# 2024 League Sports, LLC

## TOURNAMENT - WELCOME PACKET

Dear Team,

Thank you for choosing League Sports LLC as your Spring Tournament destination. We are certain that you'll enjoy the beautiful Donald J. Flynn Park, and find that it has everything you need to enjoy your weekend!

Please take some time to review the following information. We recommend holding a team meeting, so all participants are fully informed of the facility policies and general information.

Whether this is your first tournament, or one of many, we wish you a memorable week of baseball and family.

Sincerely,

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# 2024 League Sports, LLC
## Strike Out Colon Cancer
## Baseball Tournament Rules

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### Age Requirement
May 1, 2024, will be the designated date to determine player's age group. Copy of birth certificates of all players must be with you at the tournament at all times.

### Rosters
All rosters will be emailed ahead of time or uploaded on our website.

### Insurance
All teams will provide proof of insurance with League Sports, LLC as additional insured. Insurance can be e-mailed to leaguesports@yahoo.com

## Facility Information
### Climate / What to bring
Portable tents, chairs, and coolers are allowed inside the facility. We highly recommend keeping hydrated and wearing sunscreen at all times.

### Parking
There is plenty of FREE parking available for all visitors. We are not responsible for any damaged vehicles or theft.

### No Alcohol or Tobacco Products
Absolutely no alcohol or tobacco products will be permitted inside. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in being asked to leave the property.

### Admission
There is no GATE FEE for either day of our tournament. We encourage family and friends to come to the complex to cheer on the athletes and show their support.

### Pets
With the exception of service animals, pets are not permitted at the facility for liability reasons.

### First Aid
There will be a basic first aid kit near the entrance with items such as a band-aids, ice packs, etc.  Please see the table for any help if needed.

### Awards
A team trophy and individual awards will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams.

### Umpires
All pool play, and single elimination games will have 2 umpires, including the championship game.  Certified umpires will be chosen from a professional organization.

### Baseballs / Equipment
Game balls will be provided by League Sports LLC for all games. Teams are to bring their own practice balls. All other baseball and safety equipment is the responsibility of each team.

### Weapons
Weapons of any type are strictly prohibited on the grounds. Anyone found to be in possession of weapons will be asked to leave the premises for the remainder of the tournament.

### Team Uniforms
Teams are required to bring and wear their own uniforms. Each player on a team should have a unique number displayed on their jersey.

### Dress Code for Coaches
Managers and coaches are not required to be in uniform during the games. However, we do expect the adults on the field to be dressed appropriately.

## Tournament Specific Rules

1. The point system will be in effect two (2) points for a win, one point (1) for a tie. Tie breakers; 1. Overall record (points), 2. Head-to-Head, 3. Runs Allowed, 4. Runs scored, 5. Coin Toss. Forfeits are scored 7-0. Head-to-Head is thrown out if the teams tied in points have not all played each other, or they have all beat each other in pool play.

2. **Home team is determined by a coin toss at the beginning of the game until your team is seeded**. Once your team is seeded the highest seed is the home team. This includes semi-finals and finals.

3. Standings will be posted, and updated via the webpage. It is important that each score is reported immediately after each game. Winning team is responsible for giving the final score to the home plate umpire.

## Game Play

Be prepared to start at least 20 minutes before scheduled game time. If the game before you ends before your scheduled start time, we could start up to 20 minutes early.

## Protest

Non-refundable protest fee of $100 cash must be given to a tournament director before any judgment will be made on a protest. Umpire judgment calls remain the judgment of the umpire on the field. These will not be overturned. Protests on a specific play must be made before another pitch is delivered.

## Rain

If games are cancelled due to rain or bad field conditions 100% refunds will be given if 0 games are played due to weather. If only 1 game is played a 50% refund will be issued. If 2+ games are played, then no refunds will be given.

## Time Limits

Championship play does not have time limits, but the following time limits are in effect for all pool and semi-final games:

### 9u -12u will play 6 innings or 1 hr. 45-minutes

Game will consist of 6 innings or 1hr 45-minute time limit, whichever comes first (no new inning may start after the one hour forty-five-minute time limit). In the inning where a time limit is reached, the Home Team bats if the game is tied, or they are behind. The game immediately ends if the home team gains the lead, or 3 outs are made. In the 9U division, a dropped third strike by the catcher will be an automatic out.

If the home team has the lead when the visiting team makes 3 outs the game immediately ends. The game ends immediately if the home team is ahead and is batting when the time limit is reached. Pool Play games may end in a tie.

Semi-Final games still have a time limit, but a winner must be determined. Championship game has no time limit, but mercy rules still apply.

