



**Rules for Lakeside's Back2School Brawl
August 30, 2020
9u Division**

This tournament is a 1-day format. 2 Game Guarantee
If we have 8 teams, top 2 seeds in each division play for gold championship
If we have 8 teams, two 2nd place teams in each division play for silver championship

ALL TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR PLAY AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE GAME SCHEDULED TIME.

1. Entry fees will be used to pay the umpires and awards. Each team will provide 1 new and 1 used baseball to the home plate umpire prior to each game.
2. Concessions will be offered by Lakeside Youth Baseball for this tournament.
3. We will follow the Official Major League Baseball (MLB) Rules of Baseball – National League with the following exceptions:
 - a. Pitching and Base Distances:
 - i. 9u: 46/65
 - b. Dropped 3rd Strikes:
 - i. 9u: NOT playing dropped 3rd strikes
 - c. Infield Fly:
 - i. 9u: Infield fly rule is NOT in effect
 - d. Leads/Steals:
 - i. 9u: Modified Steal - 10' line at all bases (See #11 for more information)
 - e. Pitching Limits:
 - i. 9u: 1 day maximum – 18 outs
 - f. Balks:
 - i. 9u: Warnings only
 - g. Official Game:
 - i. Official game for 6 inning games: 3 ½ or 4 innings (losing team must bat 4 times)

- h. Mercy Rules:
 - i. Length of Game: 6 innings – 15 run differential after 3rd inning
8 run differential after 4th inning
 - ii. Flip Flop Rule – The tournament director has the right to insert the flip-flop rule when, in their viewpoint, visiting team has a decisive run advantage over the home team. The visiting team will become the new home team. If the new visiting team takes the lead, the new home team will get an opportunity to bat.
 - i. Courtesy Runners: Courtesy Runners are allowed for pitcher and catcher only. The courtesy runner must be a player from the bench. If the team is batting all players, the courtesy runner shall be the last batted out.
 - j. Substitutions: Free substitutions are allowed if a team is using entire lineup. If a team is using a 9 or 10 player lineup, then when a substitution is made the starter may re-enter once in the same position of the batting order. Non-starters may not re-enter the game once removed.
 - k. Time Limits:
 - i. 9u: All games will have a 1 hour 45-minute time limit.
 - l. Ties: Ties are allowed in pool play after the time limit has expired.
 - m. International Run Rule: In single elimination portion of tournament only, if a game is tied at the end of time limit, international run rule will apply. Last out in previous inning will be placed on 2nd base to start the inning. This will be applied as such until a winner is determined.
4. All bats must be permanently stamped with the USA Baseball Mark, USSSA Mark, be a legal BBCOR bat or be made of wood.
5. A team may play 9 players, 10 players (with EH) or entire lineup.
 - a. If a team plays 9 or 10 players, substitution rules will apply.
 - b. If a team plays the entire lineup, all players must finish the game. If a player is injured or leaves game, an out will be given during his at bats.
6. No player can play within this tournament on more than 1 team. Example: If a player plays a game in our tournament on a 10u team, that player may not drop down and play for a 9u team. Rosters must be submitted on our registration system prior to the team's first game. No player may be on more than 1 roster in our tournament. If this occurs, both teams that the player has played for will forfeit all games played in the tournament.
7. Sportsmanship/Ejections:
 - a. All players, coaches, managers, sponsors and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. The league/tournament director has the authority to remove anyone from the event at any time for unsportsmanlike conduct. Any player, coach, manager, sponsor or spectator whose conduct is unbecoming or abusive shall at a minimum be reprimanded with a warning. If warranted, the offending party shall be ejected from the game at the discretion of the Umpires and / or the League / Tournament Director.

- b. Any player, coach, manager, sponsor or spectator leaving their position or base, in the field, on the bench, in the dugout area or grandstands to participate in a fight, brawl or altercation shall be immediately ejected from the game and may be disbarred / suspended.
- c. Any coach, manager, sponsor or spectator ejected from a game shall immediately remove themselves from the vicinity of the playing field and / or grandstands for the remainder of the game. Any player ejected from a game shall either immediately remove them self from the vicinity of the playing field for the remainder of the game or be confined to the dugout area for the remainder of the game at the discretion of the League / Tournament Director. Additional penalties may be assessed at the discretion of the League / Tournament Director.
- d. If necessary, a team may be forced to forfeit a game and / or be removed from the league / tournament.
- e. All team managers are responsible for controlling the behavior of their coaches, players and fans. If it is deemed by tournament officials and/or umpires that the team manager is not controlling their coaches, players or fans, then they can be ejected.

8. Tie Breaking Format:

- a. Head to Head
- b. Runs Allowed
- c. Runs Scored
- d. Coin Toss
 - i. Please Note: When 3 or more teams are tied, Head to Head is not used as a tie breaker. In these instances, Runs Allowed become first tie breaker. Once you break tie and get to 2 teams, head to head can be used as tie breaker.

9. Entry Fee Refunds: In the event of rain or any condition that deems the fields not playable, the following will be used as policy for refunds:

- a. 0 Games Played – Entire entry fee refunded minus \$25 administrative fee
- b. 1 Game Played – 50% of entry fee refunded
- c. 2 or more Games Played – 0% of entry fee refunded

10. In the event of inclement weather that forces the cancellation of the tournament before the conclusion, the following will be adhered to declare winners:

- a. If inclement weather cancels the tournament during the single elimination portion of the tournament, the highest seed remaining will be declared the winner.
- b. If inclement weather cancels the tournament during the championship games but before the tournament championship game is an “official” game, co-champions will be awarded.

11. Modified Steal Rule Is in Effect for 9u division

- a. There will be a 10-foot mark placed off 1st, 2nd and 3rd base.
- b. The runner can take a lead but cannot cross the 10-foot mark until the ball crosses the plate.
- c. The runner can steal when the ball crosses the plate.
- d. If a runner crosses the 10-foot mark before the ball crosses the plate, then the runner is placed back on the base.
- e. If the runner is put out on the play, the runner is out.
- f. If the ball is put in play, the runner is only allowed a base if forced up by the batter/runner.
- g. Runners may advance on passed balls or wild pitches.

h. Runners can advance to the next base if the pitcher attempts a pick-off.