

Morton Youth Baseball Association

of MORTON, IL

Morton Memorial Day Tournament - 2014

Ages U-9, U-11, & U-13

May 22 - 25, 2014

All Coaches please check in with the Tournament Director (under the tent located in the center of the complex) before your 1st game.

For weather updates please check our website at www.mortonyouthbaseball.org or call 309-266-7829.

General Tournament Information

The MYBA (Morton Youth Baseball Association) is hosting this tournament at the Westwood Park Complex on Veterans Road in Morton, Illinois. The complex has six fields total, five of which have grass infields. The facility also has bathrooms, drinking fountains, a pavilion, playground equipment, two batting cages (one indoor), and a concession stand featuring a wide variety of food and snack items. We will also be grilling throughout the entire tournament.

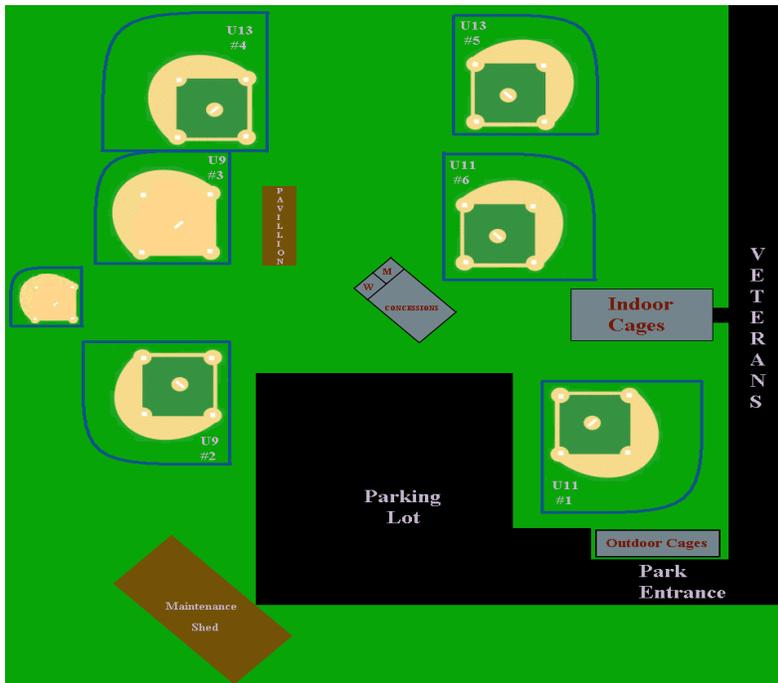
The format for the tournament games will be 2 pool play games. The Championship Round will be single elimination. Each team will play a minimum of three games unless weather or unforeseen circumstances forces changes to the tournament schedule. The MYBA will award individual trophies for 1st and 2nd place.

We will not be charging a gate fee for the tournament. We will have a full service concession stand, so please no food, beverage, or coolers allowed in the complex. The players can bring individual jugs of water for their own use. Please comply with these rules. All money made on this tournament will go back into the complex and youth baseball.

U9 Division Teams	U11 Division Teams	U13 Division Teams
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Facility Rules

- Please park in the designated parking lot located at the end of the driveway at the East end of the facility. Please do not park along the driveway on the east, in posted areas, or along Veterans Road. If you have a special needs parking request or need special assistance please notify us in advance or see a tournament official.



- We have limited bleacher seating. Please bring lawn chairs for your convenience.
- Please do not hit or play soft toss on the grass in the outfield. We also prohibit any soft toss being hit into any facility fence. There is open space east of the concession stand beyond the chain link backstop.
- Pre-game infield practice is prohibited.
- Please pick up the dugout after each game. Parents, grandparents, relatives, and fans: Please pick up your general area after each game.

Please throw your trash away in one of the many trash receptacles located throughout the facility and in the parking lot when leaving. Thanks in advance!

