

1st Annual
LOCKPORT STORM BASEBALL TOURNAMENT SERIES
Sponsored by Lockport Little League
June 7-10, 2018

Team Name _____ Managers Name _____

Team City & State _____ Managers Phone _____

Managers Email _____

9U- Little League Rules-USA Bats – **10** team maximum **\$400 per team**

Certificate of Insurance included

This tournament and will consist of either a Round Robin or Pool Play format based on the number of teams entered. Each team will be guaranteed at least (3) games unless otherwise noted. Players must have attained proper age by **April 30, 2018**.

Birth Certificates will be furnished upon request. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture. All teams must present their valid Certificate of Insurance prior to their first game. Awards will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place teams in both groups. The tournament will have both Gold and Silver championship games.

Teams will be accepted into the tournament only upon receipt of their Team Tournament Registration Form and check. The tournament committee will email a receipt confirming your registration. Additional information will be available by contacting the tournament directors or log into the website at www.lockportlittleleaguebaseball.org. You will be able to register your team online at www.lockportlittleleaguebaseball.org.

There will be no Alcoholic beverages, smoking or pets allowed at either facility. Also no batting practice is allowed on any field during the tournament. Soft toss is not permitted against any fencing at either complex. Please use soft toss nets where available. There will be no pitching warm ups or practice from any diamond mound during tournament play.

For further information please email John Godfrey at lllplayeragent01@aol.com

Team Roster

Team Name: _____

Manager: _____

Coach: _____

Coach: _____

Player Name

Uniform #

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Tournament Rules

General Rules

- Both the home and opposing teams Head Coach will meet 5 minutes prior to game time for Ground Rules.
- All Seeding games begin with a coin flip to determine home / away. All Sunday games home / away are determined by the higher seeding.
- Game will be six (6) innings in length with a two hour time limit. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched.
- No inning may begin after two hours have passed from first pitch. All games, with the only exceptions being the Semi-Final and Championship Games, will have this limit.
- Every effort “within reason” will be made during the semi-finals and championship rounds to complete games should either time limits or weather interfere.
- Once the tournament begins there is no refund policy in place.
- Any rule not specifically addressed in the amended rules will automatically be referred to Little League rulebook.
- Any protests or rules in question must be addressed immediately, during the game with a Tournament Official.
- Questions regarding rules, game play must be addressed at Ground Rules, where the umpire becomes interpreter.
- A ten-run mercy rule is in effect after 4 complete innings if the home team is winning and every complete inning after that.
- All game updates, standings and scores will be posted at:
www.lockportlittleleaguebaseball.org

Offensive Rules

- Teams may choose to bat an Extra Hitter using the nine defensive players and one bench player to form a 10 man lineup. The EH can be substituted freely in any defensive position as long as the batting order is not affected. -- OR -- Teams may choose to bat their entire lineup and substitute freely.
- If a team only has nine (9) players, an out will NOT be recorded in the 10th slot.
- However, to negate any offensive advantage, the opposing team may choose to legally bat nine (9) players.

- A player removed from the game may reenter the game only once, in his original place in the batting order. A player who did NOT start the game may not re-enter after he is removed.
- If at any time a legal substitution cannot be made for a player who cannot take his at bat, that slot in the batting order will become an out.
- This is a no-contact tournament. At no time is it permissible to “run” a position player. Runners are required to avoid contact by sliding, reversing course, or giving themselves up.
- There is no Infield Fly Rule in effect for this tournament.

Catcher / Pitcher Speed Up Rule

- A Courtesy Runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher any time in the tournament when the offensive team has two outs. The courtesy runner must be a bench player if a bench player is available. If no bench player is available, then the courtesy runner must be the player in the batting order that made the 2nd out of the inning.
- The speed up rule should not slow down the game. The courtesy runner must be ready to take the batters place immediately. The umpires will not delay the game to allow a courtesy runner onto the field. If the courtesy runner is not prepared to run, the pitcher / catcher will continue as the runner until such the courtesy runner is ready to enter the game.

Pitching Rules

- No Pitcher may pitch for more than (6) innings in any tournament day. A pitcher is also restricted to (12) innings during the tournament.
- All scores and pitchers names / innings logged must be logged in the teams’ scorebook or any other method of accounting. That book **MUST be signed by the umpire or Official Scorekeeper and Opposing coach/ scorekeeper.**
- Failure to produce a signed accounting of proper score and pitchers reports during a protest will result in a loss of the protest.

Tie Breakers

Division Standings will proceed as follows:

- (1) Record
- (2) Head-to-Head
- (3) (RAR) Runs Allowed Ratio - Runs allowed per defensive innings played The Runs-Allowed Ratio is used to advance ONLY ONE team. Once a team advances on (RAR) you revert back to head to head.
- (4) Coin toss

Code of Conduct

- This Tournament is a zero-tolerance tournament. Any coach, parent, or spectator who is ejected from the game is also ejected from the park and must leave immediately.
- Any coach or spectator ejected from the Park is ineligible to return to the park for the remainder of the tournament. There is no appeal.
- There is no alcohol allowed at the tournament or any place within the ballparks that the tournament is being held at. Any consumption of alcohol on grounds affiliated with the tournament will lead to immediate ejection from the tournament.
- In the case of repeated ejections or warnings for Alcohol, Tournament Officials may count the offending teams' games as forfeit. Malicious Contact, deemed to be non-accidental by the umpire, by any player will lead to an automatic tournament ejection.
- Contact **MUST** be avoided! At no time is it permissible to “**run**” a position player. Runners are required to avoid contact by sliding, reversing course, or giving themselves up.
- Foul Language, particularly by adults, will not be tolerated. Please keep in mind that these players are not adults. There will be no warning of ejection when a player, spectator or coach uses foul language directed at any other person involved in the tournament.

Standings and Weather

- In case of rain or weather that halts the tournament with games left to be played, teams will advance into tiers using their winning percentage and runs allowed per defensive innings played.