

SEVENTH ANNUAL NCS RAIDERS FIRECRACKER TOURNAMENT

Benefiting Make-A-Wish



RULES & POLICIES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

TOURNAMENT TIE BREAKER PROCEDURES:

The following rules will be used to determine which two teams advance to the Championship Game

- 1. You will play an Opening Round of Two Round Robin games**
- 2. Teams will be placed in a Single Elimination Format deserving of their finish in the Round Robin play to compete in the Championship Game**
- 3. You will then play a Single Elimination format of games to determine the overall FIRECRACKER TOURNAMENT CHAMPION**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tournament Director: Gerry DeLuca 614-806-6777 gerdluca716@yahoo.com

Co-director: Tim Sebetich 614-406-4420 timsebetich@gmail.com

9u Bracket Coordinator: Tim Sebetich

10u Bracket Coordinator: Bill Brown

11u Bracket Coordinator: Craig Rundio

12u Bracket Coordinator: Gerry DeLuca

13u Bracket Coordinator: Todd Burleson

14u Bracket Coordinator: Gerry DeLuca

1) PITCHING RULES:

AGE BRACKET / OUTS PER GAME / OUTS PER DAY / OUTS PER TOURNAMENT

9 - 10 - 11 & 12 9 18 36 (includes Championship Game)

13 & 14 12 18 36 (includes Championship Game)

NO player can pitch in 3 consecutive games including Championships

Penalty will be game forfeit and player will be ineligible to pitch for the balance of the tournament

There is NO pitch count per inning. All other OSHAA rules regarding pitching will apply.

If a pitcher does not register an out during an inning and is pulled there is NO out count against him.

Umpires will provide a pitching card to the home team coach for each game. It will be the HOME TEAMS responsibility to obtain the pitchers information for BOTH teams and take it to the tournament directors room immediately after your game is completed.

- The OHSAA Rule Book will be enforced during the tournament including dropped third strike, modified balk and pass ball/stealing rules. Balk rules are straight up for the 10U-14U year olds, 9U year olds will get one warning. Batters and base runners MUST wear batting helmets. Metal spikes are prohibited except for the 13-14 year old brackets. All players must wear like uniforms including hats, shirts and baseball pants. An adult must coach 1st and 3rd base along with having one adult in the dugout at all times (he/she may also be the score keeper). Roster batting with free substitutions (except pitchers) or Extra and DH hitter with regular substitution rules will be in effect. Teams must announce their choice before the game and cannot be changed during the game. Both teams do not have to use the same line-up strategy. The 3rd to 1st RHP move is legal for the tournament.

TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

PAGE 2

3) TIME LIMITS:

9-12's: 6 innings with a strict 1 hour 45 minute time limit. 13-14's: 7 innings with a strict 2 hour time limit . If a game reaches the time limit ending in a tie will use a 1 inning tie-breaker. If a game ends in a tie (regardless of the time limit) we will use a 1 inning time limit. (see Rule 4)

4) EXTRA INNING TIE BREAKER RULE:

If the game is tied during play, the tie breaker rule will be used. The batter that made the last out will be placed on 2nd base with 1 out; all batters come up with a 2 ball, 1 strike count. If both teams batted and the score remains tied, the game will end in a tie.

5) **Championship games will be standard extra inning rules with no time limit.**

6) RUN RULE:

9-12's: **12 runs ahead after 3, 10 run's ahead after 4, or 8 after 5 completed innings.**

13-14's: **12 runs ahead after 4, 10 run's ahead after 5, or 8 after 6 completed innings.**

- 7) Age limits are as of **May 1st, 2016**. Any player's age must be questioned before the game starts and satisfactory proof must be presented immediately. (ie: copy of birth certificate).
- 8) Courtesy runners for pitchers and catchers can be used during play and mandatory with 2 outs. If roster batting the courtesy runner is the last out (not batted out). If not roster batting the courtesy runner is a player from the bench who is not currently in the lineup.
- 9) Any questions regarding the rules must be covered with the Tournament & Umpire Directors before the tournament begins. **"No protests during the tournament are permitted."** Any questions or concerns regarding the interpretation of the rules will be decided by the Tournament Director.
- 10) **All players are requested to slide** to avoid contact when there is a play at any base. Umpires will follow the OHSAA sliding rule to **"avoid contact"**. Head first sliding is legal but NOT encouraged. Players will be ejected for the remainder of that game along with the next game if there is intentional contact deemed by the umpire. There is NO SLUG BUNTING in any age bracket, penalty is batter is out and all runners return to their previous bases.
- 11) Umpire ejections will be enforced immediately. ALL ejection penalties along with ejection lengths will be handled by the Tournament Director after interviewing the coach/player suspended, umpires, opposing coaches, and possible other people watching the game.
- 12) Any player or person demonstrating unsportsmanlike behavior can be asked to leave the confines of the tournament complex. If the behavior continues they will not be allowed on the grounds.
- 13) **THERE IS NO SMOKING ON THE TOURNAMENT GROUNDS.**
Smoking is permitted in the parking lot areas only.
- 14) **NO FOOD COOLERS permitted to be brought onto the tournament grounds.** Water coolers filled with ice water are supplied in all team dugouts. Small team coolers for ice only are permitted in the dugouts. A concession area will be open at the tournament locations with money raised going to fund our Make-A-Wish Honorees dream wish.
- 15) Teams must present a completed roster and proof of insurance to the Tournament Director before your first scheduled game. Roster size is limited to 15 players and NO player can be added after your roster is turned in.
- 16) Team trophies and individual player medals will be awarded to the Championship and Runner-Up teams.
- 17) Tournament refund policy due to weather issues; 75% of fee refunded if no games are played; 50% of fee refunded if one game is played; NO refund if your team plays 2 games.
- 18) The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend any rule, schedule, diamond location, game format, to accommodate time constraints, weather situations etc.
- 19) **RAIN COMMUNICATION:**
Messages will be made by our One Call voice mail system to all Head Coaches during the tournament. You can text Gerry at 614-806-6777 with questions regarding weather delays.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT