

# Marlton Baseball

## **Marlton Diamonds Showdown**

### Tournament Rules

#### Tournament Information

## Check In

Coaches should check in prior to their first game of the tournament. Once checked in coaches will be directed to their field for their first game. COACHES, PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF THE RULES PRIOR TO ARRIVING.

## INSURANCE

Each team is required to have proof of insurance with them at all times. Proof must also be provided prior to the tournament. Insurance certificates must have "Marlton Rec Council" listed as the certificate holder.

## Rosters

The roster size can be unlimited for the number of players on the team. There can be no more than 4 coaches (1 manager, 2 coaches, and a scorekeeper) allowed in the tournament. A team can add to the roster all the way up to the first game. A player can be on the roster for two different age groups, but not on multiple teams within a single age group. If a player's name shows up on multiple rosters, he/she must designate which team he/she is officially on. YOU MUST SUBMIT A ROSTER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PLAYOFFS. ROSTERS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR to 1<sup>st</sup> Game.

#### BASEBALLS/EQUIPMENT

Game balls will be provided by Marlton Baseball for all games. Teams are to bring their own practice balls for batting cages and warm up. Teams also should bring helmets, bats, gloves, catchers gear, first aid and other equipment that may be needed for your team.

**NOTE: Players may use any bat as we have zero bat restrictions**

## BATTING CAGES/PREGAME

Use of batting cages will be on first come first serve basis. There are a total of 8 batting cages at the Arrowhead Park Complex. Please use only one cage and be respectful of other teams waiting to use the cage. Cages are located behind fields 1 and 4. Teams playing on Fields 1,2 and M8 should use cages behind Field 1. Teams playing on Fields 3 and 4 should use cages behind field 4.

## UNIFORMS/CLEATS

Teams are to be in full uniform once they are on the field. All players must have a uniform number. NO METAL CLEATS PERMITTED! Coaches do not need to wear helmets while coaching 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base, however, their players need to wear helmets if they go out to coach 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

## DUGOUTS

All dugouts have protective fencing in front. Foul balls can get into the dugouts through the doorways. Players and coaches should be aware of foul ball at all times. Coaches are responsible for the players in the dugouts

## FIRST AID

There will be general first aid equipment on site for all of our tournaments. The local first aid squad is on call in the event of a serious injury.

## FOUL BALLS

We ask for all players, coaches and fans to be aware of foul balls at all times. There will be more than one game going on at a time, which can cause foul balls from different fields. Please return all foul balls to the umpire or a staff member.

## PROTESTS

Protests of rules violations will be heard and ruled by the tournament committee. The team protesting a playing rule must contact one of the tournament directors Scott Hillman, John Davis or Mike Lombardo. After the committee makes a determination, the ruling made by the committee will be final. Protests must be filed and ruled on before the next pitch or play. THERE IS NO PROTESTING AN OF UMPIRE'S JUDGEMENT CALL.

## SUSPENSION

Any player or coach that is ejected from a game will be suspended for the team's next game. The person who is ejected from the game must go to the parking lot and may not return until they are eligible to compete again. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE.

## AGE REQUIREMENTS

12u May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013

11u May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014

10u May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015

9u May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016

## PAYMENT POLICY

All payments must be received prior to that team's first game. Proceeds from this tournament benefit the Marlton Baseball 2025 Cooperstown Teams

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

If rain comes into play, we will do everything we can do to stay close to the original schedule. If we need to change the schedule because of the inclement weather, we will do our best to try and maintain the original tournament format schedule. All rain out games may not be made up depending on time constraints.

In case of scheduling changes it is the team's responsibility, not the tournament committee, to make sure they are aware of the new schedule or any scheduling changes. This information will be posted on the tournament website as soon as becomes available.

## REFUND POLICY-WEATHER RELATED

Play 0 games- 100% credit (less \$100 administration fee)

- Play 1 game- 50% credit
- Play 2 games- \$0 credit

### Tournament Playing Rules

Coaches: Be sure you are aware of all rules and rule changes. Marlton Baseball reserves the right to amend the below rules for any reason deemed the best interest of the tournament. Marlton Baseball reserves the right to change the tournament format based on weather conditions. Playoff format may be changed based on the number of teams within a specific age group. Specific age group formats will be noted on the schedule prior to official start of the tournament. There will be no refund of entry fees due to changes in the tournament format.

Cal Ripken Baseball Rules will be enforced unless specifically stated otherwise. IMPORTANT RULES AND INFORMATION

1. Time Limit: **All games except the CHAMPIONSHIP game will be played with a one hour and 40 minute time limit. This means no new inning can start after the one hour and 40 minute mark.** If the home team is winning AND batting, the game will end once the 1 hour and 40 minute time limit is reached.

