

TOURNAMENT RULES

Teams must be at the field 45 minutes before their game. If the previous game ends early, the next game will start In exactly 15 minutes. Teams must be ready to play or they forfeit.

Home team will be determined by coin flip only during the Pool Play games. During the Championship and/or Elimination rounds, the “home” team will always be the higher seed. If both teams are the same seed, then a coin flip will take place (unless the teams have previously played and, if so, “head-to-head” tie-breaker shall be used for the “home team”) the umpires do not need to be present for the coin flip.

Games suspended by rain will be handled by the umpire. Each coach will be told how much playing time is remaining and when the game will resume.

Emergency contact number – Each team must have, at least, one (1) emergency contact number where they can be easily reached during the tournament.

Tie games. If, at the end of regulation pool play only, both teams are tied, a maximum of 3 innings will be played wherein the following will occur: the visiting team will place the player who made the last out on second base; each batter will begin with a pitch count of 3 balls and 2 strikes. If the teams remain tied after three innings, the game will be recorded as a tie and will count in the final standings.

All teams will play 3 pool games. These teams may or may not be in your pool. Teams will then be seeded for single elimination championship rounds.

The tournament will follow the “American League Rules” with the following exceptions:

Exception: A two (2) hour time limit will be in effect. The two (2) hour time limit starts on delivery of first pitch. If an inning starts and the home team is behind, the inning will be completed.

Exception: Starting players may re-enter one time into their original batting position, if removed during the game. Substitutes may not re-enter if removed from the game. Pitchers removed from the mound may not pitch again in the same game.

Exception: An eight (8) run mercy rule is in effect after 4 ½ innings, if the home team is in the lead. At any point after 4 ½ innings and the home team is behind, you must complete the inning.

Exception: DH & EH can be used in all age groups. EH, Extra Hitters, are considered defensive positions for substitution purposes.

Exception: Speed up Rule – a runner can be used for the pitcher and catcher upon reaching base (mandatory with 2 outs). This player must be someone not in the game or the teams last batted out.

Each team will be required to check the website daily for updates on standings during the tournament. The playoff game schedule will be posted online on SUNDAY evening, upon completion of seeding.

NO PITCHING RESTRICTIONS OF ANY KIND IN THE MAJOR DIVISION. In the AAA Division each pitcher will be allowed a maximum of 10 innings during the tournament. 1 pitch equals 1 inning. Managers will be required to submit pitching records after each game. Any team found in violation of this rule will receive a forfeit loss so please keep accurate pitching records. Pitching forms will be distributed to all AAA coaches prior to first game.

In the event of rain or other matters beyond the control of the Tournament Director, the Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament format as he sees fit in order to complete the tournament in the scheduled time period

REFUND POLICY IN CASE OF RAIN

0 Games – 12s and below = \$150.00
0 Games – 14s and below = \$200.00
1 Game – 12s and below = \$75.00
1 Game – 14s and below = \$100.00
2 Games & up = NO REFUNDS

Note: Refund/rebate policy regarding forfeit games – No refund or rebate will be made to any team receiving a forfeit game, either in pool games or championship play.

Baseballs – All teams must provide two (2) NEW BASEBALLS to the home plate umpire prior to the start of the game. The baseballs should be of High School baseball quality. Each team must provide used baseballs as needed during the course of the game. On deck batters must retrieve all balls. Coaches please see that each team retrieves foul balls on their respective sides.

Physical Confrontation – This tournament has “zero tolerance” for any physical confrontations by players, coaches, fans or anyone else. Upon the first violation, the violating party shall be removed from the facility and the tournament. Once again, absolutely no physical confrontations will be permitted, tolerated and/or found to be acceptable.

All decisions made by the umpire are final. Any player or coach who abuses an umpire will be ejected from that game and the next game. A second ejection of a player or coach means removal from the tournament. Team forfeiture in the event an ejection is made and the ejected party refuses to leave the playing facility, the Tournament Director, at his sole discretion, may elect to declare a forfeiture of the game and/or tournament. The tournament director shall have final decision on all tournament ejections.

