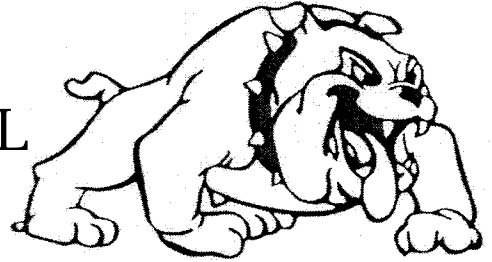


Summer 2010

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

TINLEY PARK YOUTH BASEBALL

BULLDOGS



Welcome to the annual BULLDOG Summer Baseball Tourney. With your help, this tournament will be competitive & fun for the players, coaches & fans. With sportsmanship in mind, we look for you, your players & fans to acknowledge positively the efforts of your opponents.

www.tpbulldogbaseball.com - Check for updates & standings.

With some exceptions, ages will play at the following fields:

Age 7 /8 = Fulton, or Pryor

Age 9 = Zimmerman or Pryor

Age 10= Zimmerman or Pryor

Age 11 = Guenzi

Age 12 = Guenzi

Age 13/14 = Vogt/Tholl

Portable toilets are located on our complex and indoors at the Bulldog building. And on the 3rd base field side of Vogt. There are bleachers at every field. The Concession Stand located behind Guenzi field is fully stocked with refreshments, snacks & hot food.

We ask that you respect the park & fields. Use the trash cans. Players should clean up their dugout before leaving. Don't throw chewing gum on fields. Fans should pick up trash.

Soft toss hitting of baseballs into fencing anywhere is strictly prohibited.

Eligible Teams "House's All Star Teams or Part Time Travel Teams (who have played less than 25 games together) are eligible.

Paperwork: The following is required at check-in. (1) Proof of insurance document. (2) Birth Certificate for every rostered player (3) Fully completed Team Roster, alphabetical listing full name & jersey #. Include phone #, alt phone # & email for Manager & at least one assistant coach. Roster & insurance will be kept by TPYB. You must keep BC's available.

Check-In: All required paperwork must be submitted at check-in.

Eligible Players: Players who are not older than the age level registered for based on their age on April 30, 2010.

Rosters: Teams may carry a maximum roster of 15 eligible players and a minimum of 10. Once your roster has been submitted, 45 minutes prior to your first game, no additions or changes may be made.

Format: 3 game minimum round robin with championship game. Individual Trophies (max of 15) for 1st and 2nd Place in each age level.

Tie Breaker:

1. Won - Loss record
2. Head-to-head games (IF NO CLEAR CUT WINNER USE #3)
3. Least total runs allowed (all games) during round robin.
4. Greatest total run differential (all games) during round robin.

***Once a 3 or 4 way tie has been broken we revert back to the top for tie breakers.

Home - Visitor A coin flip between managers or their designate before each game determines. Winner's choice.

Home team must occupy 3rd base dugout.

Game Rules: Playing rules will lie applied in the following order:

1. Tourney rules. (supercede...)
2. Rules of Pony Baseball (which supercede)
3. Rules of Major League Baseball

Starting the Game: A team must have 9 players to start a game. If 9 are not ready to play by 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time (by the umpires watch) a forfeit is declared. The final score shall be 9 - 0. (*Note H batter rule*)

Equipment Protective Athletic Cup) - ALL male players are required to wear them.
Metal Cleats - may not be worn. (except ages 13 and older)

Other equipment requirements refer to Pony Baseball Rules.
(note catcher requirements & no jewelry...helmet on at all times)

Continuous Batting Order: All players at the game shall be listed in the order and will bat. whether or not they played in the field the prior inning. You must bat a minimum of 10. If, for any reason you lose players which brings your order to less than 10 batters, an out will be declared at that spot in the order for each spot under 10. Opponent is responsible to tell umpire when these outs occur. If your opponent has less batters than your order you may choose to bat same amount & use your other players as pinch-hitters/subs (This does not affect the defensive free sub rule) Note Pony sub rules. These subs must be entered for at least one at-bat, and listed separately on lineup.

If you anticipate a player being tardy, you must note him during the exchange of lineups with your opponent. When he arrives he must be added to the last spot in the order. Un-noted additions may not be made after the game begins.

Defensive Substitutions Free substitution at any time (note Pony Rule restriction on pitchers). All listed batters shall play at least 2 innings in the field.

Catcher Speed-up Rule: Running for the catcher is optional. With 2 outs, the last batter making an out may run for the catcher. The replaced catcher must catch next inning, if it is the last inning of a game, or an extra inning, the replaced catcher must have caught the previous inning

10/15 Run Slaughter Rule: Ages: 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 (6 inning games)

If the home team leads by 10 or more runs at any time in the bottom of the 4th, or 5th, inning, or by 15 in the 3rd, the game is over at that point.

If the visiting team leads by 10 or more runs in the 4th or 5th inning, or 15 in the 3rd, & the home team has batted in the bottom of that inning, the game is over.

Ages: 11 - 12 - 14 (7 inning games)

Same as above except substitute 4th, 5th or 6th inning.

Time Limits: Games have a 2 hr time limit. A new inning may not begin after the limit.

The bottom of an inning may be completed. Tie games will be completed.

