

4th Annual 2008 Up To Bat West Spring Classic Baseball Tournament

Hosted by Up To Bat West Indoor Baseball Facility

Tournament Rules

- All games will be played on Brookpark City Fields.
- The tournament director or his / her appointed representative (ie. umpires) shall be the sole judge as to the playing condition of the field and is responsible to make a decision for a called game and termination of play.
- Age requirement prior to May 1st.
9 & under 10 & under 11 & under
12 & under 13 & under 14 & under
- **AN OFFICIAL ROSTER MUST BE FILLED OUT AND TURNED IN BY APRIL 25th**. PLEASE NOTE the official UTB West Spring Classic roster form must be obtained by downloading it from our website www.uptobatwest.com.
- TEAMS MUST BE WARMED UP AND READY TO PLAY AT ASSIGNED GAME TIME. THERE WILL BE **NO** INFIELD PRIOR TO YOUR GAME. HAVE YOUR PITCHERS READY TO GO.

- **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

8 TEAMS

2 divisions of four teams. Top two teams in each division after 3 games will play for the championship. 2nd place teams in each division after 3 games will play a consolation game. 3rd place teams in each division after 3 games will play a consolation game. 4th place teams in each division after 3 games will play a consolation game.

Tie breakers:

Head to Head

Runs allowed

Coin flip

Championship game will use a “shoot out” format. Runner on 2nd and batters will start with a 2-1 count.

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- A coin flip will determine the “Home” team before each game.
Home team will be official scorekeeper.
Official scorekeeper will turn in game results to the tournament official posted at each complex’s concession stand.
- No protests or forfeits are allowed.
- The infield fly rule shall be in effect for all divisions.
- **Speed-Up-Rule.** Teams may use a courtesy runner for the catcher of the previous inning. The runner must be someone not presently in the game and **MUST** be done with 2 outs.
 - **Pitchers will be given 6 warm up pitches to begin the game all other innings they will get 3 pitches then batter up**

- **Pitching Rules:**

THERE WILL BE NO PITCHING RULES FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.
IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACHING STAFF TO MONITOR THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THEIR TEAM.
IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT EACH PITCHER ONLY PITCH 7 INNINGS FOR THE TOURNAMENT.

INTENTIONAL WALKS will be granted with out any pitches being thrown.

- **EXTRA INNINGS** will be played in a shoot out fashion as long as the game is under the time limit. Teams will start the inning with a runner on second base and the batter will start with a 2-1 count. After 2 full extra innings if the game is still tied the winner will be determined by a coin flip.

- **Batting Rules**

ADDITIONAL HITTERS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR AGES 9U-14U.

In all age divisions, an Additional Hitter (AH) will be allowed. This will give a team a ten (10) player line-up that must be declared before the start of the game and used the remainder of the game. The player in the AH position, while not actually playing a defensive position, will be treated as such for substitution purposes. The re-entry rule applies for the AH except in 13U & 14U.

EXAMPLE : Bob is the AH and batting 2nd. Charles is the catcher and batting 3rd. Bob can become the catcher and Charles the AH. Both players would remain in their original batting position in the batting order.

All players can move freely in defensive positions – the AH is considered a defensive position

NO Continuous batting order.

9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U Starters may reenter for substitute only and must stay in the same spot in the original batting order.

No Bat restrictions.

- Metal Cleats are allowed only in the 13U and 14U.

Tie Breakers:

1. Head to Head
2. Least amount of runs surrendered
3. Coin Toss

- There will be no bat restrictions
- General Rules

9U will play 6 innings. Official game after 4 ½ innings. Stealing YES, leadoffs NO. Base distance 65 feet, pitching distance 46 feet.

10U will play 6 innings. Official game after 4 ½ innings. Stealing YES, leadoffs YES. Base distance 65 feet, pitching distance 46 feet.

11U & 12U will play 7 innings. Official game after 4 ½ innings. Stealing YES, leadoffs YES. Base distance 70 feet, pitching distance 50 feet.

13U & 14U will play 7 innings. Official game after 4 ½ innings. Stealing YES, leadoffs YES. Base distance 80 feet, pitching distance 54 feet.

- **MERCY RULES:**

9U, 10U: 8 RUNS AFTER 4 INNINGS AND 15 RUNS AFTER 3 INNINGS

11U, 12U: 8 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS AND 15 RUNS AFTER 3 INNINGS

13U, 14 U: 10 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS AND 15 RUNS AFTER 3 INNINGS

- Profanity or misconduct by a player, coach or manager will not be tolerated and may result in his or her ejection from the game and **dismissal from the tournament.**
- Rain out policies: In the event of bad weather, the tournament director and Up To Bat West reserve the right to push back starting times for games or to modify and or complete the tournament the following weekend or any other date we deem appropriate without a refund. The following refunds will be in effect in case of cancellation of games:

9u-11u Refund policy

0 games played	\$285.00 refunded
1 game played	\$185.00 refunded
2 games played	\$0.00 refunded

12u-14u Refund policy

0 games played	\$325.00 refunded
1 game played	\$225.00 refunded
2 games played	\$0.00 refunded

- All games are on a 1 hour & 50 minute time limit; no inning can start after 1 hour and 40 min. No inning will start after time limit, unless inning is needed to make game official. Time limit will start when the home team takes the field.
- **Each team will provide 2 NEW game balls per game**
- **Up To Bat West and the Tournament Director have the authority to change any rule or change the schedule due to inclement weather.**