

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the LAST MAN STANDING Tournament homepage. From this page you have access to all information pertaining to this tournament, including special tournament rules, brackets, schedules, pairings, scores updates and much more. For example, click BRACKETS from the menu at the top of the tournament homepage to see your team's opponents and schedule as well as its path through the tournament. These brackets are updated in real time throughout the tournament as scores are received.

THE BASICS – *All teams should know these before play starts:*

1. Home/Away team is decided by coin flip before EVERY game
2. Each team pays one umpire on the field
3. Baseballs are provided by the league and distributed by host site
4. Time limit = no new innings after 2:15 from first pitch
5. Mercy rule = 10 runs. 4 ABs for trailing team at 9/10U. 5 Abs for trailing team at 11U and older.
6. REPORTING SCORES: Winning team is responsible for texting Andy (518-545-0747) within 15 minutes of completion of game. List both teams name, age, and score for each team.
7. Pool play games CAN end in a tie.
8. International tiebreaker is to be used in extra-innings
 - a. First extra inning = last batted out starts on 2B
 - b. Any additional innings = last batted on 2B, previous batter in lineup on 3B
9. International tiebreaker also kicks in during elimination round games if game is tied when the time limit is reached. In a tie game during elimination round, the first inning to begin after time limit shall begin the International Tie Breaker.

ABOUT The LMS Tournament

Traditionally, ENYTB conducts its LMS Tournaments each year on the final weekend of July. This year, however, due to the delay in the high school season the LMS tournament will be played from:

9U – 12U: July 22nd – July 26th
13U – 18U: AUG 5 to AUG 9.

As in past years, this tournament will mark the official end of ENYTB's summer baseball season. To help everyone field a complete team, LMS is an open roster event but with certain limitations. The point of this tournament is to provide teams with a fun ending to their season.

LMS is an open tournament i.e., open to ENYTB members and non-members alike.

The Tournament Directors for this event are incoming ENYTB President, Andy Frye (518) 545-0747 and outgoing ENYTB President, Ed Frye (518) 542-8498. Each host also has a Field Director on site to assist as needed. Since there are a multiple LMS tournaments being run simultaneously at many locations this weekend, Ed and Andy will not be present for all games. However, both will be available by phone text and email (Andy@enytb.com and pres@runmyleague.com) throughout the tournament. If you need immediate assistance contact your Field Director on site. In the event of bad weather, contact your Field Director before leaving home for updates on field conditions and schedule delays.

The winning team from each game must call or text their score into Andy as soon as their game concludes. Be specific in your message as to your team's name, age and tournament division if you know it.

IMPORTANT: Sunday's pairings can't be set until scores for all Saturday games have been reported. Similarly, the draw rules for any Sunday Byes can't be applied until the scores have been reported for all of the early games on Sunday.

NOTE: If there are 8PM games on Saturday night in your tournament division, the pairings for Sunday likely will not

***be known till the scores for those late games come in i.e.,
11PM.***

TOURNAMENT FEES

Teams pay an entry fee of \$325 to participate in the LMS. The entry fee covers all costs except for ump fees. Each team pays one ump per game played.

TOURNAMENT PRIZES

- 1st Place Finisher

Team - Receives a LAST MAN STANDING Championship trophy.

Players - Receive LAST MAN STANDING tournament medallions.

- 2nd Place Finisher

Team - Receives a LAST MAN STANDING Runner-Up trophy.

Players - Receive LAST MAN STANDING tournament medallions.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING

All ENYTB sponsored tournaments are hosted in partnership between ENYTB and its members. The fields used for any tournament are listed on the homepage for this tournament, along with the FIELD DIRECTORS and their contact info. Questions re: local weather conditions and field conditions should be directed to the field directors.

NOTE: When multiple divisions of tournaments are being simultaneously conducted the games on a given field can include a mix of games from different age divisions and, or even non-tournament games previously scheduled by the host.

ENYTB shall provide each host with a starting field schedule as well as any changes due to weather or other factors that occur during the tournament.

Prior to the scheduling of the tournament, host clubs are asked to provide the tournament committee with a prioritized list of their teams for playing at home. Every effort is made to schedule the host's designated top priority team at home as much as possible. Every effort also is made to schedule the designated lower priority host teams on their home field whenever possible. Of course, when a host club has several teams entered, some of the lower priority teams may not get any games on their home fields. Other factors also may preclude a lower priority host team from being scheduled on its home field e.g., playing another host's top priority team or having to play in a sequence of games that must all be played on the same field and date when open time on its home field is insufficient to accommodate the same sequence of games.

ENYTB shall provide each host with six new game balls per game for all tournament play.

