



Greater Midwest Baseball *2010 Fall Season Tournament Package*

Coaches,

Thank you for choosing Greater Midwest Baseball. The following tournament package should answer most of your questions regarding our upcoming event. As always, feel free to contact me if there are any additional questions we can answer.

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Greater Midwest Baseball
www.greatermidwestbaseball.com

Check-in

- Please check-in 45 minutes prior to your first game. A GMB Representative will be at each ball park. Brackets will also be posted at this location.
- Official brackets and game times are posted on our website at www.greatermidwestbaseball.com.
 - **Please check the website often during the weekend to confirm game times and results.**
- Greater Midwest Baseball must have a copy of the following items before play starts.
- Paper copy of your Greater Midwest Baseball roster with all parent signatures
 - Rosters / Waivers can be found at www.greatermidwestbaseball.com
- Team Insurance Certificate
- Birth Certificates for each player if challenged by opposing team
- No gate fees or additional charges can be expected at most events. Some facilities do charge gate fees at their discretion.

Tournament Withdrawal Policy

- Greater Midwest Baseball will provide a full refund minus a \$100 withdrawal fee for any team withdrawing from tournaments up to fourteen days prior to the scheduled start of the event.
- All refunds will be made minus a \$100 processing and handling fee

Rainout Policy

- The following rainout policy applies to all Greater Midwest Baseball events.
 - 0 games played= full refund minus \$50 of tournament fees
 - 1 game played= 50% refund
 - 2 games played = full tournament
- All refunds will be made minus a \$50 processing and handling fee

Weather Information

- The Greater Midwest Baseball rainout number is 314-276-9777.
- This number will be updated as conditions require and 1 and ½ hour prior to the first daily game time.

Game Procedures

- The following Greater Midwest Baseball Rules apply, all other rules follow Missouri State High School Rules
 1. 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.
 2. Time limits will be 1:40 for all ages 10U and above. Inclement weather could force Greater Midwest Baseball to modify these established game times. Two baseball per game provide – each team should provide one slightly used ball at ground rules
 3. Both teams should provide scorekeepers and will report the game score to the home plate umpire between innings. Umpire will maintain official game card for tournament postings. Home team will maintain official game start time.
 4. Coaches will have the option to Bat the Roster and be allowed free substitutions or Play 9 Bat 9 or Play 9 Bat 10 with Free Defensive Substitution with these 10 Players. Re-entry rule applies to starters only.
 5. Courtesy Runner at anytime for Pitcher and Catcher. Must be sub if batting 9 or 10 or last batted out if batting roster.
 6. Pitching limits are at the Head Coaches discretion. Greater Midwest Baseball considers the health and safety of players to be its highest priority, and asks coaches and parents to be mindful of the number of pitches thrown.
 7. Pool games will end in ties after allotted time has expired. Championship round games cannot end in a tie.
 8. The following tie breakers will be used for seeding in the championship round, should a tie occur:
 - a. Head to Head competition
 - b. Total Runs Allowed
 - c. Total Runs Scored
 - d. Coin Flip
 9. Games times: 1 hour 40 minutes – all games
 - a. 9U and below games are played at 1 hour 30 minutes

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
- Pitchers must start to side of machine and prior to pitch
- 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
- Diamond Model DSS-Y1 or equivalent to be used

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 2 ½ Innings If Home Team In Lead

2011 Age Group Summary Chart

Age	Age	Distances	Game Time	Innings	Max Runs Per Inning
14U	Born on or after 5/1/96	60'.6" x 90	1hour - 40 minutes	7	Unlimited
13U	Born on or after 5/1/97	54' x 80'	1hour - 40 minutes	7	Unlimited
12U	Born on or after 5/1/98	50' x 70'	1hour - 40 minutes	6	Unlimited
11U	Born on or after 5/1/99	50' x 70'	1hour - 40 minutes	6	Unlimited
10U	Born on or after 5/1/00	46' x 65'	1hour - 40 minutes	6	Unlimited
9U	Born on or after 5/1/01	46' x 65'	1hour - 30 minutes	6	Unlimited
8U	Born on or after 5/1/02	42' x 60	1hour - 30 minutes	6	7

Special Rules

- * Courtesy Runner for Pitcher and Catcher Anytime - all ages
- * 8U - no dropped 3rd Strike
- * 8U - no advance home on pass ball - no stealing home,

Rules of Conduct

- Greater Midwest Baseball strives to provide a great baseball and family atmosphere for its 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 their families at all times. Any suspension imposed by umpires or Greater Midwest Baseball officials will be served during the next tournament game.

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. Violation of the ballpark's liquor license by consumption or possession of alcohol not sold to patrons at the concession stand will be cause for permanent removal from the ballpark.
- No pets of any kind are allowed in the ballpark. 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

Greater Midwest Baseball Tournament Check-in 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 competing / opposing team
- 3) GMB Roster / Registration # - not needed during Fall Season Play
- 4) Team T-Shirt Order Form If Applicable For Participating Tournament

Team Name _____ **GMB Registration #** _____

Age: 7U/8U 9U 10U 11U 12U 13U 14U 15U 16U – 18U

Team Class - Circle One: National / AAA American / AA – A

Will You Participate In Our GMB State Tournament, July 1st – 4th, 2011 Yes ___ No ___
8U – 18U, O’fallon Illinois Athletic Complex

Will You Participate In Our GMB World Series, July 7th – 10th, 2011 Yes ___ No ___
8U – 18U Ozzie Smith’s Sports Complex

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any BC Baseball League tournament, 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 coach or supervisor of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.

B. Acknowledge and fully understand that the participant 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. Further that there may be other risks not known to or is not reasonably foreseen at this time.

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 BC Baseball League, 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 “releasees 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 releasee 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 _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Phone _____

Contact Cell _____

Hotel _____

of Rooms _____