- **PLEASE NO COOLERS OR FOOD BROUGHT INTO THE PARK. ALL CONCESSION PROCEEDS ARE RETAINED FOR PARK MAINTENANCE AND TOURNAMENT EXPENSES. YOUR PATRONAGE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**
- **Parking will be at a premium during the weekend as Morton is hosting the High School Regional Tournament. Please park in designated overflow areas.**

Tournament Rules

- We will follow **IHSA Rules**, with tournament exceptions as listed below.
- **Tiebreakers** will be as follows: 1) head-to-head results, 2) fewest runs allowed, 3) most runs scored, 4) coin flip.
- **Home team** will be determined by coin flip facilitated by the home plate umpire.
- **After Pool Play, the Home Team** will be the higher seed.
- **1 hour 45 minute time limit for all divisions.** The home plate umpire will keep the official time and call it out at the beginning of the game. No inning will start after said time limit expires. Time starts for the next inning upon the last out at the bottom of the just completed inning. In pool play, if the

game is tied at the end of the time limit, a maximum of one extra inning will be played. If the game is still tied after the extra inning, a winner will be determined by the following tie breakers: 1) number of walks allowed, 2) coin flip.

- **Bat regulations:** U-13: All bats will conform to BBCOR -3 standards. U-9 & U-11: There are no length/weight regulations. Use of unauthorized bats will result in; 1st offense – defensive team chooses the play or an out and returns all runners, 2nd offense – coach ejection in addition to rules for 1st offense.
- **Lineup regulations:** U-13: Standard IHSA rules apply. Designated Hitters may be used. "Extra Hitters," or EHs, may not. U-9 & U-11: Coaches may bat as many players as they wish. If, however, a player (or players) is forced to leave the game for any reason, an out will be recorded when their turn at-bat comes up.
- **Substitutions:** IHSA rules apply. U-9 & U-11: Free substitutions if batting the entire line-up.
- **Courtesy Runner for catcher only.** If all players have been used, the last batter out may be the courtesy runner.
- **Run Rule:** U-9 & U-11: 15 after 3, 10 after 4, and 8 after 5. U-13: 15 after 4, 10 after 5, and 8 after 6.
- **Innings:** U-9 & U-11: 6 innings. U-13: 7 innings.
- The game is official after 4 innings if called due to weather. If a game is called before 4 innings, it will be considered a suspended game and play will resume at that point.
 - **Pitcher's innings:** There will be no limits.
 - **Balks:** U-9: No balks will be called; batters are not allowed to lead off until the ball crosses the plate. U-11: each pitcher will receive one warning. U-13: No Warnings.
- **There is no dropped 3rd strike or infield fly rule in the U-9 division.**
- **Steel Cleats:** Only allowed in the U-13 Division.
- The Championship Round will have no time limit.
- **Base lengths/Pitching Distance:** U-9: Base lengths will be 60' and the pitching distance will be 44'. U-11: Base lengths will be 70' and the pitching distance will be 48'. U-13: Base lengths will be 80' and the pitching distance will be 54'.
- The **home team** is responsible for filling out a game report form at the end of each of game. The report must be brought to the information tent. The team names, score and **each coach's signature** must be on the form.
- Umpire's rulings are final. No protests. Please support the umpires. Ejected coaches will not be permitted on the premise during the continuation of the game ejected as well as the next game played.
- Baseballs will be provided by MYBA for each game. Umpires will pick up and return baseballs to the Information Tent.
- Each team must have birth certificates for each player on the roster. **April 30 is the cutoff date for age in each division.** All managers must make player birth certificates immediately available upon request by any tournament director or official.
- The MYBA reserves the right to alter the format of the tournament due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Refund Policy: If weather or any other unforeseen circumstance cancels the entire tournament, each team will receive a full refund— minus any tournament expenses. If a game is played, no refund will be given. A team entering the tournament that chooses not to play prior to start of tournament will only be refunded if prior to three weeks from start of the tournament, otherwise there will be no refund given.

T-Shirts: A limited supply of tournament T-shirts will be available for \$15.00/ea.

Batting Cages

Outdoor Cages

There is one outdoor batting cage with two lanes. The outdoor batting cage may be used on a “first come, first serve” basis. Please cooperate with other teams so that all teams have an opportunity to use the batting cages. Only coaches may feed balls. Only one player is allowed in the cage at a time. Balls are to be provided by teams using the cages. Please use caution while using the cages.

Indoor Cages

The Indoor Facility has 3 hitting lanes and 2 pitching lanes and is available for use at a \$25 additional fee. Please see the Tournament Director or Head Coach for your division for more information on using the Indoor Facility.

