



## **Greater Midwest Baseball 2012 Baseball Rules**



### **Team Registration**

- All Teams must be GMB sanctioned to be eligible to participate in our 2012 Greater Midwest Baseball Tournaments
- All Teams **must** submit their team roster online at [www.greatermidwestbaseball.com](http://www.greatermidwestbaseball.com) and submit a printed copy with parent signatures at tournament checkin
- All GMB Tournaments will follow the Major League Baseball Rulebook (except as noted)

### **Check-in**

- Please check-in 30 minutes prior to your first game  
(Checkin Information Is Located At The End Of This Document)
- A GMB Representative will be at each ball park to facilitate team checkin
- Tournament Brackets will be posted at all weekend tournament locations
  - Official brackets and game times are posted on our website
- Greater Midwest Baseball must have a copy of the following items before play starts.
  - 1) Paper copy of your GMB Tournament Roster with Parent Signatures
  - 2) Rosters / Waivers can be electronically loaded at [www.greatermidwestbaseball.com](http://www.greatermidwestbaseball.com)
  - 3) Secondary Team Insurance Certificate
  - 4) Birth Certificates for each player if challenged by opposing team
- No gate fees or additional charges are collected by GMB
- Some facilities may charge gate/parking fees – GMB does not charge gate fees
- Any Tournament Fees That Are Paid On The 1<sup>st</sup> Day Tournament Will Be Assessed a \$25.00 Late Charge Fee and Promotional Discounts Do Not Apply

### **Tournament Withdrawal Policy**

- Greater Midwest Baseball will provide a full refund minus a \$100 withdrawal fee for any team withdrawing from tournaments up to 14 days prior to the scheduled start of the event

### **Rainout Policy**

- 0 games played= full refund minus \$50 of tournament fees
- 1 game played= 50% refund
- 2 games played = full tournament. No additional refunds.

All Refunds (Withdrawal and Rainout) Take 3 to 4 Weeks To Process

### **Weather Information**

The Greater Midwest Baseball rainout number is 314-872-7009  
Hotline will be updated as conditions require and no earlier 1 and ½ hour prior to the first daily game time for each tournament day



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### Game Procedures

- The following GMB Rules apply, all other rules follow Major League Baseball
- In pool play, a coin flip will determine the home team. The coin flip will be conducted by the umpiring crew at ground rules. During the bracket play in all games, the higher seeded team will be the home team
  - Time limits will be 1:40 for all ages 10U and above, 1:30 for 9U and below
  - Inclement weather could force Greater Midwest Baseball to modify these established tournament game times.
- Three baseball per game provided – each team should provide one slightly used ball at ground rules. All teams should chase foul balls or provide replacement baseballs
- Both teams should keep score books and should report the game score to the home plate umpire between innings. Umpire will maintain official game card for tournament games.
- Home team will maintain official game start time and confirm with Home Plate Umpire

### Coaches Have The Following Lineup Batting Options

- 1) Bat the Roster and be allowed free defensive substitutions
- 2) Play 9 Bat 9 or Play 9 Bat 10 with Free Defensive Rotations with these 9/10 Players
- 3) Play 9 with DH for any Defensive Player Position

Starters in Options 2 and may re-enter one time in their **ORIGINAL batting position**. **Substitutes removed** from a game are ineligible to return. As a courtesy, teams shall report all substitutions to the home plate umpire who will inform scorekeepers.

- Courtesy Runner at anytime for Pitcher and Catcher. Must be sub if batting 9 or 10 or last batted out if batting roster
- Pitching limits are at the Head Coach's discretion. Greater Midwest Baseball considers the health and safety of our youth players to be its highest priority, and asks coaches and parents to be mindful of the number of pitches and pitch counts



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### **Game Procedures – Pool and Championship Play**

- Pool games will end in ties after allotted time has expired.
  - Championship round games cannot end in a tie.
- If games elimination games are tied after time expires, GMB Tie-Breaker Rules Are Played
  - Each team will start with the previous innings last batted on 2<sup>nd</sup> base with one out
- The following Pool Play Tie Breakers will be used for seeding in the championship rounds
  - 1) Head to Head Play
  - 2) Total Runs Allowed
  - 3) Total Runs Scored
  - 4) Coin Flip

