

**Pisgah Youth Organization (PYO)
Baseball Presents
the
8th Annual**

***Tom Forney Classic
Baseball Tournament***

Dates: July 9 -12, 2009

**Location: PYO Complex
9124 Cincinnati-Columbus Road
West Chester, OH**

**Divisions: 8u, 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u, 13u, 14u, 15u
Maximum of 8 teams per age bracket.**

3 game guarantee

Entry Fee: \$275.00

**Any questions contact Jim Schaffer at 755-0999 or email at
tournaments@pyobaseball.org**



This PYO Tournament is open to Knothole teams, Recreational Teams, Baseball Organizations' All-Star teams, American or Continental SWOL teams or other leagues. This tournament is not open to SWOL National League or alike Teams. Player Birthday cutoff is as of May 1st.

The fee is \$275 per team. A \$100 Deposit is required with the completed Registration Form to hold your spot in the tournament. Complete Registration Fees are due by June 30th. Registration is first come, first in. Registrations accepted after June 30th will be subject to a \$25 late fee.

The Tournament format will be each division will have a maximum of 8 teams and the format play is a Pool Play. Divisions with eight teams will be randomly broken into two pools of four teams each. Teams will play in a 3 game pool, with the first and second place team in each bracket advancing to a single elimination championship round. If there are less than 8 teams available for a division the Tournament Director will adjust the format play at his discretion. Age brackets may be combined at the discretion of Tournament Director if there are insufficient teams in an age division.

The Plan is to play a single game on either Thursday or Friday and then two games on Saturday, with the top finishers advancing to Sundays Championship Round. If we are unable to play scheduled games due to inclement weather, the Tournament Director will determine the best possible solution based on the timing of the inclement weather and the circumstances.

Jim Schaffer
Tournament Director

PYO Tom Forney Classic

July 9, 10, 11, & 12, 2009

Registration Form:

Team Name: _____

Team Manager: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Mobile Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____@_____

League or Association: _____

League Division: _____

Check Division you wish to play in: 8U () 9U () 10U ()
11U () 12U () 13U ()
14U () 15U ()

Maximum roster is 15 players, which is due prior to first game. Roster must be signed by the Team Manager or League Representative verifying player is a member of the team or association.

A \$100 Deposit is required with this completed form or Call Gene Drozd, PYO Treasurer (779-0885), with Credit Card Information.

Checks or Money orders should be payable to: "PYO"

Mail to:

Pisgah Youth Organization
P.O. Box 8093
West Chester, OH 45069

2009 PYO Tom Forney Classic Baseball Tournament Rules, Policies and Guidelines

Player age based on May 1st cutoff

- 15U - Any player who does not turn 16 years old before May 1st 2009 is eligible to play
- 14U - Any player who does not turn 15 years old before May 1st 2009 is eligible to play
- 13U - Any player who does not turn 14 years old before May 1st 2009 is eligible to play.
- 12U - Any player who does not turn 13 years old before May 1st 2009 is eligible to play.
- 11U - Any player who does not turn 12 years old before May 1st 2009 is eligible to play.
- 10U - Any player who does not turn 11 years old before May 1st 2009 is eligible to play.
- 9U - Any player who does not turn 10 years old before May 1st 2009 is eligible to play.
- 8U - Any player who does not turn 9 years old before May 1st 2009 is eligible to play.

We will play Major League Baseball Rules except for the following.

1. Pitching restrictions:

During the Tournament pitchers are allowed to pitch:

8U & 9U = 5 innings, 10U & 11U = 6 Innings, U12 and older = 7 innings

Pitch counts will not be tracked, but innings pitched must be turned in with scores after each game.

A pitch thrown in any inning constitutes an inning pitched.

Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he may not pitch again in that game

2. Distances:

14U & 15U – 60'6" ft pitching, 90' ft Bases -- 12U & 13U – 54' ft pitching, 80' ft Bases

10U & 11U – 48' ft pitching, 70' ft Bases -- 8U & 9U – 45' ft pitching, 60' ft Bases

3. Length of Games:

2 hr time limit; cannot start an inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes

8U & 9U = 5 Innings, 10U & 11U = 6 Innings, 12U & 13U = 7 Innings, 14 & 15U = 7 Innings

Once an inning begins, it must be completed. No new inning after time limit.

No time limit in the championship game

4. Mercy Rule:

7 runs after 3 innings 8U & 9U --- 7 runs after 4 innings 10U & 11U --- 7 runs after 5 innings 12U & 15U

Mercy rule applies in the championship game

5. EH, DH, Roster Batting, and Re-entry.

5A – Roster Batting. You may Roster Bat. Teams that roster bat are allowed free defensive substitution, except that a pitcher may not be re-entered as a pitcher. Once a player is removed due to injury, he may not return during the same game. In this case, the batting order simply collapses. A team roster batting must start with a minimum of 9 players and can end the game with 9 players. All 9U teams must roster bat.