SPECIFIC HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

(1) Each host shall be responsible for ordering two umpires for each game scheduled on their field(s) as well as managing/coordinating any schedule changes with the tournament directors and umpires assigners e,g, rain delays, rain-outs etc.

NOTE: Hosts must immediately notify a Tournament Director in the event of rain delays, postponements, suspended games etc.

(2) Hosts must maintain/prep fields between games including raking, lining, setting of appropriate pitching and bases distances, etc.

(3) Hosts must ensure that each game has an adequate supply of game balls at all times.

(4) Protests or other official rulings must be settled before play continues. If host needs assistance to settle a dispute, he should contact a tournament director to get an official ruling from the tournament committee. Both tournament directors will be available by phone throughout the tournament to help resolve any issues that may arise in an expedited manner.

SPECIFIC TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

(1) Each participating team shall familiarize itself with all tournament protocols and playing rules.

(2) Participating teams shall pay for their own umps, same as in regular season play (pay one ump per game played).

(3) When a team is on defense, it is responsible for retrieving all foul balls.

(4) The winning team must report the final score to Andy or Ed Frye ASAP.

NOTE: Do not delay in sending in your scores as the pairings for the next round often depend on the results of the current round. **Andy will be available by cell phones at 518-545-0747 to accept scores.** Scores also can be text messaged (preferred) to Andy. State team name and age.

FAILURE TO PLAY AS SCHEDULED: *Any team unable to play in the tournament as scheduled shall be required to forfeit the game (\$75 fine) and shall be eliminated from further tournament play. If notification is insufficient to avoid umpire fees, the offending team shall also be required to reimburse the tournament for umpire fees.*

The LMS tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the information provided in the General Info box on your tournament homepage. Some of that information is highlighted below.

Other Important Info To Know – LMS Tournament

HOME/AWAY DETERMINATION – The home team for all tournament games is determined by a coin flip. A team's W-L record never determines the home team.

PLAY BEGINS: Round 1 is normally played on Thursday or Friday. The tournament is scheduled to conclude by Monday whenever possible. The two finalists could play as many as five games.

OPEN TOURNAMENT – Participation in this tournament shall be open to ENYTB members and non-members alike.

COST OF PARTICIPATION – The entry fee for this tournament is \$325 per team. This fee covers the cost of field use, baseballs, tournament prizes and an organizational fee. Each team shall also pay one ump fee for each game played, same as in regular season play.

GAME BALLS - ENYTB shall provide each host with sufficient game balls for all tournament play (6 balls per game). Each host shall be responsible for ensuring that each game has adequate game balls throughout the course of the game. Teams should NOT substitute their own balls into play. **EXCEPTION:** Single game hosts (THURSDAY/FRIDAY night) should use their own baseballs and ENYTB will compensate them with tournament balls after the fact.

FORMAT – Formats vary depending on the number of teams in a tournament division. All formats have two phases where the results of phase I are used to seed phase II. The usual format includes multiple pools (usually 2, 3 or 4) of 3 to 4 teams each. In this format, teams play two or three games in pool play. The results of the pool phase are then used to determine who advances to single elimination play.

Pool tie-breakers are quite important in this format and are provided separately – see info sheet on Pool Tie-breakers for more info.

When there are fewer than six teams, a different format shall be followed and the top two teams based on overall record shall play for the championship. Regardless of format, all teams are guaranteed a 3 game minimum.

TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS – All entrants shall be sorted by two year age groupings beginning at 9/10. Whenever there are a sufficient number of teams in the same age grouping to have multiple tournament divisions, teams will be further segregated by power i.e., skill level. The most competitive teams will play in the BIC Division (Best In Class). The AAA Division is a middle level of competitiveness. AA is the lowest competitive level offered. Season standings and scores shall be relied upon to assist in team placement. The Tournament Directors shall have the final call on all team placements. See info sheet on SEEDINGS for more info.

BYES – LMS tournaments can have three types of BYES:

- (1) Byes due to unforeseen forfeitures;
- (2) Byes that are hardwired into the bracket before the tournament begins; and, lastly,
- (3) Byes due an odd number of teams remaining in a Phase II round of the tournament. These Byes are determined by rule, including a random draw where applicable.

NOTE: In the case of (3) no team can have a 2nd BYE until every remaining team has had at least one BYE. Same is true for 2nd and 3rd BYES, etc. In addition, when a BYE is drawn in this matter, if there are 4 or more teams, match-ups should be made such that teams play teams that they have not played before in the tournament whenever possible. When this is mathematically impossible to achieve, a draw shall be conducted for opponents that maximizes the number of first-time pairings. Lastly, when 3 teams are remaining and the # of Byes is equal among all three opponents, if team A has played Teams B and C but B and C have not played each other, B shall play C and A shall receive the Bye.