### **9U Pitch Rules**

Dropped 3rd Strike Rule Does Not Apply  
No Stealing Home On Past Ball

### **8U Machine Rules**

- Maximum of 5 runs scored per inning
- 5 Pitches max to each batter unless umpire deems pitch as not hittable – 3 strikes and out
  - No stealing and no lead offs until ball is hit by batter into play
- Runners can advance on live ball until one infielder has control of baseball inside of dirt infield area within the playing field
  - Pitchers must start to side of machine and prior to pitch – 9 Fielders
- Batted balls that hit machine are ruled as a dead ball with each runner, including batter, advancing one base
- No Dropped 3rd Strike / No Infield Fly Rule / No Bunting Allowed / No Bat Restrictions
  - Bases 60 ft – Mound 40 ft / 6 Inning Game / 1 Hour 30 Minute Time Limit
    - GMB - Pro Nine Logo Baseball or Equivalent To be Used

### **8U Kid Pitch Rules**

- Maximum of 5 runs scored per inning
  - Lead offs until ball crosses plate or is hit by batter into play
  - No stealing home – Stealing To 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> After Ball Crosses Plate
- Runners can advance on live ball until one infielder has control of baseball inside of dirt infield area within the playing field
  - No Dropped 3rd Strike / No Infield Fly Rule / No Bat Restrictions
- Bases 60 ft – Mound 40 ft / 6 Inning Game / 1 Hour 30 Minute Time Limit
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### **Balks and Intentional Walks**

In 9U, one warning per pitcher will be given before a balk is called.

In 10U-18U all balks will be called. All balks will be called according to Major League Rules.

Intentional walks require that four pitches be thrown. You cannot simply put the hitter on base. Coaches, please make your players aware of the catcher's balk (While giving an intentional base on balls, the pitcher pitches when the catcher is not in the catchers' box.).

### **Mercy Game Run Rules**

- 20 After 1 Inning
- 15 After 2 Innings
- 12 After 3 Innings
- 10 After 4 Innings
- 8 After 5 Innings

### **Complete Game Rain Rules, All Games Complete After**

- 6 Inning Games – 2 ½ Innings If Home Team In Lead
- 7 Inning Games – 3 ½ Innings If Home Team In Lead
  
- No new inning may start after the time limit has elapsed. A new inning automatically begins after the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is recorded in the bottom half of the previous inning.
- The official game time starts at the conclusion of ground rules and will be announced by the umpire. Championship games have no time limit unless presented at ground rules.
  - Run rules are still in effect.

### **CLEATS**

- Metal cleats are allowed in the 13U-15U divisions - No metal cleats on portable mounds.

### **LINE-UP CARDS**

- Each team should prepare a written line-up, listing first and last names and numbers of all players/subs prior to each game. Line-ups must be given to the plate umpire at ground rules. Line-up cards will be provided to each team at check-in.

### **Slide Rules**

- GMB does not enforce a Mandatory Slide Rule at any base. If a player does not slide to avoid contact and if it is determined by an umpire that the play is ruled malicious with the intent to hurt, the player will be ruled out and ejected for the game in progress and next game played in the tournament and/or future GMB events.



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### **2012 Bat Restrictions**

- All 2011 Bats Will Be Grand Fathered Through The 2012 GMB Spring / Summer Tournament Season With The Following Exceptions
  - 14U Must Use -5 Drop Ratio For All Bats
  - 15U and Above Must Use BBCOR or Wood Bats with -3 Drop Ratio
- Beginning With The GMB Spring 2013 Season and After 1/1/2013 Bat Restrictions Are:
  - 14U & Under must be stamped 1.15 BPF, BBCOR or WOOD
  - 15U & Up is BBCOR or WOOD with -3 Drop Ratio

### **Game Protest**

- Protests shall follow major league procedures on the field. (i.e.: stop play before the next pitch, no protest of a judgment call or game outcome, and only an incorrect rule interpretation can be protested that impacts the natural course of the game.
- Umpire must sign both scorebooks and site the game situation. The manager then has 30 minutes to present his protest, citing the specific baseball or GMB rule to justify his protest to the Tournament Director along with submission of a \$100 forfeit fee. If the manager does not file his protest within the 30 Minute time frame, the protest will be considered as dropped and no action will be taken by GMB.
  - If the protest is won, the Protest Fee is returned.
  - If the protest is lost, the fee will be forfeited.

