching: No pitch count limits.

Score Reporting: The home team will be the official scorebook. After each game, the WINNING team is responsible for submitting the score to **Carl Gatzke (443) 783-3190**.

Text Format: Age Division, Field Name, Winning Team Name & Score – Losing Team Name & Score

Example: 11U, Field 3, Sykesville Cyclones Navy-8 Sykesville Cyclones Red- 3





Seeding for Sunday elimination round play will be posted approximately 1 hour following the completion of the last pool play game(s). When the Sunday elimination schedule is complete, it will be updated on the Tourney Machine app and all teams will be notified.

Protests: No protests. Judgment calls are final.

Intentional time delays: The umpire and tournament director reserve the right to eject any player, coach, or fan for intentionally delaying a game and a forfeit may be enforced at the tournament director's discretion.

Ejections: Coaches and fans ejected from a game must exit the park immediately and not return for the rest of the tournament. Players may stay with their respective teams in the bleacher area (not bench) but may not participate in the rest of the ejected game plus the next scheduled game. In the event this rule is not followed; the team will forfeit the rest of the tournament.

Inclement Weather Communication: If there are schedule changes due to weather, the Tournament Director will try to make these decisions at least 2 hours before official game start times. Any changes to the schedule will be updated in the Tourney Machine app and will also be sent via email to the head coach. Tourney Machine is your PRIMARY source for updates as field conditions change.

Refund Policy:

- *Tournament Withdrawal:*
A full refund will be issued to any registered team that needs to withdraw from the tournament up until one week before the start:
9U - 15/16U - October 10, 2025
Any team withdrawing after that date will forfeit their registration fees.
- *Inclement Weather:*
Play 0 Games – Return registration fees minus \$100 Tournament administration fee
Only 1 Game – Return \$300 of the registration fee
Play 2 or more games – No refund

In-Tournament Contacts:

- 9U – Bobby Dawson – (410) 818-4847
- 10U – George Marzano – (443) 465-2546
- 11U – Jimmy Hendricks – (301) 399-9054
- 12U – Chris Palumbo – (240) 470-6936
- 13U – Kenny Diblasi – (410) 428-4999
- 14U – Colin McGonigal - (443) 695-3592
- 15U/16U & Travel Director – Steve Hood (410) 804-8940
- Tournament Coordinator - Carl Gatzke (443) 783-3190

