

# MT. AIRY 11U Bulldog Bash Tournament Rules

## THE GAME

- Cal Ripken rules will govern all tournament play unless otherwise modified
- The home team will be decided by a coin flip before each game
- Official game balls will be provided for all games. 2 Central Maryland Umpires will be utilized per game.
- No inning will begin after 2 hours. Please have your teams ready to begin on time. There will be no time limit for the championship game. Final score as of last complete inning.
- Ties are recorded as such in pool play (preliminary games), based on six innings or a complete game.
- Games will be 6 innings in length. **A 12 run mercy rule will be in effect after 3 and ½ innings if visitor is behind, or 4 innings if home team is behind and a 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings.**
- There will be no protests of games. MAYAA will not tolerate poor sportsmanship from coaches, players, or fans. A representative of MAYAA baseball will be available for rule interpretations.
- It will be the responsibility of the teams' scorekeepers to keep the official score. At the end of each inning, they should corroborate the score. Teams need to fill out the game report and turn it in to the tournament director.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Bases</u>	<u>Mound</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Metal</u> <u>Cleats</u>	<u>Bat</u> <u>Restrictions</u>
11u	70'	50'	6	No	None

## WARM-UPS

- Teams may warm up in the outfield of the field prior to the game
- There may also be fields in the complex that may be open. Please share time with other teams.

## THE HITTING TEAM

- Teams have their choice to bat entire line up or bat only 9
- If you bat only 9 your subs need to play at least 2 innings in the field. Only exception of this rule is if the mercy rule plays into the game.
- No Bat Restrictions
- Bunting is permitted - No Slash Bunting
- If player get hurt or becomes ill and your batting your entire lineup and you have to take him out you will not be charged with an out during his next at bat. If batting only 9 simply put in a sub. Once he is taken out for these reason's he may not return.
- On deck hitters must be on the same side as the batter. They must have a helmet on at all times. They can be kept off the field of play at the discretion of the umpire.

## RUNNERS

- A defensive player may not block the base/base path when there is no play on the runner or the ball. Failure to observe this rule may result in the awarding of the base to the runner.
- Runners must slide or otherwise attempt to avoid contact with other players in tag-out situations or when defensive player is making a play on the ball. If the umpire deems a collision is intentional or flagrant, the offending player will be ejected from the game. This is a judgment call and is not open to protest.
- Bases will be located 70 feet apart. No leading. Leading is permitted and may steal any base at any time, unless time is called.
- The only courtesy runner allowed will be for your next defensive catcher if the player is on base with 2 outs. Courtesy runner must be the last out.

## THE FIELDING TEAM

- 🌀 If batting entire lineup you can do FREE SUBSTITUTIONS.
- 🌀 If only batting 9 and one of your starters is taken out for a sub he may only return to the batting order where he started but play any position.
- 🌀 Infield fly rule is in effect.
- 🌀 Dropped 3rd strike, runners may advance.

## PITCHERS

- 🌀 Pitchers are not to exceed 6 innings per 2 consecutive games- please use good judgment on total pitch count
- 🌀 May pitch 6 innings combined every 2 games
- 🌀 May not re-enter as a pitcher after being removed during a game
- 🌀 Must be remove after 2nd visit in the same inning or 3rd of the game
- 🌀 Balks. 1 warning per pitcher after that runners advance a base
- 🌀 Pitchers are allowed 8 warm-up pitches if they are new pitchers or 5 pitches if they are returning. If a pitcher enters the game as a substitute for an injury, they will be allotted as much time as needed.

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The following tiebreakers will be used, if necessary, to determine order of finish following the first 2 round of games (pool play) for seeding the championship bracket.

1. Win-Loss record
2. Results of head-to-head competition
3. Fewest runs allowed
4. Run differential, with a maximum of 10 per game
5. Coin flip

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- 🌀 MAYAA rules state that games will be halted for 30 minutes if there is thunder and/or lightning
- 🌀 A 100% Refund with zero games played, otherwise no refunds.

## OUR FACILITIES – 1008 TWIN ARCH RD, MT. AIRY, MD 21771

- 🌀 MAYAA is proud of the facilities leased from the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department
- 🌀 Full Concessions will be available on site
- 🌀 Portable Restroom facilities are available on site
- 🌀 We must abide by their rules
  - No smoking or use of tobacco products within the fenced area of the complex. Smoking is allowed in the parking lot.
  - Parking only in the lots surrounding the fields – tournament organizers may need to park within the fenced in area.
  - No dogs or other pets are allowed at the fields
  - No grills allowed



Mt. AIRY BASEBALL