

Mid-Summer Classic Baseball Tournament at PYO

Dates: June 29-30, July 1-2, 2017

Main Location: PYO Complex

9124 Cincinnati-Columbus Road
West Chester, OH

Divisions: 7u, 8u, 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u, 13u, 14u, 15u, 16u, 17u

**Open to: Recreational, Knothole, Organizations' All-Star, Continental or
American SWOL/MWOL teams or alike**

3 Game Format

Entry Fee 7U: Paid in Full by 4/30 - \$250
Paid in Full after 4/30 - \$300

Entry Fee 8U to 12U: Paid in Full by 4/30 - \$350
Paid in Full after 4/30 - \$400

Entry Fee 13U to 17U: Paid in Full by 4/30 - \$450
Paid in Full after 4/30 - \$500

There will be a \$125 Gate and Parking fee per Team in addition to the entry fee for your age group.

Questions can be directed to the Tournament Director at
tournaments@pyobaseball.org or Greg Ernst 373-5362
www.pyobaseball.org



The Mid-Summer Classic Tournament is open to Knothole Teams, Recreational Teams, Baseball Organizations' All-Star Teams, Little League Teams, American or Continental SWOL/MWOL Teams or other leagues. This Tournament is not open to SWOL National League and Mid-West Ohio Division 1 Teams and/or players or alike. Player Birthday cutoff is as of May 1st. Games will be played at the Pisgah Youth Organization's Complex or at nearby fields.

A non-refundable \$100 Deposit is required with the completed Registration Form to hold your spot in the Tournament. Registration Fees for the Age Divisions are due as follows:
8U to 12U --- Paid in full by April 30th = \$350, Paid in Full after April 30th = \$400.
7U teams subtract \$100 from the above fees structure. 13U to 17U teams add \$100 to the above fee structure. Registration is first come, first in. There will be a \$125 gate/parking fee for all teams paid with the Registration Fees before the first game is played. Game Balls and Umpire fees are provided.

Each age bracket in the Tournament will have a Pool Play format to determine the seeding for a single elimination Championship Round. In the Championship Round, the #1 seeded team will play the #4 seeded team (of the Championship qualifying teams) even if they come from the same pool. Consolation Games will be scheduled if necessary. If there are less or more than 8 teams available in a division the Tournament Director will adjust the format of play at his discretion to best suit the circumstances. Age brackets may be combined at the discretion of Tournament Director if there are insufficient teams in an age division (not likely). There will be Champion and Runner-Up awards presented on-field immediately after the Championship Game for each age bracket.

Our plan is for teams to play Thursday June 29th and/or Friday June 30th starting at 4pm with the remaining Pool games played on Saturday July 1nd. The top finishers will advance to Sunday's Championship Round. If we are unable to play scheduled games due to inclement weather, the Tournament Director will determine and communicate the best possible solution based on the timing of the inclement weather and the circumstances. Rules and other Tournament Details can be found below or at www.pyobaseball.org.

The PYO Board

Mid-Summer Classic Baseball Tournament

June 29th - June 30th & July 1st & 2nd 2017

Registration Form:

Team Name: _____

Team Manager: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Mobile Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____@_____

League / Association / Affiliation : _____

(ex - SWOL American, PYO All-Star, Mason Knothole-East, LSO Little League, Midwest Division 2)

League Division: _____

(ex - 13U, D2, 11U - 12U)

Check Division you wish to play in: 7U () 8U () 9U () 10U () 11U ()
12U () 13U () 14U () 15U () 16U () 17U ()

Maximum roster is 15 players. We will need a Certificate of Liability Insurance for your team naming PYO as an additional named insured. Both the team roster and the Insurance Certificate are due prior to your first game. Game Balls & Umpire Fees are provided for the Tournament.

A \$100 Deposit is required with this completed form.

7U - Paid in Full by 4/30 - \$250 --- Paid in Full after 4/30 - \$300

8U & 12U - Paid in Full by 4/30 - \$350 --- Paid in Full after 4/30 - \$400

13U to 17U - Paid in Full by 4/30 - \$450 --- Paid in Full after 4/30 - \$500

Please add a \$125 Gate/Parking fee to the above chart for your team.

Checks or Money orders should be made payable to: "PYO"

Mail to:

Pisgah Youth Organization

P.O. Box 8093

West Chester, OH 45069

Credit Cards will be accepted for payment with a 5% processing charge added. Call Gene Drozd, PYO Treasurer (513-508-9030), with your Credit Card information.

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Rules, Policies and Guidelines

Player age based on May 1st cutoff

- 17U - Any player who does not turn 18 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play
- 16U - Any player who does not turn 17 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play
- 15U - Any player who does not turn 16 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play
- 14U - Any player who does not turn 15 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play
- 13U - Any player who does not turn 14 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play.
- 12U - Any player who does not turn 13 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play.
- 11U - Any player who does not turn 12 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play.
- 10U - Any player who does not turn 11 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play.
- 9U - Any player who does not turn 10 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play.
- 8U - Any player who does not turn 9 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play
- 7U - Any player who does not turn 8 years old before May 1st 2017 is eligible to play

We will play Major League Baseball Rules except for the following and the Supplemental Rules for 7u & 8u Divisions (go to www.pyobaseball.org hit rules link for 7u & 8u).

