



**June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**  
**Plato Center, Plato Park, & Burlington Fields**  
**Elgin, IL**



**CENTRAL DISTRICT BASEBALL LEAGUE**  
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## QUALIFYING TEAMS

The Midsummer Classic Tournament (MSC) was developed as a setting for in-house or league "All Star" teams to compete against each other in a fun and relaxed weekend at CDBL's three field complexes, where league "All Star" teams are formed from the pool of players from their in-house league. In order to maintain the competitive nature of the Tournament, fulltime travel teams are not invited. We work very hard to insure that the teams that enter the Tournament meet the criteria of an in-house or league "All Star" team and that the playing field is level for all of our participants.

To qualify, all rostered players must have played in their league's in-house program during the 2016 regular season. Teams and/ or players who participated in a fulltime travel program prior to the CDBL Midsummer Classic are ineligible for the tournament.

## PLAYER AGES

Due to changes in the age qualifications for players in many leagues, including CDBL, the following birthday ranges for the various levels govern the Tournament. If you have an issue that concerns you, please contact the CDBL Tournament Director at [midsummerclassic@cdbaseball.org](mailto:midsummerclassic@cdbaseball.org)

Pony (15U):	May 1, 2000 and younger
Bronco (12U):	May 1, 2003 and younger
Mustang (10U):	May 1, 2005 and younger
Pinto (8U):	May 1, 2007 and younger

## ROSTER & INSURANCE

Prior to the first game, we require a copy of your insurance certificate and official team roster. Though you will not be required to produce a birth certificate for any player except in the case of a filed protest we will require the birth date listed for each player on the team roster.

. Please send it to one of the following locations:

***Mail:*** Director of MSC  
CDBL  
PO Box 5551  
Elgin IL 60121-5551

***Email:*** [midsummerclassic@cdbaseball.org](mailto:midsummerclassic@cdbaseball.org)

Your team will not be able to play in any of your scheduled games without first having submitted the insurance certificate and team roster.

## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT OF PLAY**

This will be a “pool play” tournament in order to qualify for the single elimination Championship brackets.

There will be a Championship and Third Place game on Sunday afternoon for all levels of play.

Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of three “pool play” games.

Advancement to the Championship brackets will be determined by the following criteria in the following order:

1. Pool Play Win/Loss record
2. Head-to-head play results
3. Total runs allowed in pool play
4. Run differential (runs scored – runs allowed = run differential, max 8 per game)
5. Total runs scored in pool play
6. Coin Flip

Patched umpires will be used for each Pony (15U), Bronco (12U), and Mustang game (10U). For the Pinto division, CDBL will supply an umpire from the roster of CDBL umpires used during the regular season. All of these umpires were required to attend training prior to the beginning of the regular league games and have been umpires for at least two seasons.

Individual trophies will be awarded for the Tournament Championship game teams. Medals will be awarded for the third and fourth place teams.

## **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES AND RULES**

- Smoking is NOT allowed in the dugouts or on the playing fields.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not allowed at any of the field complexes.
- Any Manager, Coach, Player or Parent may be ejected from the game for using foul or abusive language or gestures to any other Manager, Coach, Player or Umpire. If ejected from a game, they will be required to leave the field complex immediately and will not be allowed to participate in or attend the next game.
- Failure to cooperate with these conduct rules can result in the forfeiture of the current game and Tournament elimination. Team Managers are responsible for the behavior of their Coaches, Players and Fans.
- The Umpire(s) are in control of the games once the teams occupy their respective dugouts.
- Because food is being served at the field complexes and the potential for sanitary problems, please do not bring pets to the games. As weather at this time can be hot, we strongly recommend that pets not be left in parked cars.
- All tournament field complexes have AED (Automated External Defibrillator) equipment. In addition, most of the CDBL Board Members have been certified in the use of the equipment. If a problem should occur requiring the use of the AED equipment, locate a Board Member immediately, identified by the royal blue golf shirts bearing the CDBL logo.
- Please be sure that your parents understand and follow the parking instructions, particularly at the Burlington and Plato Center field complexes. As these complexes are located in residential areas, we work hard to be “good neighbors” and honor the resident’s wishes related to respecting their private property.
- The dugouts at each of the field complexes may have tarps over them in the event that the weather is hot and sunny. However, it is a good idea to make sure that you bring plenty of water. The concession

stands carry a wide range of soft drinks, sports drinks and bottled water, as well as hot food and snacks.

- We request that each team pick up their area after their warm-up sessions and games to help us keep the complexes clean for all of the participants.
- There are two batting cages at the Plato Center field complex, one at the Burlington Field Complex and one at the Plato Park Field Complex. Please be considerate of the other Tournament teams in your use of the batting cages. In addition, there are “warm-up” fields available at the Plato Park Field Complex.
- The game time limits on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be strictly enforced, even for the last games of the day on Saturday. Please keep this in mind as a part of the game management strategy.

Thank you for being part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CDBL Mid-Summer Classic. The entire CDBL organization and “family” thank you for your participation and hope that you enjoy a competitive and fun weekend of baseball.

### **FIELD MAPS**

Maps to the Plato Center, Plato Park and Burlington Field complexes are available separately and as a download from the CDBL website at [www.cdbaseball.org](http://www.cdbaseball.org) under “Field Info”. A map detailing the quickest route between the field complexes will be provided at the coaches meeting.

Additional printed copies of the field complex maps will be available at the Coaches meeting.