



Coaches,

On behalf of the entire Tribe Baseball Booster Club, the Tournament Committee would like to say thank you for entering your team in our 2019 Tribe Spring Shootout. We know you have a choice of tournaments and we greatly appreciate you choosing our event. We will do our very best to ensure our tournament runs smoothly and is an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. We are looking forward to seeing you on April 6th and 7th.

The tournament is filling up nicely. To see who is coming in each age group, simple click [here](#).

Format:

- Each team will play 2 pools games on Saturday and all teams will move on to bracket play on Sunday. This allows us to maintain the 3 game guarantee and gives all teams the opportunity to compete for a championship in their respective divisions.
- The Tournament Director has the option of changing the format based on the number of teams in a given age group, however, we will maintain the 3 GG.

Complimentary Team Photo:

- Each team will receive a complimentary team photo
- The photos will be taken on Saturday, ideally when your team arrives at park
- If not, our photographer will find you team prior to one of your games to take the photo

Cooler Policy for each Complex:

- Each team is allowed one (1) team cooler in the dugout
- No other coolers are allowed into either complex, please make sure your parents adhere to this policy...thanks!

Tournament Rules

- USSSA rules of play will be followed. Wes McAmis will be managing the umpire crew and will also serve as USSSA Rules Chairman for the tournament.
- All games (including 13U) will be six inning games
- Pool/Preliminary Games – can end in a tie after 6 completed innings and/or time limit
- Bracket Play Games:
 - Bracket seeding:
 - All teams will advance to bracket play. Seeding for bracket play will be determined in the following order:
 - Record
 - Head to Head results
 - Runs allowed
 - Run differential (max of 8 runs per game)
 - Coin flip
 - In bracket play the higher seeded team is the home team.
 - California Tiebreaker: In the event of a tie game at the end of regulation, the visiting team places their last batted out at 2nd base and play precedes until 3 outs are made. The home team comes to bat with the same scenario. If tied at the end of this inning, this is repeated each subsequent inning.
- Time limits
 - 13U – 1 hour, 30 minutes
 - 12U – 1 hour, 15 minutes
 - 11U – 1 hour, 15 minutes
 - 10U – 1 hour, 15 minutes
 - 9U – 1 hour, 15 minutes
- Run Rule for 6 inning games
 - 15 after 3
 - 8 after 4

Teams should be ready to play 15 minutes prior to game time. In the event we are running ahead of schedule, we will try to start early.

Teams must shag balls on their side of the field. If teams do not cooperate, the umpire has the authority to halt play without stopping the clock.

All substitutions should be reported to the plate umpire then the scorekeeper.

Coaches are responsible for obtaining opposing team's lineup prior to the game. If not given, then notify the umpire at the pregame meeting.

Foul and Abusive language is not tolerated by fans, coaches, or players. It is the coach's responsibility to handle their fans. The Tournament Director, USSSA Rules Chairman, and Tribe Executive Director have the right to remove any or all fans from the park, and forfeit the team involved. Coaches ejected are also ejected from the following game unless allowed by the tournament director.

In the Event of Rain:

- The tournament director may alter time limits, reduce the number of teams advancing, or make any other decision that would help complete the tournament
- Rain out numbers will be sent on coach's confirmation letters and are for head coaches only
- Any rain delays will be posted on the Tribe Web site
- Rain refund: 1 game played- 50% returned, 2 games played-no refund

Coaches Passes:

- Two (2) per team are given. Each coach must sign for pass at check-in. The pass must be presented at entry or a gate fee is charged.

Scorekeeper:

- The home team is the official book for the game. The scorekeeper must be identified prior to the game for the home plate umpire and visiting coach's convenience.

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Protest:

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Pitching:

- USSSA baseball pitching rules are used for all tournaments

Scorecards:

- Are to be signed at the end of each game. Failure to sign will result in a loss to protest score or innings pitched (for baseball)

In the event a card is signed that is incorrect, both coaches must verify the mistake and it is still left to the tournament director if a change in the posting will be made

Directions:

- All 9U/10U Games will be played at Cy Sports Outdoor Complex
- All 11U/12U/13U Games will be played at Summers at the River
 - Take Campbell Street (US Hwy 160) south from Springfield towards Nixa MO
 - Once you cross the James River bridge, turn right (west) on to State Hwy AA
 - The picture below provides a view of how to get to both complexes



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