## Pitching Distance & Base Length

| Age | Dimensions |
|---|---|
| 9u & 10u | 46' pitching mound 65' bases |
| 11u & 12u | 50' pitching mound 70' bases |

### Mercy Rules
12 runs after 3 innings (home team bats if behind), 10 runs after 4 innings (home team bats if behind) and 8 runs after 5 innings (home team bats if behind)

### Sliding
Malicious contact at any base is forbidden (umpire's discretion). Base runner must slide or avoid contact.

### Shoes
Rubber or plastic sheeted shoes only. No metal spikes.

### Courtesy Runner
A courtesy runner may be used for a pitcher or catcher - must be a player not in the current batting line-up. If no players are left, you must use the player committing the last out.

### Bat Rules
Small Barrel Bat (2 1/4") or big Barrel Bat (2 5/8" or 2 3/4"). 1.15 BPF standard marked on the bat or BBCOR or USSSA certified marked on the bat. Wooden Bats can be used. If a batter is found to have used an illegal bat they will be called out.

### Batting Order
A game may start with 8 players and if a 9$^{th}$ player arrives, they may be inserted into that 9$^{th}$ spot in lineup. If a team starts game with 8 players, the 9$^{th}$ spot will not be considered an out. However, once the first hitter bats a second time a 9$^{th}$ player may not be added. If a team has 7 or less players at game time it will be considered a forfeit.
If a team is batting 9 players and a player is ejected and the team has available bench players, they may enter an available player into that players spot in the lineup. If they do not have any available players, then when that players spot in batting lineup comes up it will be an automatic out.

If a player must leave the game due to injury that players spot will be skipped in the lineup if the team has no subs available to enter.

Extra hitters are optional, but must be declared to the opposing coach before the start of the game. The extra hitter may enter the game to play the field, but must remain in the same spot in the batting order. (EH or EH's may be rotated as any other position). The starting player and replacement player rules apply to the extra hitter as well. If a team is down to nine players and has started the game with an extra hitter, they will receive an out when the extra hitter is supposed to bat. By adding the extra hitters rule, this will give teams the option of batting their entire line-up.

## Complete Game

For rain-out purposes or Any "Act of God" (example - rain- out, tornado etc.) a game is complete after 3 innings.

## Pitching Rules

A Pitcher cannot be removed from the game defensively then go back on the mound. If a pitcher is removed from his position when his team is no longer on defense, then he may be put back on the mound. Example 1: Pitcher A pitches 1 inning. His team comes into bat. Next inning Pitcher B is now pitching. Pitcher A is eligible to go back on the mound. Example 2: Pitcher A is having a hard time. Coach comes in and removes him from the mound. Pitcher A is not eligible to pitch again in this game.

No limit on innings Pitched. Each Manager is responsible for using good judgment in using their pitchers safely.

## Ejection Policy

Ejection / Suspension Policy: Manager/Coach/Score Keepers that are ejected from a game must leave the facility immediately and will be automatically suspended from the next game including semi-finals and championship games. Players that are ejected from a game will be automatically suspended from the next game including semi-finals and championship games. Parent / Fans that are ejected from a game must leave the facility immediately and will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.

## Safety Guidelines

1. Players may not wear watches, rings, pins, or other jewelry. Bracelets and necklaces that have detachable safety closures are allowed. Coaches and Umpires are reminded to enforce this policy prior to the start of the game.

2. No player may wear a cast made of plaster or other material during the game.

3. All catchers must wear the proper catcher's equipment including throat guards and protective cups for males. All players shall wear protective cups for males when playing in the field, regardless of their position.

4. Only one player shall be ON DECK BATTER at any time and be positioned AWAY from the field of play. On Deck batters shall be aware of their surroundings, teammates and spectators when swinging the bat.

5. Helmets must be worn by batters, base runners, on deck batters and any players acting as base coaches at all times**. No exceptions.**

6. Catcher's mask must be worn by any player regardless of age when warming up a pitcher on the field or sideline. A third player must wear a helmet when guarding the pitcher while warming up on the sideline / bullpen.

7. The managers of both teams and the home plate umpire are responsible for field safety.

8. HEADFIRST SLIDES are **NOT** encouraged in any age group.

**Concussions – League Sports, LLC Tournaments has implemented the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)** protocol. "Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional in writing." The umpires in charge of the game SHALL report the Team Name, Player Name and Jersey Number to the tournament director of any player removed from a game for possible concussion. Any player that is cleared by a health care professional (no concussion) can play the next day of the tournament. Any player that does have a concussion will not be allowed to play the rest of the tournament. The language above, which appears in all NFHS Sports rule books, reflects a strengthening of rules regarding the safety of athletes suspected of having a concussion. This language reflects an increasing focus on safety and acknowledges that the vast majority of concussions do not involve a loss of consciousness.

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Play hard, have fun, and good luck!