



## **EDINA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

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# Tournament Coaches Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Where can I find information on outside EBA tournaments for 2010?**

Tournament information, including teams and schedules, can be found on the EBA website at [www.edinabaseball.com](http://www.edinabaseball.com) or by contacting Sean Faeth, EBA outside tournament coordinator, at [sean.t.faeth@gmail.com](mailto:sean.t.faeth@gmail.com).

### **How many tournaments will each team play during the 2010 season?**

Most EBA tournament teams will play a minimum of three tournaments during the 2010 season. Generally speaking, one tournament will be scheduled in May and two or more tournaments will be scheduled in June. White Division tournament teams will generally play a minimum of two tournaments depending on coach and player interest and availability. Please consult the EBA website for additional details.

Some teams may choose to play additional tournaments depending on team interest and tournament availability. The costs associated with registration in extra tournaments need to be funded by parents of participating players.

It is also important to note that certain tournaments are qualifiers for state tournaments (e.g. MBT or GSTC qualifier). In those cases, an EBA team placing first or second in a tournament may automatically qualify for state tournament play in July.

### **What are the tournament team coaches' responsibilities?**

In addition to preparing and coaching their EBA tournament team, coaches have the following responsibilities:

- Tournament preparation - Confirm accuracy of tournament registrations and understand key information including tournament rules, field locations, and tournament schedule.
- Tournament check-in – Arrive early on the first day of the tournament to check-in the team, which includes presenting age verification documents, such as a copy of state or county-issued birth certificates, and submitting gate fee checks, if any.
- Rosters - Complete pre-tournament rosters with player names, ages, and related information.
- Age verification - Obtain age verification documentation for each player including copies of county or state issued birth certificates or other naturalization forms – please see tournament websites for more information on acceptable documentation.
- Parent communication - Notify parents of tournament dates, locations and game times.
- Roster additions - Confirm player participation and add additional players as necessary if certain team members cannot participate in a particular tournament or game.



## Where can information be found pertaining to specific tournaments?

EBA coaches will be provided a complete listing of tournaments for their teams. The listing will also include links to tournament websites, which commonly have information such as tournament rules, brackets, field locations, and roster forms. In addition, the EBA outside tournament director will generally receive information from outside tournament directors that will then be forwarded directly to team coaches and league commissioners.

## How far in advance is tournament information available?

It is common that key tournament information, such as brackets or game schedules, will not be available until ten days or even one week before a tournament. This information is occasionally available two to three weeks in advance, but it is more often the case that final tournament details are not made available until the week prior to the tournament.

## How are teams registered with respect to team name and coaches?

Since tournament registrations are completed before tournament teams are formed, most teams have been registered with a naming convention that includes a team number, such as "Edina 11AA Team 4". Some teams may also subsequently be assigned a team color.

Coaching information is also unknown at time of registration, so most teams have been registered with Sean Faeth, EBA director of outside tournaments, as the named coach. The EBA website is eventually updated with the names of the actual team coaches, and outside tournament directors are also informed in late-April or early-May once all coaches are known.

The Majors Green Division tournament teams for 11 and 12 year-olds have been designated a color, such as "Green" or "Black." It is important for coaches to know the tournament registration name for their upcoming tournaments, particularly in cases where tournaments have been shifted from one EBA team to another to accommodate scheduling issues.

Please refer to the example below for a situation in which the team registration name does not always correspond to the same team color. The outside tournament will likely only recognize the EBA team number and not necessarily the team color.

Tourney Team Registration	Team Color	Age	Level	Coach Name	Dates	Tournament Name
12 - Team 2	Black	12	AA	Nick Hunzelman	5/21 - 5/23	St. Louis Park Slugfest
12 - Team 5	Black	12	AA	Nick Hunzelman	6/18 - 6/20	Apple Valley Invitational
12 - Team 5	Black	12	AA	Nick Hunzelman	6/5 - 6/6	Rosemount Irish Classic

## How are tournament gate fees handled?

Some tournaments have gate fees that are payable to tournament site host associations. Gate fees are common with MYAS or Gopher State tournaments and generally range between \$75 and \$100. Check requests for gate fees are completed by EBA league commissioners or the outside tournament director, and gate fee checks will be mailed or otherwise delivered to team coaches in advance of the tournaments.



### **Who is responsible for submitting team rosters to tournament directors?**

Tournament team coaches are responsible for finalizing and submitting team rosters to tournament directors. Oftentimes, the rosters are required to be input online at the tournament website or emailed in advance of the tournament. Other tournaments require that paper-based rosters be submitted at check-in.

Please consult with tournament rules and requirements at the tournament websites. In addition, the EBA director of outside tournaments will make every attempt to inform coaches of the roster requirements in advance.

### **What approach should be taken if a tournament team is short players?**

If an EBA tournament team is short players for a particular tournament due to scheduling conflicts or illness, additional players can generally be added. Please see respective tournament rules for information on adding players to tournament team rosters.

It is important to note that coaches are strongly encouraged to keep all regular team players on the tournament roster, including those who will miss the tournament. The recommendation is to simply add the additional players who have been picked-up to fill-out the respective tournament's roster. If regular team players are dropped from a particular tournament team roster, those players will not be allowed to participate in a state tournament to the extent the EBA team qualifies.

### **What are common tournament rules for various age levels?**

It is important that tournament team coaches review and understand the rules for every tournament in which their team will participate. General tournament rules for MBT qualifying tournaments are available at [www.mbt.bz/ASP/Pages/frm\\_MBT\\_Qualifier\\_Rules.asp](http://www.mbt.bz/ASP/Pages/frm_MBT_Qualifier_Rules.asp). The MBT rules should only be used as a general guideline, and actual tournament rules may vary from MBT rules.

Key areas for coaches to consider when reviewing tournament playing rules include the following:

- Bat size restrictions – varies by age
- Baseball field dimensions – base paths and pitching mound to home plate
- Stealing and sliding rules – varies by age
- Pitching restrictions – innings or pitch counts
- Balk rules
- Player substitutions and reentry rules
- Continuous batting rules
- Other – playing time, maximum runs per inning, tie-breaker rules

### **Where can I find more information on EBA tournaments?**

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