

# 2010 D.Y.A.A

## JOHN B. STEELE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

### **1 RULE BOOKS**

Rules to govern play will be from the Official Little League Rule Book, (for Junior & Little Divisions), Major League Rule Book, (for Pony, Senior Divisions), with the exceptions of those variations listed below.

### **2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY/ROSTER VERIFICATION**

- A) Any league player who does not exceed the maximum age for each division using the April 30<sup>th</sup> cutoff date will be eligible to compete in the tournament.
- B) A team roster for the purpose of awards will be set at fifteen (15) players, one (1) manager, three (3) coaches and one (1) bat person. Bat person cannot exceed division league age.
- C) A roster with birth date of each player must be signed by your league official and must be filed with the tournament director at the pre-tourney meeting. Changes to the personnel or size of the roster will be allowed up until the team plays their first tournament game.

### **3 UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT**

- A) All Teams must be suited with uniforms and hats.
- B) Metal spikes are only allowed to be worn in the Pony and Senior divisions.
- C) A batting helmet will be worn while batting, on base as a runner, on-deck batter and bat person.
- D) All players warming up pitchers must wear catchers mask.

### **4 SCHEDULING/GAME TIMES**

- A) Forfeit time is 15 minutes after scheduled start-time for any team unable to field nine (9) players. All teams should be present 30 minutes before scheduled game time.
- B) Make-up games will be scheduled by the tournament director.
- C) All suspended games will be picked up and resumed at the point where the umpire called the game.

### **5 GAME PRELIMINARIES**

- A) Ground rules will be explained prior to each game by the umpires.
- B) Odd numbered teams will be HOME TEAM for the first round of the tournament and then a flip of a coin will decide who HOME TEAM will be. The coin toss will be conducted only by an official of the tournament committee. (HOME TEAM WILL OCCUPY FIRST BASE DUGOUT).
- C) There will be NO BATTING PRACTICE anywhere in the baseball complex.
- D) Each team will be allowed five (5) minute warm-ups before a game.
- E) No smoking allowed on field or dugout.

## **6 PLAYING RULES**

- A) A ten run lead after four (4) innings shall constitute a complete game, (Junior & Little Divisions), and after five (5) innings (Pony, Senior Divisions).
- B) Balks will not be called in the Junior and Little League Divisions. Balks will be called in the Pony & Senior Divisions.
- C) All protests and rule interpretations will be settled immediately by the tournament committee before resuming play. The tournament director's decision is final.
- D) **INJURY TO A PLAYER:** Ball is dead and the runner on base gets the base he is going to in the umpire's judgment.
- E) There will be no hidden ball trick in Junior & Little Divisions.
- F) **Extra Hitter is optional.** The EH will be an additional batter in the lineup, not an offensive replacement for a defensive player. A player from the field can be taken out and made EH. An EH can go into the game as a defensive player. This can only occur once each player has had at least one at bat. The batting order **can not** change. If a team chooses to take advantage of the EH rule, they must play the entire game with an EH.
- G) **PITCHERS:** (Junior & Little Divisions) Pitchers are allowed to pitch nine (9) innings in a weekend. Pitching any part of an inning to a batter will constitute a full inning. A pitch thrown to a batter constitutes an inning. (Pony & Senior Divisions) Pitchers are allowed ten (10) innings per weekend.
- H) No pitcher may re-enter a game as pitcher. Third trip to the same pitcher in a game will cause this pitchers removal.
- I) **ALL DIVISIONS: SLIDE RULE:** If a defensive player is making a play at any base, (except first base) offensive player is required to **SLIDE OR ATTEMPT TO AVOID CONTACT**. Any player who intentionally makes physical contact in the judgment of the umpire **MAY** be suspended from future tournament play. **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
- J) Pony & Senior Divisions: All games will be seven (7) innings.
- K) There will be NO slash bunting allowed. Any player who attempts to slash bunt will be called out whether contact is made or not.
- L) No free substitutions, once player is removed from game, he cannot reenter except for injury or ejection.
- M) No minimum-playing requirement in tournament.
- N) No courtesy runner except for injury.

**AWARDS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP TEAMS. THERE WILL BE TEN ALL-TOURNEY AWARDS, ONE MVP AWARD, ONE GOLDEN GLOVE AWARD, ONE BATTING CHAMP AWARD AND ONE PITCHING AWARD. ALL AWARDS WILL BE DECIDED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE. THERE WILL ALSO BE AWARDS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD STARS OF EACH GAME.**