

***Mid-Summer Classic
Baseball Tournament
at PYO***

Dates: July 7 -10, 2011

**Main 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 group**

**Open to: Recreational, Knothole, Organizations' All-Star, Continental or
American SWOL teams or alike**

3 Game Guarantee

**Entry Fee 8U to 13U:
Paid in Full by 4/15 - \$275
Paid in Full by - 6/15 - \$300
Paid in Full by 7/1 - \$325**

**Entry Fee 14U and 15U
Add \$100 to the above fee structure**

**Questions can be directed to Dave Youtsler at 513-518-1349 or email
at tournaments@pyobaseball.org**



The Mid-Summer Classic 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. Games will be played at the Pisgah Youth Organization's Complex or close by fields.

A \$100 Deposit is required with the completed Registration Form to hold your spot in the tournament. Complete Registration Fees for 8U to 13U divisions are due as follows: by April 15th - \$275, by June 15th \$300, by July 1st \$325. 14U and 15U Teams add \$100 to the above fee structure. Registration is first come, first in

Each division in the Tournament 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. There will be Champion and Runner-Up awards presented immediately after the final game for that age bracket to the Players and to the Teams.

Our plan is to play a single game on either Thursday or Friday, two games on Saturday with the top finishers advancing to Sunday's Championship Round(s). 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.

Dave Youtsler
Tournament Director
513-518-1349

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July 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2011

Registration Form:

Team Name: _____

Team Manager: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Mobile Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____@_____

League / Association / Affiliation : _____

(ex - SWOL American, PYO All-Star, Mason Knothole-East, LSO Little League)

League Division: _____

(ex - 13U, D2, 11U - 12U)

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 your first game. The Roster must be signed by the Team Manager or League Representative verifying players are a member of the team or the association.

A \$100 Deposit is required with this completed form.

8U to 13U - Paid in Full by 4/15 - \$275, Paid in Full by 6/15 - \$300, Paid in Full by 7/1 - \$325

14U & 15U - Paid in Full by 4/15 - \$375, Paid in Full by 6/15 - \$400, Paid in Full by 7/1 - \$425

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

Mail to:

Pisgah Youth Organization

P.O. Box 8093

West Chester, OH 45069

Credit Cards will be accepted for payment with a 5% processing charge added.

Call Gene Drozd, PYO Treasurer (513-508-9030), with your Credit Card information.

2011 Mid-Summer 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 2011 is eligible to play

14U - Any player who does not turn 15 years old before May 1st 2011 is eligible to play

13U - Any player who does not turn 14 years old before May 1st 2011 is eligible to play.

12U - Any player who does not turn 13 years old before May 1st 2011 is eligible to play.

11U - Any player who does not turn 12 years old before May 1st 2011 is eligible to play.

10U - Any player who does not turn 11 years old before May 1st 2011 is eligible to play.

9U - Any player who does not turn 10 years old before May 1st 2011 is eligible to play.

8U - Any player who does not turn 9 years old before May 1st 2011 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:

Cannot start a new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes – 8U to 11U – 2 hours for 12U to 15U

Complete games: 8U & 9U = 5 Innings, 10U & 11U = 6 Innings, 12U to 15U = 7 Innings

For pool play, once an inning begins, it must be completed for seeding purposes. Pool play games may end in a tie.

No time limit in Championship Round games. MLB rules apply regarding completion of Championship Round games (ie. If home team is ahead at end of half inning of complete game, they shall not bat).

4. Mercy Rule:

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

The Mercy Rule applies in all games except in the Championship Round.

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 on out when it is his turn to bat.

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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 being recorded by home plate umpire.

8. Courtesy runner will be allowed for next inning's catcher at any time. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out – even if in a previous inning.

9. Metal cleats (except for 13U, 14U &15U) and on field warm-up are not allowed.

10. Playoff Seeding:

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 occurring - 4 innings constitutes a complete game. A game suspended past 4 innings, in the middle of an inning will revert back to the score at the end of the prior inning. Reminder, complete pool play games may end in a tie. Incomplete games may need to be completed to determine Championship Round seeding.

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: 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 keeper's responsibility to catch the other team breaking any pitching, illegal lineup, etc rule and bring it to the umpire's attention. All scorebooks 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 numbers 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 submit to the tournament director, the final score and innings pitched by pitcher.

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- 15.** Bull-rushing or plowing over a defensive player, whether intentional or not will result in the base runner being called out, ejected from the current game and suspended from play in the next game.
- 16.** A Team Roster is due no later than 7/5/2011. Team Rosters should contain no more than 15 players. Team Rosters should be submitted via email to: tournaments@pyobaseball.org or U.S. Mail to arrive by 7/5/2011 to the address in item #18. Failure to submit the Team Roster can result in a game forfeit.
- 17.** "National" level players and alike from this year's Spring Season, may not play or be rostered on a MSC Tournament Team.
- 18.** 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. Any dispute questioning player eligibility should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director before the end of the game in question. There will be no refunds issued due to ineligible players and a resultant forfeit.
- 19.** Each team must carry Liability Insurance. Proof of insurance must be received before team's first game listing the "Pisgah Youth Organization, P.O. Box 8093, West Chester, OH 45069" as an "Additional Named Insured". Failure to provide the Liability insurance can result in forfeit of tournament play and all fees paid. The refund policy in item #13 does not apply to a team with a missing Liability Insurance document. Insurance Certificates should be E-Mailed to: tournaments@pyobaseball.org or mailed to the above PYO address. Please note that we recommend you carry your own first aid kit because we will not have any medical personal at the tournament.
- 20.** 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.
- 21.** PYO expects all teams to enforce our policy with their parents of not bringing coolers into the ballpark and therefore supporting our reasonably priced concession stand.
- 22.** The PYO Visitors Policy and the PYO Coaches and Parents Code of Conduct can be found on our WebSite (www.pyobaseball.org) and we expect each Team Manager to be responsible in supporting the items contained in these documents with their respective team parents.
- 23.** There are **NO PETS** or alcoholic beverages allowed at the Ballpark at any time.
- 24.** Batting Cage – Pitching Lane and Batting Cage use will be available during the Tournament. Helmets must be worn inside the caged areas at all times (includes youth pitchers). No rubber cleats and metal spikes worn by players and /or coaches are allowed inside the cage area. Your cage reservation slot will be taken at the concession stand starting when the tournament begins for \$10 per half hour. A PYO official will gain you access to the cage. Please lock the cages when you are finished using them.
- 25.** Tournament Director – The Tournament Director (or designee) will be on site and available via mobile telephone.
- 26.** Appeals - There is no "appeal process" regarding game play for the sake of this tournament. If you are in question of a rule, please contact the Tournament Director for an official ruling. Do not wait until your game is completed to try to resolve issues. Any game that continues from the point of dispute is considered to be official and the result cannot be appealed or reversed.
- 27.** Awards presentations will take place on the field immediately following the championship game. Please remain at the field following your Championship game, even if your team is the runner-up.