

## 2015 Firecracker Classic presented by the Cincinnati Patriots Baseball Club

### Rules

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#### Field Rules

-Batting and fielding practice will be permitted on non-tourney field provided that they are not being used, and under the following conditions:

-Non-tourney fields are not being paid for-tourney teams have no right to remove people from them.

-Share the free time on unused fields. Allow all teams to make use of the fields available. If this becomes a problem, then we will not allow teams to make use of these fields.

-No batting practice will be taken on tourney fields.

-No infield practice will be taken before games.

-Teams will be permitted to warm up in the outfield and take ground balls on their side of the field before games if time allows.

-Metal cleats are not permitted with the exception of the 13U & 14U division.

#### Game Rules

1. Pitching-Base Distance: 14U 60'6"/90', 13U 54'/80', 12U 50'/70', 10U 46'/65'
2. 10U games will be 6 innings, 12U-14U will be 7 innings.
3. Tournament is Pool Play with elimination round.
4. Coin flip will determine Home team in pool play games. **Higher seed will be home team in championship bracket.**
5. No inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. There is no time limit in the Championship game only.
6. There can be a tie in pool play. If the game is tied and time remains-extra inning(s) will be played until a winner is determined or time limit expires.
7. **Run rule-8 after 5 innings, 12 after 4 innings, 15 after 3 innings.**
8. Each team will have the following options to start the game:
  - Roster Bat**-All players on the team are in the batting line-up and are allowed free defensive substitutions.

\*If a player arrives late he may be inserted at the end of the line up.

\*If a player becomes injured or sick he may be removed from the line-up with no penalty, and his spot in the batting order will be skipped.

\*If a player is ejected from the game for any reason while roster batting, his spot in the order becomes an out.

**-Batting 9**-Starters may re-enter game, substitutes can not. No free defensive substitution.

**-Batting 10**-this includes an EH or Extra Hitter. Same rules apply as to batting 9.

\*There is no Designated Hitter in this tournament.

8. Courtesy runners are permitted for the pitcher and catcher. If the team is roster batting, then the last batted out becomes the runner. If the team is batting 9 or 10, then anyone not currently in the game may be the courtesy runner.

9. No malicious contact is allowed on the bases.

10. Balks-1 warning per pitcher, per incident, then straight up for 13U and below. Straight up for 14U.

11. 3 game baseballs will be provided. Each team is to provide any additional baseballs. Please return all original game balls to umpire after each game.

12. Umpires will be paid by the tournament.

### **Pitching Rules:**

1. 10U-Players may not pitch more than 10 innings in the tournament and no more than 6 innings in a day.

12U/13U/14U-Players may not pitch more than 12 innings in the tournament and no more than 7 innings in a day.

One pitch in an inning is considered 1/3 of an inning.

All age groups-once a player has been removed as a pitcher, that pitcher may not return to pitch in that game. Please verify the score and innings pitched with the opposing team and turn these results in to the Tournament Committee-either upper or lower concession stand.

### **Tourney Rules:**

1. Each team must carry insurance. Proof of insurance must be provided with your roster prior to your team's first game. Please also carry your own first aid equipment. No medical staff will be on staff at this tournament.

2. Each team must provide a roster with the names and numbers of eligible players for this tournament. The roster is frozen once it has been turned in. Coaches must have birth certificates available in the event a player is questioned. Player protests are \$50, refundable if upheld.

3. Each team is required to maintain a record of games in a team scorebook. It is the team's scorekeeper's responsibility to catch other teams breaking pitching and lineup rules and then bring this to the attention of the umpire. Home team is the official scorekeeper. Both teams are to report scores to Tournament Staff-either upper or lower concession stand.

4. Every effort will be made to finish this tournament, but in the case of rain, darkness or other acts of God, the director reserves the right to shorten games or modify the schedules in order to complete the event.

Rainout refunds are as follows:

We will make every effort to refund as much as possible in the event of cancellation. Costs to cover include trophies and umpire scheduling.

5. Any coach or manager ejected from a game will also be suspended for the next game.
6. Please respect our park by cleaning up your dugout and surrounding areas after your games.
7. Tiebreaker rules:
  1. Overall record
  2. Head to head play
  3. Runs allowed
  4. Run differential (max 8 per game)
  5. Coin Toss

Coaches-Thank you for participating in our tournament. Our hope is to have a great weekend of baseball. Our main focus as an organization this season has been to put a major emphasis on sportsmanship as well as coach and player behavior. We ask that everyone follow these principles during our tournament and enjoy a great weekend playing the greatest game ever invented in the manner that it was meant to be played.