

2010 GLEN ELLYN CLASSIC  
9u - RULES & POLICIES

**I. PLAYER AGE AND TEAM ROSTER**

- A. Players may not be 10 prior to May 1, 2010. Any team playing with a player of illegal age will be disqualified from the tournament and will forfeit all fees paid.
- B. Team roster and an insurance certificate must be submitted to tournament officials at the check-in table prior to the start of each team's first game.
- C. Managers are responsible for having birth certificate copies for each player listed on their roster. These must be made available if/when requested.
- D. Team rosters must consist of no less than 10 players and no more than 15 players
- E. All teams must field a 10-man roster and you **MUST** bat at least 9 players. If you are unable to field a team of at least 9 players, then the 9th position in the batting order will be declared an OUT. Any team unable to field at least 9 players will forfeit the game and a score of 7-0 will be recorded.

**II. TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

- A. The tournament consists of 12 teams divided into 3 divisions. Each team will play three pool games prior to the Championship Round. At the conclusion of pool play, the winner of the three divisions and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers in their division will advance to the playoffs. There will be an attempt for all teams to get a 4<sup>th</sup> game played based on final seedings, weather permitting. The following guidelines will be used in listed order to determine the Championship Round seedings:
- B. Seed Guidelines
  - 1. Win/loss record
  - 2. Winner of head to head competition
  - 3. Least runs allowed **ONLY** between tied teams
  - 4. Least runs allowed in **ALL** pool play games
  - 5. Largest positive run differential (total scored-total allowed)
  - 6. Coin toss
- C. Individual awards will be given to the final 4 teams in the Championship Round.
- D. If for any reason the championship round cannot be completed, the Tournament Director has sole discretion in determining the final standings.
- E. We will try and secure MVP medals for each team to be given away at the conclusion of each game. The opposing manager will select a player from the other squad. We ask each manager to only nominate one player during the tournament to encourage other participants to be allowed the opportunity.
- F. Any team that has forfeited a game shall not be allowed to enter the Championship Round.
- G. It is the WINNING team's responsibility to ensure the final score is accurate after each game is completed. It is also the WINNING team's responsibility to record the final score with the tournament officials after the game is completed.**

**III. PITCHING**

- A. Pitching distance is 45'
- B. Tournament Pitching limits
  - 1. A single pitch thrown from the mound to a batter will constitute a pitch thrown and will be charged as an inning pitched.
  - 2. Maximum number of consecutive innings a pitcher may pitch in one game is two (2).
  - 3. Maximum innings in one day is four (4).
  - 4. Maximum innings in the tournament is (8).
  - 5. A pitcher, once removed from the mound, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.
- C. No Balk rule will be in effect.
- D. There are no intentional walks permitted.

- E. Pitchers must be removed from the game after hitting two (2) batters in one inning
- H. Please monitor your pitcher's innings and most importantly your pitcher's pitch count. Prior to Saturday's playoff round, the most a player can pitch will be (6) innings. There is no need for a log. For those teams advancing to Saturday, we ask a log is prepared and shared with the opposing manager prior to the semi-finals and final round to ensure each team understands of the opposing team's situation. This is a self-directed request and we assume everyone will use their best judgment on pitching. GEYB encourages the usage of multiple pitchers.

#### **IV. BASE DISTANCE//SLIDING RULES/BASE RUNNING/FIELDING**

- A. Distance between the bases shall be 60'.
- B. Base runners must slide to avoid contact on all close plays. Ejection is possible if the runner's actions are deemed malicious in the umpire's judgment, which is final.
- C. Stealing is allowed. However, runners may not leave the base until the ball **CROSSES HOME PLATE AND TOUCHES THE CATCHER'S GLOVE**. There will be no warnings if runners leave early- an out will be declared.
- D. A runner may NOT advance on an overthrow while stealing 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base. (This is to encourage the catcher to throw the ball to the base).
- E. There is NO STEALING HOME- there is a WALL RULE- meaning no player will be allowed to steal home or advance as a result of a wild pitch, passed ball or overthrow while stealing. The ONLY exception to this rule is if the catcher plays on the runner in an attempt for a pick off after a ball crosses home plate.
- F. There is no rules for players playing in the field, both the amount of innings and positions played. We encourage the kids to play at least 4 innings in the field and play multiple positions if possible. This will not be monitored.

#### **VI. COURTESY RUNNER FOR THE NEXT INNING'S PITCHER AND CATCHER**

- A. A courtesy runner is mandatory for the catcher with 2 outs. With less than 2 outs, it is optional.
- A. There is no courtesy runner for the pitcher.
- B. The courtesy runner shall be the player who made the last out unless that player is the next catcher. In this case the next previous player who made an out will be the courtesy runner.

#### **V. BATTING**

- A. Each team must bat the entire roster (continuous batting). A MINIMUM of 9 batters must bat for each team. (See above rule under "Tournament Format.") If a team is not batting 9 players, an out will be declared in lieu of the 9<sup>th</sup> batter. PLEASE BAT every available player that is at that particular game!
- B. If a batter misses a turn due to injury, he will be skipped in the order and an out will not be declared. If the batter misses a second turn at bat, he must be removed from the game. A vacated position in the batting order will only become an automatic out if the team is left with 8 players as per section I. E.
- C. If a player leaves the game for reasons other than an injury or illness, an out will be declared for his turn at bat.
- D. Any player arriving after the start of the game will be inserted into the batting order as the last batter.
- E. If a player is ejected from the game, an out will be declared each time the player comes up in the order.
- F. There is no infield fly rule
- G. Batters are not allowed to bunt
- H. Batters are not allowed to show bunt and subsequently swing at the pitch. Doing so is an automatic out and any runners on base do not advance.

