

Livingston Super Series 2009

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The tournament format is **pool play** with a playoff in each age division. The tournament Director in his sole discretion reserves the right to change the format or brackets to insure the overall competitiveness of the tournament. Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of three games and must be ready to play at anytime.
2. Refund policy for tournament fees will be \$75.00 for every game not played that was guaranteed. No refund will be given if a team drops before the start of the tournament or if a registered team fails to show up.
3. Players' age will be determined by age as of **May 1, 2009**. Each player may play for only one team. Rosters must be submitted before first game and no changes or additions will be allowed. If unable to produce a copy of a player's birth certificate upon request, the player will be removed from the tournament until such document is produced.
4. Proof of insurance required with registration. Required coverage limits to \$100,000 excess accident / medical, and minimum of \$1,000,000 general liability which includes participant legal liability.

RULES

- Official Sporting News Baseball Rules and Super Series Rules with exceptions as stated.
- The "must slide" rule is in effect. The penalty for malicious contact is the player is called out, with possible ejection from the game.
- No inning starts after the games time limit has expired. Semi-finals must have a winner. All final games will have no time limit. All innings commenced within the time limit will be completed.
- Head to head results, **total runs** allowed, **total runs** scored and then coin toss will determine tie breakers in the standings.
- The use of an illegal pitcher will result in forfeiture of game.
- Open bases in all pitching divisions.
- 9's, 10's, 11's, and 12's **Pool** games will be **1 hour and 30 minutes or 6 innings**. 13's will be **1 hour and 40 minutes or 7 innings**.
- Teams may have a 9 player batting rotation, an extra hitter (EH), or may bat the entire roster. The EH will be considered a position player. Bat 9, 10 or all must be declared at pre-game meeting with the umpires. If batting all, unlimited substitutions are allowed.
- Courtesy runner allowed for pitcher and catcher anytime so long as runner is not currently in batting line-up. If batting entire roster, courtesy runner is the last out made.
- 9's, 10's, 11's, and 12's pitchers can pitch a maximum of 18 outs per day and **27** outs per tournament. 13's pitchers can pitch a maximum of 21 outs per day and **30** outs per tournament.
- Head first slides are allowed as long as the batting helmet does not have a facemask.
- A runner stealing home from third base shall not run hard to the plate until the batter swings or the pitch crosses the plate. (does not apply if the batter is not in the batter's box).
- Pitchers who leave the mound after one pitch may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.
- No extra innings in round robin games: ties count ½ win, ½ loss.
- The run rule for all divisions shall be 20 after 1, 15 after 2, 12 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5.
- Coin toss to determine home team.
- Home team supplies official scorekeeper, visiting team supplies scoreboard operator. Both must be located in the score box behind home plate.

- Only the Tournament Director or designated LYBA official is allowed to post scores and pitching tallies.
- All disputes must be settled on the field. No protests are allowed.
- Each team will supply one game ball for each game. LYBA will supply the balance needed.
- Teams should retrieve foul balls on an at once basis.
- Metal cleats allowed for 13's only.
- A ball, while in flight, that **hits** the yellow outfield border is a **Home Run**.
- Teams will be issued Tournament passes for **3 coaches only**.
- Only 3 coaches will be allowed on the field at any time.

Managers are responsible for the conduct of all persons associated with his/her team. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated; fighting will result in an automatic suspension from the tournament and no refund will be given.

Field Dimensions

- 9's, & 10's; 65' bases and 46' pitching
- 11's & 12's; 70' bases and 50' pitching
- 13's ; 80' bases and 54' pitching,

Upon completion of the game, umpires will return game cards to the Director's table no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game to sign the game cards. Game cards will contain the final scores and pitching summaries for that game. Once you sign a game card, you are stating that the information on the card is correct. Any objections to the umpires game card will require that both coaches be present with their respective scorebooks. Any coach which does not show up to sign the game card within 30 minutes of the end of the game will be stating that the information on the game card is correct. There will be no changes to game cards after the managers have signed or allotted time to sign has expired.

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