5B – DH. Either team may elect to use the DH. The DH is not allowed to re-enter as a fielder during the game. (Once the game is started their option may not be changed). If the DH is injured another player eligible to enter the game may become the DH. If there is not an available sub then the DH will be recorded as an out when it is his turn to bat.

5C- EH. The Extra Hitter (EH) Rule may be used at an individual teams option. Only 1 extra hitter is allowed per team. (1) The extra hitter may be anyone on the teams official league roster. (2) Application of the rule is optional. One team may choose to employ the option, the opposing team may choose not to do so. (3) The extra hitter is simply an additional person in the batting order who may be placed anywhere in the 10 man batting order (4) The E.H. is an interchangeable part with anyone in the lineup. (ie: If, for example, the E.H. is moved to 2B in the second inning, the 2B then becomes the E.H. with no change in the batting order.) (5) If a team begins a game using the E.H., they must do so for the duration of the game. (A team with only 10 players would be advised not to employ the E.H.). If a team starts the game using an EH, ie 10 batters, then they must finish the game with 10 batters. If there is not a player on the bench eligible to enter the game as the EH then the EH will be recorded as an out when it is his turn to bat.

5D – Re-entry. The high school re-entry shall be in effect. Starters only may re-enter the game one time in their same spot in the batting order. Non starters may not re-enter. This rule does not apply to teams that choose to roster bat.

6. Teams will be allowed to start and end a game with an eight-player lineup. If any player is removed due to injury that occurred on the field, and cannot be replaced legally, he is not out at next at bat, lineup simply collapses.
7. Home team will be determined by a coin flip in pool play. In the single elimination playoff round the higher seed is home team. Each team will provide a scorekeeper with all pitching changes going through home plate umpire.
8. Courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher at any time. The courtesy runner must be player who was the last out.
9. Metal cleats (except for 13U,14U &15U) and on field warm-up are not allowed
10. In pool play, standings within pool play and seeding for playoff rounds will be decided as follows:
 - * Won-Loss Record
 - * Head to Head
 - * Least runs allowed (meaning how many total runs on all games you allowed to be scored against you, the lower the number the better your standing).
 - * Most runs Scored (meaning how many total runs on all games scored against other teams, the higher the number the better your standing)
 - * Flip of the coin.
11. At start time, a 15-minute grace period will be used in order to avoid forfeit
12. In case of rain, power outage or other uncontrolled event occurs 4 innings constitutes a game. A game past 4 innings will revert back to the score at the end of the prior inning
13. Every effort will be made to finish tournament but in case of rain, darkness or other acts of God, the Director reserves the right to shorten games or modify schedules in order to finish event. Rainout policy is as follows based upon \$275 entry fee. No games started - \$200 refund. 1 game started- \$150 refund. 2 games started- \$50 refund.
14. Teams are required to maintain a record of all games in a team scorebook. It is the team's score keepers responsibility to catch the other team breaking any pitching, illegal lineup, etc rule and bring it up to the umpire, it is not the directors. This book must be available upon request by the director at any time during the course of the tournament. Home team is official score keeper, we recommend you check your runs with the umpire after every inning. The home team scorebook must note pitchers used by both teams and the number of innings pitched. The umpire will provide a scorecard to the home team that must show the final score and innings pitched by pitcher.
15. A Team Roster is due no later than 7/7/2009. Team Rosters and it should contain no more than 15 players. Team Rosters should be submitted via email to: tournaments@pyobaseball.org or U.S. Mail to the below address.
16. Teams must have birth certificates available for review at any time during the tournament. Any player without a birth certificate on file with the team manager will be ineligible and the team will forfeit any game in which the player appeared
17. Each team must carry Liability Insurance. Proof of insurance must be provided before team's first game listing the "Pisgah Youth Organization, P.O. Box 8093, West Chester, OH 45069" as an Additional Named Insured. Please note that we recommend you carry your own first aid kit because we will not have any medical personal at the tournament. Insurance Certificates should be E-Mailed to: tournaments@pyobaseball.org or mailed to the above PYO address.
18. The line-up you turn in before the game should list all players present at the start of the game. If a player is not present when the game starts and arrives late the player can be added to the end of the line-up if roster batting.
19. PYO will not charge a gate fee or parking fees. We do expect all teams to enforce our policy with their parents of not bringing coolers into the ballpark and therefore supporting our reasonably priced concession stand.
20. The [PYO Visitors Policy](#) and the [PYO Coaches and Parents Code of Conduct](#) can be found on our WebSite and we expect each Team Manager to be responsible in supporting these items contained in these documents with their respective team parents. There are NO PETS or alcoholic beverages allowed at the Ballpark at any time.
21. Batting Cage – Pitching Lane Use will be available during the Tournament at a nominal fee. Your reservation slot will be taken at the concession stand starting when the tournament begins for \$10 per half hour increments.