

## **General Tournament Protocols**

- All teams must be at field no later than 45 minutes before game time. Games may start ahead of schedule if pace of play allows.
- **Home team is always determined by a coin flip.** Every game, including championship game is determined by coin flip. Tournament Director does not need to be present.
- 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.
- Infield/outfield warm-ups are not guaranteed. Time permitting, each team shall be given 5 minutes for warm-ups - away team first, beginning 10 minutes after prior game is completed. If field is unoccupied, 20 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED START TIME.
- **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.
- Winning team is responsible for texting results to Tournament Director within 15 minutes of completion of game.
- **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.