

## **Tournament Protocols**

- All teams must be at field no later than 45 minutes before game time. Games will start a few minutes early if pace of play allows.
- **Home team is always determined by a coin flip**, held no later than 45 minutes before each game. Tournament Director does not need to be present.
- WINNING TEAM MUST REPORT FINAL SCORE VIA TEXT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GAME. Text to Andy Frye: 518-545-0747. Be specific with winning team name and age, losing team name, scores for both teams.
- Home team is always the official scorebook. Away team has responsibility to ensure that the books are in agreement throughout the game as to score, lineup changes, etc.
- If field is unoccupied, first team to arrive has choice of dugout. If both teams arrive together OR are waiting for the prior game to be completed, the home team shall take the dugout labeled home. If none is labeled home, the home team shall take the 1B dugout.
- Time permitting, each team shall be given 5 minutes for warm-ups - away team first, beginning 10 minutes after prior game is completed or, if field is unoccupied, 30 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED START TIME.
- No hitting balls into fences.
- Official Line Up Card must be provided to opposing team. Last name and jersey number of all players, including substitutes, must be included on line-up card, along with starting lineup and positions. If more than one player has same last name, first names must be provided. If game is being announced, the announcing booth must be provided a copy of your line-up card.
- Official scorekeeper may be in the dugout.

- No bat-boys or bat-girls allowed in dugout for safety/liability reasons.
- **Foul balls hit outside the enclosed ball park must be retrieved by the team on that side of the field.** The ball is to be returned to the home plate umpire.
- Please clean dugouts of all trash before you leave.
- Concessions and restroom facilities (or porta-potties) are available at all sites.
- **LARGE COOLERS OR GRILLS ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE MAIN BALLPARK AREA.** They are allowed in the parking lot only. Our host sites are volunteer non-profit organizations - hosting tournaments is a part of their fund-raising efforts - the only benefit they receive for lending their fields and labor is the concession revenues -please encourage your families to support our host concessions so that we have a place to continue to play these tournaments in the future.

## **Tournament Committee:**

Andy Frye – Tournament Director (518) 545-0747 (C)