	<u>Age 7 or 8</u>	<u>Age 9 or 10</u>	<u>Age 11 or 12</u>	<u>Age 14u</u>
Innings Played	6	6	7	7
Base Distances	50'	60'	70'	80'
Mound Distance	38'	44'	48'	54'
Infield Fly Rule	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drop 3rd Strike	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Base Stealing	No	Delayed	w/lead-offs	w/lead-offs
Bunting	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Balks	No	No	Yes*	Yes*

Base Stealing: Age 9 & 10 - Delayed .Runner may steal 2nd, 3rd or Home. May not leave base until pitch reaches catcher or touches the bat or ground. If runner is detected leaving early, the ball is immediately dead and the runner is declared OUT. (no warnings)
The pitch does not count, nor does any action by the batter. A base runner not running toward the next base once the ball is received back by the pitcher must return.

Age 11 & 12 & 14u- With leadoffs major league baseball rules. (balk exception)

<u>Pitching Rules: (for each pitcher)</u>	<u>Age 7- 8</u>	<u>Age 9-10</u>	<u>Age 11</u>	<u>Age 12</u>	<u>Age 14u</u>
Innings Allowed Per Day	3	4	7	7	7
Must Take Next Day Off if	3	4	4	5	5
Total innings for Tourney	12	12	16	16	16

Any portion of an inning pitched is counted as a full inning. A pitcher removed from the mound may not return that same game to pitch. The tourney innings includes ALL games...pool play, semis & finals.

Balks: Age 11, 12, 14..., 1 warning per pitcher. All balks are an immediate dead ball, whether result is warning or enforcement (no pitch, no action by the batter or any runner advance may occur)

Pitching Record: All pitching innings must be accurately recorded on your "Pitching Record" You MUST have this record available for inspection by an opponent or Tourney Directors at all times. Record Dates, each pitchers jersey# & name; total innings pitched each game, that games opponent, verification of the info by the opposing manager.

Slide Rule:

- Runner is obligated to avoid contact. (*collisions may occur on a wild throw and if in the judgment of the umpire the runner did not have the opportunity to avoid contact, there is no foul*)
There is simply NEVER an instance where a runner has the right to run over/thru a fielder!
- No contact no foul. (This is not a "must slide" rule, but...)
- Any contact, even slight, which causes a ball to be dropped because the runner did not slide, results in the runner being called out.
- Slides must be directly into the base sliding away to avoid a tag is OK, but sliding into a fielder or beyond the base to break-up the play is illegal.
- Pop-up slides & hurdling is illegal.
- Malicious contact as called for rolling slides, leading with a shoulder elbow, forearm sliding with spikes at or above the fielders knee. The runner is out & ejected.
- Interference penalties are enforced on sliding infractions.
- Umpires will be alert for fielder obstruction.

Thrown Equipment: if at a live ball, baseball rules apply. The accidental or intentional throwing of bats or equipment results in a TEAM warning meaning the next incident by anyone on the team results in an out & possible ejection, (this does not preclude the umpire from making an immediate ejection for what he deems as serious unsportsmanlike conduct.)

Managers & Coaches: Each team is limited to 5 adults (non-players) in the dugout. Other than being in the coaches boxes, coaches/managers must remain at their dugout fence, between the dugout openings. Buckets are not allowed anywhere in fair or foul territory.

Extra Innings Tie Breaker: These rules apply to the start of the 7th inning in 6 inning games, and to the start of the 8th inning in 7 inning games and each additional extra inning.

Each extra Inning: Last batter (completed at-bat) of previous inning is awarded 2nd base.
Inning begins with one out
Each batter begins his at-bat with a 2 ball. 1 strike count.

On Deck hitters will occupy the on-deck circle on their own dugout side of the field and must remain alert. They will remain in the on-deck area while any pitcher is warming up.

Tourney Directors: if weather or time constraints dictate, we reserve the right to reschedule game days and/or times. Institute game tie breakers (i.e. Olympic style rules), set game time limits, schedule multiple games per day, or institute any other rules necessary to complete the tourney in as timely & equitable manner as possible.

Time constraints may cause cancellation of pre-game infield. Umpires will start games promptly. Pitchers should warm-up on the sidelines when waiting for the next game. When a following game is coming please leave your dugouts promptly (please pickup trash) and conduct your post game talk outside the field.

The Tourney Director will rule on any rule or situation not specifically covered by these rules, the Rules of Pony or Major League Baseball. His ruling is final.

Decisions Committee: _____ (at least .1 member) will resolve any legal protest.

1. Protest of a rule application must be made BEFORE a pitch is thrown to a next batter after the play in question.
2. Only manger may protest. Manager must state his desire to do so to the home plate umpire.
3. Protests will be resolved at that point, before play continues. Rulings of the Decisions Committee are final and may not be appealed further.
4. Only the applications of a rule may be protested, never umpire judgment (i.e. balls, strikes, safe, out, fair, foul, tag, no tag, etc may not be protested>

Conduct of Plavers, Managers, Coaches. Fans:

- Applauding fine play by your opponent is definitely encouraged!
- In situations of illegal or ineligible players, the Rules of Pony Baseball apply.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct (abusive language, derogatory activity, excessive arguing, etc) toward umpires, league officials, opponents players coaches and fans will not be tolerated.
- Any ejection will be reviewed by the Decision Committee. The review may result in further penalty (additional or multiple game suspensions; or disqualification from the tournament). These penalties may be applied to players, coaching staff or fans. Ejected persons must leave the field and surrounding area Umpires determination). Suspended persons may not return to any premises of the park/complex until the suspension is over.
- The Manager & coaching staff are responsible for the conduct of their players and FANS.
- Tournament fees are not refundable.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on park district property.
- Tobacco products are not allowed on the field or in dugout areas.