The number of BYES in Phase I of LMS, if any, is the same for all teams unless a team forfeits out. The BYES in Phase I are also predetermined (set before tournament play begins). BYES in Phase II are not usually predetermined (see info sheet on BYES for more info).

WITHDRAWAL PENALTY: Any team that withdraws from the tournament after it has been bracketed and scheduled shall not be entitled to any refund. **Clubs can face a one year ban from ENYTB tournaments for late withdrawal.** Teams that forfeit a game less than 72 hours before the tournament is scheduled to start, including after tournament play has begun, shall be discontinued from all subsequent tournament play. In addition, if notification is insufficient to avoid the payment of umpire fees, the offending team also shall be required to reimburse the tournament for umpire fees.

TOURNAMENT RULES – HIGHLIGHTS

This tournament will be played according to **ENYTB Tournament Rules** which deviate in some important ways from ENYTB's regular season playing rules. Teams should familiarize themselves with all tournament rules by reading the various documents in the General Info box. Below are some of the key rule changes.

1 - Time Curfew – Except for the Championship game, no new inning may begin after 2 hours and 15 minutes have elapsed from first pitch.

Exception To Curfew Rule: Tie-games.

Phase II games can continue for as long as the score remains tied at the end of a complete inning. Phase I games (pool play) that end with a tie score are scored as tie games.

2 – Extra Innings Play: International tie-breaker shall apply to all extra-inning games **including the championship game.**

1st Extra Inning: begins with no outs and player who made last batted out in prior inning occupying 2B.

2nd Extra Inning: begins with no outs and player who made last batted out in prior inning occupying 2B and player who precedes that player in the batting order occupying 3B.

Additional Extra Innings: Treated same as 2nd Extra Inning.

3 - MERCY RULE: When the trailing team has had at least 4 complete innings of AB (at ages 9/10) or 5 complete innings of AB (ages 11/12 and older) and is trailing by 10 or more runs the game shall be declared over.

NOTE: After the minimum number of innings have been played for this rule to take effect, if the trailing team falls behind by 10 or more runs in the middle of an inning, it shall get its full AB in the bottom half of the inning.

4 - RAIN-OUT RULES:

A - All play stands in rain-shortened games. Play will be picked up as though game was suspended.

B - In the event a game is called because of bad weather, it shall be considered official and complete once the trailing team has completed at least 3 full innings of AB (all ages).

5 – ROSTERS

All LMS teams **MUST** construct their LMS tournament roster online, no later than 7 days prior to the tournament start date.

No new players can be added after that date, unless approved by the tournament committee due to extenuating circumstances. Once constructed, each team's tournament roster is displayed on the tournament homepage for all to see. Other LMS teams may challenge the eligibility of any player listed on any team's LMS roster up until the day before the start of the tournament.

No player can appear for more than one team in the same age division of an LMS tournament in a given year.

5 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – Open Rosters

LMS is an OPEN ROSTER tournament. But there are restrictions, as explained below.

ENYTB Teams:

1 - May include any player on its regular season roster.

Note: Includes Over-Age players, but they must follow all ENYTB rules applicable to Over-Aged players.

2 - May include players from the regular season roster of other ENYTB teams who are not participating on any other LMS roster in the same age level.

Note: This does NOT include over-aged players

3 - May include up to 3 non-ENYTB players.

Note: This does NOT include over-aged players

4 - AAA and AA Teams Are Restricted To Pitchers Who Were On Their Regular Season Team Roster Prior to July 15 PLUS 1 additional designated pitcher.

5 - BIC teams are an open competitive division so those teams are allowed to use all of their tournament players to pitch provided they don't violate ENYTB's Pitching Restrictions For Over-Aged Players.

Non-ENYTB Teams:

1 - May NOT use Over-Aged Players;

2 - Are not limited to players on their regular season roster;

3 - May use ENYTB players who are not participating on any other LMS roster.

WARNING: If a team enters the AA or AAA level and begins winning all its games by lopsided scores, we reserve the right to remove that team from the tournament. In 16 years this has happened only once.

6 – PITCHING ELIGIBILITY:

A - 11yos on a 10+ can't pitch in the 9/10 age group;

B - 13 yos on a 12+ team can't pitch in the 11/12 age group; and,

C – Except for 17/18U, no over-aged player can pitch against a team two or more years younger than that player's baseball age. Example: 17 yo on a 16+ team can't pitch against a 15U team unless that team also uses over-aged players.

Remaining playing rules closely follow ENYTB's regular season playing rules but differ in a few significant ways. See info sheet "Playing Rules" in the General Info box for more info.