### **2012 Age Chart - PROOF OF AGE**

- It is the Managers responsibility to have his players birth certificates or accepted proof of age in the case of any question regarding the age of his players.
  - Failure to produce birth certificates will result in a forfeit.

Age	Birth Date	Field	Game Time	Innings	Max Runs Per Inning
18U	Born On or After January 1st, 1993	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minues	7 Innings	Unlimited
17U	Born On or After May 1st, 1994	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minues	7 Innings	Unlimited
16U	Born On or After May 1st, 1995	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minues	7 Innings	Unlimited
15U	Born On or After May 1st, 1996	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minues	7 Innings	Unlimited
14U	Born On or After May 1st, 1997	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minues	7 Innings	Unlimited
13U	Born On or After May 1st, 1998	54' x 80'	1 Hour 40 Minues	7 Innings	Unlimited
12U	Born On or After May 1st, 1999	50' x 70'	1 Hour 40 Minues	6 Innings	Unlimited
11U	Born On or After May 1st, 2000	50' x 70'	1 Hour 40 Minues	6 Innings	Unlimited
10U	Born On or After May 1st, 2001	46' x 65'	1 Hour 40 Minues	6 Innings	Unlimited
9U	Born On or After May 1st, 2002	46' x 65'	1 Hour 30 Minues	6 Innings	Unlimited
8U	Born On or After May 1st, 2003	40' x 60'	1 Hour 30 Minues	6 Innings	5 Runs Per Inning
8U Machine	Born On or After May 1st, 2003	40' x 60'	1 Hour 15 Minues	6 Innings	5 Runs Per Inning
7U Machine	Born On or After May 1st, 2004	40' x 60'	1 Hour 15 Minues	6 Innings	5 Runs Per Inning



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### Rules of Conduct

- Greater Midwest Baseball strives to provide a great baseball and family atmosphere for its tournament participants and guests. No unsportsmanlike conduct by participants or fans will be tolerated, and penalty for such behavior will be removal from the grounds for the remainder of the tournament.
- Coaches are responsible for themselves, their players, and families at all times. Any suspension/ejection imposed by umpires or GMB officials will be served during the game in progress and the next tournament game and/or tournament weekend.  
Applies for Coaches, Players and Parents.

### Park Rules

- Please remove all items, including trash, from your dugout promptly at the completion of your game. Tournament schedules are always tight, so we ask that you clear the dugout first before talking with your team after the game.
- Food and beverages cannot to be brought into any ballparks. Water coolers may be brought for your team's consumption during your game, but we ask that all other items be left at home. Coolers must be placed in team dugout.
- Failure to comply with park Food and Beverage rules may lead to games being forfeited.
- No pets of any kind are allowed in any ballpark leased by GMB regardless of park rules. Please help us insure the safety of our participants and the cleanliness of our facility by leaving your pets at home.

### Directions

- \* All field and park directions can be found at the following link  
[http://www.greatermidwestbaseball.com/field\\_finder.php](http://www.greatermidwestbaseball.com/field_finder.php)





# Greater Midwest Baseball 2012 Tournament Checkin Information



Please complete and provide the following Tournament Team Information at Check-in Along with this completed information, you will need the following.

- 1) Completed GMB Roster / Waiver Liability Form
- 2) Copies of Birth Certificates – will only be check if challenged by opposing team
- 3) GMB Roster / Registration #

**Team Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **GMB Registration #** \_\_\_\_\_

2012 Team Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Class: Circle One: A/AA or AAA/Major

### WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any GMB Tournaments, the undersigned:

- A. Agrees that prior to participating, he/she will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if he/she believes anything to be unsafe, he/she will immediately advise umpire of such conditions
- B. Acknowledge and fully understand that the team will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inaction, or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used.
- C. Assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
- D. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Greater Midwest Baseball, its affiliated clubs, respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, and other employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners, and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as “releases from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the lesser or otherwise”.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP  
SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGNIT VOLUNTARILY.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Cell \_\_\_\_\_