Park Address: 2150 Veterans Road, Morton IL. 61550

Direction to Westwood Park Baseball Complex

From I-74 west of Morton

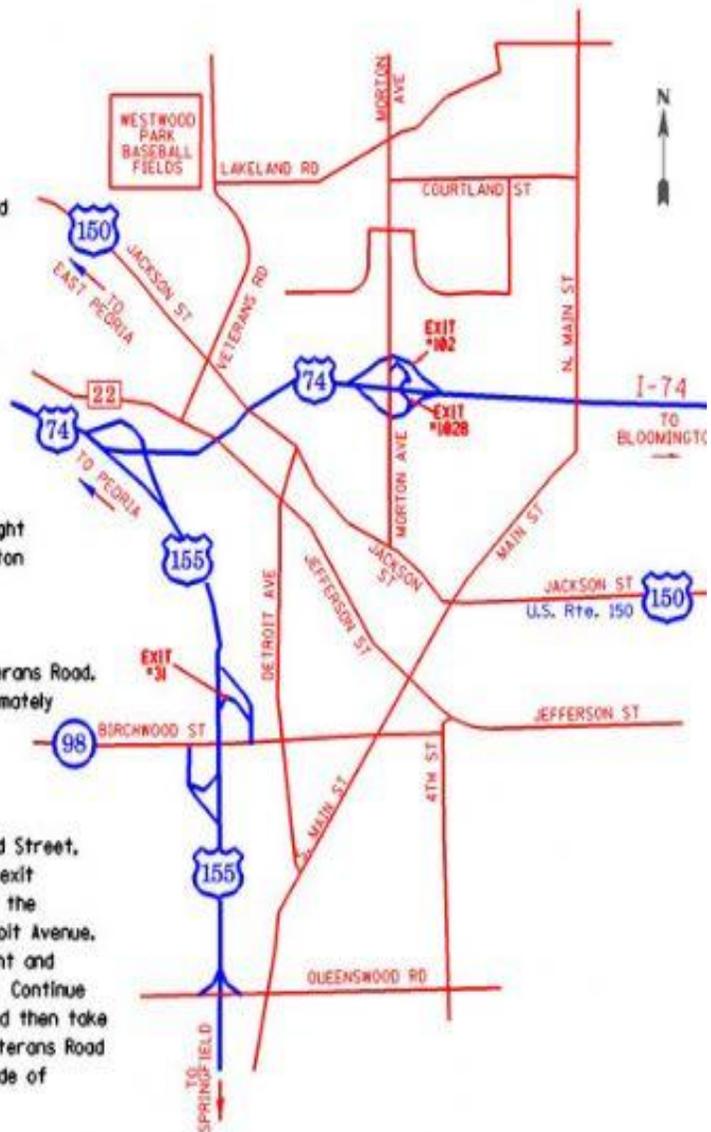
Travel eastbound on I-74 to Exit no. 102B (Northbound Morton Avenue). Continue on North Morton Avenue through 3 stop lights and then take the next left onto W. Lakeland Road. Continue on W. Lakeland Road to the next stop sign and then take a right onto Veterans Road. The baseball complex entrance is on the left approximately 0.1 miles.

From I-74 east of Morton

Travel westbound on I-74 to exit no. 102. Take a right at the yield sign off the exit ramp onto North Morton Avenue. Continue on North Morton Avenue through 3 stop lights and then take the next left onto W. Lakeland Road. Continue on W. Lakeland Road to the next stop sign and then take a right onto Veterans Road. The baseball complex entrance is on the left approximately 0.1 miles.

From I-155 south of Morton

Travel northbound onto I-155 to Exit no. 31 (Birchwood Street, IL Route 98). Take a left at the stop light off the exit ramp onto Birchwood Street, IL 98. Proceed east to the next stop light and then take a left turn onto Detroit Avenue. Continue onto Detroit Avenue to the second stop light and then take a left onto US Route 150, Jackson Street. Continue northwest on US Route 150 to the next stop light and then take a right turn onto Veterans Road. Continue on Veterans Road to the Westwood Park Baseball complex on the left side of the road.



FOR OTHER INFORMATION
GO TO <http://www.mortonchamber.org>

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