1. Pitching restrictions:

During the Tournament pitchers are allowed to pitch:

8U & 9U = 7 innings, 10U & 11U 8 = Innings, 12U and older = 9 innings

Pitch counts will not be tracked. Innings pitched must be turned in to the Umpire w/ the scores after each game.

Innings pitched will be counted based on outs - ie no out & 1 out = 1/3 inning pitched -- 2 out = 2/3 inning pitched.

Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he may not pitch again in that game.

2. Distances:

14U - 18U – 60 '6" Pitching, 90' Bases -- 13U – 54' Pitching, 80' Bases

11U & 12U – 50' Pitching, 70' Bases -- 10U – 46' Pitching, 65' Bases

7U -- 40' Pitching, 55' Bases -- 8U & 9U – 44' 6" Pitching, 65' Bases

3. Length of Games:

Complete games: 7U to 11U = 6 Innings --- 12U to 18U = 7 Innings

Pool Play games may end in a tie. Cannot start a new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes

In the Championship Round Games, no time limit for the Championship Game. All other games – No new inning may start after 1:45 minutes. In case of a tie, the game will be extended using the California rules. ie – The inning starts with last batter out on second base, one out and a 1-1 count on all batters.

The Home Team will not bat in the bottom half of an inning, if winning, after the time limit has been reached.

4. Mercy Rule:

7U 10 runs after 4 innings --- 8U to 11U 7 runs after 4 innings --- 12U to 18U 7 runs after 5 innings

The Mercy Rule applies in all games.

5. EH, DH, Roster Batting, and Re-entry.

5A – Roster Batting. You may Roster Bat. Teams that roster bat are allowed free defensive substitution, except that a pitcher may not be re-entered as a pitcher. Once a player is removed due to injury, he may not return during the same game. In this case, the batting order simply collapses. A team roster batting must start with a minimum of 9 players and must end the game with 9 players.

5B – DH. Either team may elect to use the DH. The DH is not allowed to re-enter as a fielder during the game.(Once the game is started their option may not be changed). If the DH is injured another player eligible to enter the game may become the DH. If there is not an available sub then the DH will be recorded as on out when it is his turn to bat.

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5C- EH. The Extra Hitter (EH) Rule may be used at an individual team's option. Only 1 extra hitter is allowed per team. (1) The extra hitter may be anyone on the teams official league roster. (2) Application of the rule is optional. One team may choose to employ the option, the opposing team may choose not to do so. (3) The extra hitter is simply an additional person in the batting order who may be placed anywhere in the 10 man batting order (4) The E.H. is an interchangeable part with anyone in the lineup. (Ie: If, for example, the E.H. is moved to 2B in the second inning, the 2B then becomes the E.H. with no change in the batting order.) (5) If a team begins a game using the E.H., they must do so for the duration of the game. (A team with only 10 players would be advised not to employ the E.H.). If a team starts the game using an EH, ie 10 batters, then they must finish the game with 10 batters. If there is not a player on the bench eligible to enter the game as the EH then the EH will be recorded as an out when it is his turn to bat.

5D – Re-entry. The high school re-entry shall be in effect. Starters only may re-enter the game one time in their same spot in the batting order. Non starters may not re-enter. This rule does not apply to teams that choose to roster bat.

6. If any player is removed due to injury that occurred on the field, and cannot be replaced legally, he is not out at next at bat, lineup simply collapses.

7. Home team will be determined by a coin flip in pool play. In the single elimination playoff round the higher seed is home team. Each team will provide a scorekeeper with all pitching changes being recorded by home plate umpire.

8. Courtesy runner will be allowed for next inning's Catcher and Pitcher at any time. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out – even if in a previous inning.

9. Metal cleats are prohibited (except for 13U and older).

10. Playoff Seeding:

Seeding for playoff rounds will be decided as follows:

* Win-Loss Record

* Head to Head

* Least runs allowed (meaning how many total runs in all Pool games you allowed, the lower the number the better your standing).

* Most runs Scored (meaning how many total runs in all Pool games scored, the higher the number the better your standing)

* Flip of the coin

11. **On-Field warm-ups will not be allowed except for use of the Outfield grass areas.** This is only permissible prior to the official start time of a scheduled game and may not interfere with any other game or team. There are absolutely no Walk-On practice or warm up allowed on any un-occupied field. *Infield warm up is not permitted on any field in fair or foul territory.*

12. At start time, a 15-minute grace period will be used in order to avoid forfeit

13. In case of rain or other uncontrolled event occurring - 4 innings constitutes a complete game. A game suspended past 4 innings, in the middle of an inning will revert back to the score at the end of the prior inning. Reminder, complete pool play games may end in a tie. Incomplete games will only be completed if necessary to determine Championship Round seeding.

