

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the **SUMMER BLAST** Tournament *homepage*. From this page you have access to all information pertaining to this tournament, including special tournament rules, brackets, schedules, pairings, scores and updates.

The Tournament Director is Ed Frye, ENYTB President. Ed will be assisted by Field Directors at each host site. Since there are six **SUMMER BLAST** tournaments being run simultaneously at eight or more locations this weekend, Ed will not be present for games. If you need immediate assistance as well as for field conditions in the event of bad weather, contact your Field Director for assistance. If there is a need to contact Ed for assistance during the tournament, he can be reached by phone at 518-542-8498.

The winning team from each game must call their score in to Ed at 518-542-8498 as soon as their game concludes. Be specific in your message as to your team's name and age. Scores can be texted if preferred. IMPORTANT: Ed can't schedule Sunday's games until he has the results from all games played on Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

As mentioned, everything you and your team need to know about participating in this tournament is available on and from this tournament homepage. Some of the key information is highlighted below.

The **SUMMER BLAST** tournament is conducted on the final weekend of June each year, just after school adjourns for summer break. These tournaments are currently available at 13U, 14U and 15/16U. This mid-season tournament is designed to provide teams with a fun break from regular season play. They are OPEN tournaments i.e., they are open to ENYTB members and non-members alike. Prior to April 15, member teams can sign up via their team order form only. After April 15, member teams can sign-up online or by contacting Ed. Non-member teams can sign-up online or by contacting Ed any time prior to 10 days before play begins, assuming the tournament is not full..

TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS – Whenever there are a sufficient number of teams in the same age grouping to have multiple tournament divisions, teams will be segregated by power i.e., ability. 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 (not offered in 2019).

2019 DIVISIONS:

13U BIC
13U AAA
14U BIC
14U AAA
15/16U BIC
15/16U AAA

Each division can include up to 9 teams. The Tournament Director (Ed Frye) shall have the final call on all divisional placements. Season standings (There is a SUMMER BLAST standings for each age grouping shown above.) In addition, other factors such as team power ratings, SoS, scores of games against key opponents, etc. shall be used to assist in team placement decisions.

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 3) of three teams each. In this format, teams play two games in pool play. The results of the pool phase are then used to seed teams for the single elimination (SE) phase that follows.

At the end of pool play, teams are seeded 1, 2 and 3. The #1 seeds will play the #2 seeds from a different pool to begin Phase II. The #3 seeds are eliminated from further play. Tie-breakers are provided for situations where all three teams in a pool finish with identical records.

BYES – Each team gets one BYE in pool play. The BYES in Phase I are also predetermined before the tournament begins. BYES in Phase II are not always predetermined. Phase II BYES are drawn (W-L record does not matter) unless determined by the following: No team is eligible for a 3rd BYE until all remaining teams have had their 2nd BYE. Lastly, if three

teams remain and all have the same number of BYES, but one team has already played the other two and they have not played each other, then they will be required to play each other and the team that has already played both shall get the BYE.

PLAY BEGINS: Round 1 is normally played on Friday (June 28) but it can be played on Thursday (June 27) if necessary. The tournament is scheduled to conclude on Monday July 1. The two finalists could play as many as five 5 games.

Entry Fee: Introductory rate of \$200 per team and includes everything except for ump fees. (Each team pays one ump per game played.) The entry fee covers the cost of field rentals, baseballs, all tournament prizes and a small organizational fee. To view the ENYTB teams entered to the tournament Go to Inside The League > Tournament Sign-Ups. To view all teams entered to the tournament and their current status, go to your tournament homepage and click registrations.

WITHDRAWAL PENALTY: Any team that withdraws after the teams are placed into divisions, shall not be eligible for a refund. In addition, that team shall be suspended from all ENYTB tournaments for one year. Any team that forfeits a game after the tournament is scheduled shall be discontinued from all subsequent tournament play. In addition, if notification is insufficient to avoid umpire fees, the offending team also shall be required to reimburse the tournament for umpire fees. The team shall also pay a \$75 forfeit fee and be suspended from all ENYTB tournaments for one year.

TOURNAMENT PRIZES

- 1st Place Finisher

Team - Receives a **SUMMER BLAST** Championship trophy.

Players - Receive **SUMMER BLAST** performance tee shirts with official tournament logo and ENYTB logo.

- 2nd Place Finisher

Team - Receives a **SUMMER BLAST** Runner-Up trophy.

Players - Receive **SUMMER BLAST** performance tee shirts with official tournament logo and ENYTB logo.

- Top 2 ENYTB Finishers

Team receives a guaranteed berth in ENYTB's **SUPER 8** Championship Tournament.

IMPORTANT "Housekeeping" Rules/Protocols

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.

GAME BALLS - ENYTB shall provide each host with sufficient game balls for all tournament play. 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 unless tournament provided game balls run out. Single game hosts (THURSDAY/FRIDAY night) should use their own baseballs and ENYTB will compensate them with tournament balls after the fact.

REPORTING SCORES – Winning teams must call in a final score to the tournament director, Ed Frye, at 518-542-8498 (cell), immediately following the conclusion of the game. If Ed does not answer leave a voicemail. As the results come in throughout the weekend, Ed will update the online tournament brackets in real-time and make all necessary BYE draws and resulting pairings.

UMPIRES - Each host shall be responsible for ordering umpires for all games and coordinating any schedule changes with the umpires.

ENYTB shall provide each host with a starting schedule of all tournament games scheduled on their field(s). ENYTB shall also coordinate any schedule changes due to weather or other factors that occur during the tournament.

Each host shall maintain its field(s) between games including raking, lining, setting of appropriate pitching and bases distances, etc.

Each host shall ensure that each game begins with at least three game balls and is supplemented as necessary.

UMP FEES - Participating teams shall pay for their own ump's, same as in regular season play i.e., each team pays one ump per game played. If you need to know the precise ump fee at the field you are playing at, contact your field director for that info.

SUMMARY OF KEY DIFFERENCES IN APPLICABLE TOURNAMENT RULES

This tournament shall 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 between ENYTB regular season and ENYTB tournament play.

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

Other Exception To Curfew Rule: Tie-games.

Game can continue for as long as score remains tied at the end of a complete inning.

2 - Tie-Breaker Rules: International tie-breaker shall apply to all extra inning games except for 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 (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. After the minimum number of innings have been played, 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 BEFORE this rule can be applied.

4 - RAIN-OUT RULES: All play stands in rain-shortened games. Play will be picked up as though game was suspended.

5 - WEATHER SHORTENED GAMES – In the even a game is called because of weather, it shall be considered official and complete once the trailing team has completed at least 3 full innings of AB (all ages).

6 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – No restrictions other than age. APR 30 age cutoff. Teams are allowed up to 4 players one year older than the age grouping they are playing in (Grandfathered teams can have five). This rule is intended to help teams field a team, not to make them stronger than the class they registered themselves at. We go to great lengths to make the competition even within each division. One team can destroy this and ruin the tournament for everyone.

7 – PITCHING ELIGIBILITY – Except at 10U and 12U, any legally rostered player, including over-aged players, can pitch in this tournament. 11yos can't pitch in the 9/10 age group and 13 yos can't pitch in the 11/12 age group because of the shorter pitching distances in those age divisions.

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