Winning Team must report score to concession stand within 15 minutes of finishing game, if no concession stand at facility, then score must be reported to an Event Staff person at the facility within 15 minutes of finishing game. *Failure to report scores will result in a forfeit for the winning team.* All forfeits scored 7-0. The official score book is to be kept by the Home Team. It is the responsibility of both teams to verify game score at the end of each inning. If a discrepancy occurs, bring it to the attention of the umpire immediately.

All teams need to be prepared to play SATURDAY morning.

Pool Play will be completed by Sunday evening. ALL teams will then be seeded and advance to Championship play. Check tie breaking rules in the event of a tie in pool play. Note: all teams are required to check the web site after pool game completion for their Championship Round schedule of play.

EACH INDIVIDUAL AGE GROUP AND/OR DIVISION MAY HAVE SPECIFIC RULES REGARDING HOW PLAYOFF ROUND TEAMS AND FINAL SEEDING WILL BE DETERMINED. PLEASE VIEW THE SCHEDULES PAGE FOR EACH SPECIFIC AGE GROUP FOR COMPLETE DETAILS. THESE RULES WILL BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS IN EACH AGE GROUP/DIVISION.

In the event of a tie in pool play to determine a pool winner or wild card team, (1st) tie-breaker is head to head (2nd) lowest runs allowed (3rd) run differential, maximum +8, -8 per game (4th) flip of a coin. If 3 OR MORE TEAMS ARE TIED RECORDWISE, then runs allowed will determine which Team/Teams advance; unless ALL TIED TEAMS have played head to head during the pool play round. Any team that forfeits a game before or once a game has started WILL NOT be permitted to advance to the playoff rounds. Teams that forfeit any games will not receive a four game guarantee.

TOURNAMENT POLICIES

INSURANCE VERIFICATION – All teams must submit proof of insurance before participating in this tournament. This will be the responsibility of the head coach or team manager.

Tournament housing information – EACH TEAM MUST TURN IN THE HOTEL ROOMING LIST FORM. The form must be received by Tournament Director before start of tournament. “ALL OUT OF TOWN TEAMS USING HOTELS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY AT A PARTICIPATING HOST HOTEL”. There are no exceptions to this rule and any team found attempting to avoid this rule will be dismissed from the tournament with no refund given.

Right to modify and amend: Boys of Summer Athletic Club retains exclusive right to modify and/or amend these Rules and Policies for the Memorial Day Classic Tournament. Each team is required to review the Rules and Policies prior to and during the tournament.

Refund Policy: Withdrawal more than 45 days prior to the tournament – In all cases, a team must provide written notice to Boys of Summer Athletic Club about their intent to withdraw for the tournament. If this written notice is received at least 46 days prior to the tournament, Boys of Summer Athletic Club will refund the entry fee less a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) administrative fee. Withdrawal less than 45 days prior to the tournament - *** THERE ARE NO REFUNDS FOR ANY WITHDRAWAL WITHIN FORTY FIVE (45) DAYS OF THE BOYS OF SUMMER MEMORIAL DAY CLASSIC TOURNAMENT. Do not call/email or ask for a tournament refund because your team cannot honor their registration commitment.

Acknowledgement of review of rules and policies – Each team will be required to sign a form acknowledging that they have reviewed the Tournament Rules and Policies

Rules and Tournament Schedule – In the event there are any changes and/or modifications to the Rules and/or Schedule, said changes/modifications will be posted on the website (Memorialdayclassic.org) and it is the responsibility of all coaches to regularly check for any changes and/or modifications.

Change in tournament format – Due to any last minute changes in teams, weather or any other reasons, the Memorial Day Classic Tournament Director reserves the right to modify the format of this event. Any changes of the format will be posted as soon as possible on-line, and announced to the teams during the tournament.

Tournament admissions – Admissions will NOT be charged at any field “NO GATE FEES”

Outside food and beverage – NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGE PERMITTED IN THE BALLPARKS. Please request that your families and friends comply with this rule. Anyone caught not adhering to this rule will be asked to remove said food and beverage from the park. Beverages may be brought in for ballplayers. “NOTE” - If a facility does not have concessions, then you may bring in outside food and/or beverages. Please check with the facility.

NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED in the parking lots or fields at any time.

Each team is required to fill out all required forms on line and either submit or mail (per instructions). Only the Official Forms on line are acceptable. Managers are also required to have player birth certificates with them during the tournament.