#### **VI. LENGTH OF GAME**

- A. Games will be 6 innings or 2 hours, whichever occurs first. No new inning will start after the time limit has been reached. Innings in progress will be allowed to be completed. There will be no time limit in the Championship Round. Home plate umpire is the official timer. Time during game suspensions due to inclement weather or other reasons will not be included in the time limit.
- B. In pool play games, a tied game after 6 innings or expired time limit, a tie will be declared. In the Championship round (after pool play is complete), games will be played until a winner is declared but the inning will start with

the last out on second base and one out. The Championship game will be played in their entirety. No tiebreaker rules apply unless deemed necessary by Tournament Officials.

- C. If a game is called for any reason, it is a complete game if 4 innings have been completed or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
- D. MERCY RULE will be in effect: 15 after four innings and 10 runs after five.
- E. Everything will be done to complete the tournament in the event of inclement weather. Tournament Director has the authority to shorten games or revise rules if inclement weather changes the original schedule. **PLEASE NOTE that if games are rained out during the week there is a possibility for those games to be made up, during the weekdays, at any time during the day. We will attempt to be done with the tournament by July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## VII. OFFICIAL/SUSPENDED GAMES

- A. If a game is called for any reason (rain, darkness, etc), it is a complete game if 4 innings have been completed, or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
- B. Please note rule VI/E above. In the event of a suspended game, we will do our best to restart the game at the point of suspension. This may mean an early start the next day, etc, regardless of the day of the week. We need to do everything we can to get all pool play games in.

## IX. EQUIPMENT

- A. Metal cleats are NOT allowed.
- B. Batters, base runners, and all offensive players in the field of play are required to wear protective head gear at all times.
- C. All players must wear protective cups.
- D. Big barrel bats are allowed.

## XI. HOME TEAM

- A. Home team in pool play will be determined by a coin flip. The playoff home team and the 4<sup>th</sup> pool game- if played- will be determined by final seeding.
- B. Both teams must confirm their scores at the scoring table after each game. There will be no log.
- C. The home team is the official scorekeeper.

## XII. GENERAL RULES

- A. IHSA rules shall be used except where otherwise stated in these rules.
- B. **No infield pregame warm-ups will be allowed. Please utilize the outfield areas. If there is an open field available, please do not use it.** This is to encourage fair play and to avoid any ill will at our fields with opposing teams and managers. **There are 2 batting cages by the fields.** Please use them as you see fit but only 1 can be used per team. We ask you to please try and work with the other teams who have upcoming games so all kids can have a chance to swing prior to their game!
- C. No smoking in or around dugout or playing area. No alcoholic beverages in the park area.
- D. Free substitution allowed during the game except as defined in pitching rules. (See fielding section above)
- E. **No soft toss against any fence is allowed.**
- F. No fake tags are allowed.

## XIII. EJECTION RULES

- A. If a player or coach is ejected from a game, he/she will be suspended from participating in the following game. Any further misconduct by an ejected player or coach may result in forfeiture of participation in remainder of tournament.
- B. If an umpire ejects a coach, player, or spectator from the park, they must leave immediately. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of game. Players, coaches and spectators are the responsibility of each team's manager.
- C. Taunting of opposing players, fans, and umpires will not be tolerated, and any such behavior will result in ejection.
- D. Teams are allowed to shout only words of encouragement to their teammates. No chanting or singing is allowed.
- E. No noisemakers such as horns, etc. will be allowed.
- F. **PLEASE respect our umpires, teams, and especially tournament officials. As this may be the kids' first experience with travel baseball, we really encourage and ask all of us to maintain control and show good sportsmanship on ALL levels.** If a tournament official is being harassed in ANY NATURE, that

team/manager will be asked to leave the premises and will not be able to continue in the tournament. Please use restraint and respect to discuss any and all issues- we should be able to help and assist one another.

#### **XIV. PROTEST**

- A. Protests shall be handled by the umpires before the next play and their ruling is final. Judgment calls cannot be protested.
- B. Game rules shall be interpreted by umpire and tournament officials.

#### **XV. REFUND POLICY**

- A. Every reasonable effort will be made to finish the tournament per the schedule. However, in the event of inclement weather or other circumstances, the Tournament Director reserves the right to do one of the following:
  - 1. move games to other days, times or locations,
  - 2. reduce the length or # of games,
  - 3. cancel games
- B. If no games are played, we will refund all money except \$100 tournament fee. No refund will be issued once your team has played a game.

#### **TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS**

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(please do not give these numbers to your parents)

#### **GLEN ELLYN FIELD CONDITION HOTLINE**

**In the event of inclement weather, please check our FIELD CONDITION hotline: (630) 942-5647. This # will be updated as needed, and whenever weather conditions change. Also, check our website for the latest information and results at [www.glenellynbaseball.com](http://www.glenellynbaseball.com)**