14. Every effort will be made to finish tournament but in case of rain, darkness, or any other circumstance, the Director reserves the right to shorten games or modify schedules in order to finish the event. The Refund Policy is as follows: No games started - \$150 refund to 7u - \$250 refund 8u to 12u - \$350 Refund for 13u to 17u. 1 game started -- \$100 refund to 7u - \$150 refund 8u to 12u - \$250 Refund for 13u to 17u -- 2 games started -- \$50 refund 7u to 12u -- \$100 refund to 13u to 17u.

15. Teams are required to maintain a record of all games in a team scorebook. It is the team's score keeper's responsibility to monitor the other team breaking any pitching, illegal lineup, etc rule and bring it to the umpire's attention. All scorebooks must be available upon request by the director at any time during the course of the tournament. Home team is official score keeper, we recommend you check your numbers with the umpire after every ½ inning. The home team scorebook must note pitchers used by both teams and the number of innings pitched. The umpire will submit to the tournament director, the final score and innings pitched by pitcher after each game.

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- 16.** All bats will be required to meet SWOL Standards and Rules for the appropriate age level. 8U - 14U must use bats bearing the BPF 1.15 Stamp or lower and 15U and older must use BBCOR approved bats. Refusal to remove a non-approved bat will result in the batter being called out and a dead ball will be called (must be brought to the attention of the umpire before the batter completes at bat. Otherwise the result of at bat stands and the bat will be subsequently removed). A second attempt to use a non-approved bat will result in ejection of the Team Manager and the batter being called out.
- 17.** Bull-rushing or plowing over a defensive player, whether intentional or not will result in the base runner being called out, ejected from the current game and suspended from play in the next game.
- 18.** A Team Roster should contain no more than 15 players. Team Rosters should be submitted via email to: tournaments@pyobaseball.org or U.S. Mail to arrive by 6/25/2017 to the address in item #21. Failure to submit the Team Roster can result in a game forfeit.
- 19.** SWOL "National" and MWOL "Division 1" level players and alike from this year's Spring Season, may not play or be rostered on a MSC Tournament Team.
- 20.** Teams must have birth certificates available for review at any time during the tournament. Any player without a birth certificate on file with the team manager will be ineligible and the team will forfeit any game in which the player appeared. Any dispute questioning player eligibility should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director before the end of the game in question. There will be no refunds issued due to ineligible players and a resultant forfeit.
- 21.** Each team must carry Liability Insurance. Proof of insurance and Coaches Concussion Cert. must be received before team's first game. The "Pisgah Youth Organization, P.O. Box 8093, West Chester, OH 45069" must be named as an "Additional Named Insured". Failure to provide the Liability insurance can result in forfeit of tournament play and all fees paid. The refund policy in item #14 does not apply to a team with a missing Liability Insurance & Concussion Certification documents. These documents should be E-Mailed to: tournaments@pyobaseball.org or US mailed to the above PYO address. Please note that we recommend you carry your own first aid kit at the tournament.
- 22.** The line-up you turn in before the game should list all players present at the start of the game. If a player is not present when the game starts and arrives late the player can be added to the end of the line-up if roster batting.
- 23.** PYO expects all teams to enforce our policy with their parents of **not** bringing coolers into the ballpark and therefore supporting our reasonably priced concession stand. PYO is non-profit and all funds remain in the baseball programs.
- 24.** The PYO Visitors Policy and the PYO Coaches and Parents Code of Conduct can be found on our WebSite (www.pyobaseball.org) and we expect each Team Manager to be responsible in supporting the items contained in these documents with their respective team parents. An ejection will result in the Player, Parent or Coach missing the next game in the Tournament.
- 25.** PETS, Smoking and/or Alcoholic Beverages are **NOT allowed** at the Ballpark at any time.
- 26.** Batting Cage – Pitching Lane and Batting Cage use will be available during the Tournament. Helmets must be worn inside the caged areas at all times (includes youth pitchers). No rubber cleats and metal spikes worn by players and /or coaches are allowed inside the cage area. Your cage reservation slot will be taken at the Concession Stand starting when the tournament begins for \$20 per half hour. A PYO official will gain you access to the cage. Please lock the cages when you are finished using them.
- 27.** Appeals - There is no "appeal process" regarding game play for the sake of this tournament. If you are in question of a rule, please contact the Tournament Director for an official ruling. Do not wait until your game is completed to try to resolve issues. Any game that continues from the point of dispute is considered to be official and the result cannot be appealed or reversed. The Tournament Director (or designee) will be on site and available via mobile telephone
- 28.** Award Presentations will take place on the field immediately following the Championship Game. Please remain at the field following your Championship game, even if your team is the runner-up.