Time will be kept by the umpires. The time will start immediately after the conclusion of the pregame meeting. For pool play games, the home team will be determined by coin flip. For playoffs and championship games, the home team is the higher seed. Championship games will not be subject to the 1h 40m rule but will adhere to the mercy rules.

2. Innings: 9U-12U are all intended to play 6 inning games.

3. Tie Games: All non-playoff games that are tied after 6 innings or at the time limit will be recorded as a tie.

4. Forfeits: Any intentional forfeit will result in the forfeiting team being eliminated from the playoff bracket. Forfeits in a 6 inning game will be ruled a 6-0 win for the opposing team.

5. Mercy Rules: 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings.

6. Trips to the Mound: Second visit to the mound per inning with the same pitcher will result in removal of that pitcher. Once a pitcher has been removed from the game, he may not pitch in that game again.

7. Balks: 9u-10u no balks. 11u-12u one warning per pitcher and only obvious balks will be called.

8. Infield Fly Rule: There will be NO infield fly rule for 9u-10u. Regular rules apply for 11u-12u.

9. Catcher Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike: 9u-10u the batter is automatically out. Regular rules apply for 11u-12u.

10. Starting the Game: All games must be started with at least 8 players. If a team starts with 8 players then an automatic out will be recorded the first time the 9<sup>th</sup> spot comes up. If, and when, a 9<sup>th</sup> player arrives at any time during the game, that player is to be inserted immediately into the 9<sup>th</sup> spot. Any other player(s) that arrive after the 9<sup>th</sup> player will be inserted into the next spot in the lineup (ie, the 10<sup>th</sup> player to show up will bat 10<sup>th</sup>). A 5 minute grace period will be given to allow the 9<sup>th</sup> player to arrive.

11. Hitting Lineup: In all age groups... teams can choose to bat any number they want as long as they bat at least 9 players and the number of batters stays the same the

whole game. If a team chooses to bat the whole lineup and a player gets hurt and cannot bat, that player's spot is an automatic out each time it comes up. A substitute is anyone not placed in the starting batting order. NFHS rules apply for re-entry of the starting offensive player. Once the substitute is taken out offensively, that player is ineligible to participate on offense.

12. Defensive Line Up: Except for the pitcher, defensive players can be inserted or removed without restriction. This is to allow maximum participation of all roster players. The pitcher is restricted according to Rule #6 above.

13. Courtesy Runner: Catcher only. May be at any time and must use the player who made the last batted out.

14. Intentional Walk: The pitcher does not have to pitch to the batter. The batter can be awarded first base at the request of the coach or defensive player.

15. Suspended/Regulation Game Policy: Games that do not make it to regulation (4 complete innings for a 6 inning game) due to weather will be considered a suspended game and will be resumed (if possible) from the point of the suspension at the earliest time available. If there is no time to resume a suspended game, it will be considered an official game from the last complete inning. Official games under this policy are not eligible for the refund policy.

16. Scoring: We recommend that all teams keep a scorebook. The official scorer of the game will be the umpires. It is the team's responsibility to check every inning with the umpires to confirm the score.

17. All USA and USSSA (1.15) bats are eligible

18. Leading/Stealing: 9u-10u must wait until the ball crosses the plate to leave the base. The first violation is a warning and after that they will be called out. Regular baseball rules apply for 11u-12u.

19. Dugout Rule: All players and coaches must be completely inside the dugout. Coaches are responsible for the player's safety around the dugout area. On deck areas are available at each field inside the fenced area.

20. Not covered in the Rules: In the event any item is not covered in the playing rules, the tournament committee will make the fairest possible ruling and that ruling is final!

### **POOL PLAY TIE BREAKER RULES:**

1. Pool play overall record
2. Head to Head (if tie is between 2 teams)
3. Run Differential
4. Runs allowed
5. Runs Scored

## **22. PLAYOFF TIE-BREAK RULES**

If after 6 innings or the 1hr 40 minute no new inning time limit the two teams are still tied, the following tie breaker rules will go into effect except for the Championship Game.

The base runner will be placed as follows:

- Last batter from previous inning @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Base
- Normal substitution rules apply to these runners.
- The hitting team will start the inning with one out.
- Play continues until one team is ahead at the end of an inning.

## **23. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME PLAY**

The 1 hour and 40 minute no new inning time limit does not apply to the championship game. If Championship games are tied after 6 innings, extra innings will be played regardless of time. The higher seed will be the home team in Championship play.