

MT. AIRY 10U 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. Central Maryland Umpires will be utilized.
- 🌀 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>Bat</u>
<u>Group</u>				<u>Cleats</u>	<u>Restrictions*</u>
10U	60'	46'	6	No	2 1/4 barrel

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

- 🌀 It is encouraged that all players be placed in the batting order (i.e. continuous batting)
- 🌀 All bats must be Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken League approved. No big barrel (more than 2 ¼" diameter) or softball bats allowed. If a player utilizes an illegal bat, they will be called out.
- 🌀 Bunting is permitted - No Slash Bunting
- 🌀 If a player is injured or ill and must be removed from the lineup, the team will not be charged an out but that player may not re-enter the batting lineup during that game
- 🌀 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 60 feet apart. No leading. Runners may steal any base, but may not leave the base they occupy at the time of the pitch until the pitched ball crosses home plate or is hit by the batter. If an umpire rules that a runner has left his base prematurely, the runner will be declared out and the pitched ball will be declared a dead ball immediately (no warnings). In this instance the results of the pitch do not count (i.e. no pitch).
- 🌀 Batter-runner may not advance past first base on an intentional or unintentional walk if the ball is returned immediately to the pitcher. If the catcher makes a play on any base runner, the batter-runner that walked may advance past first base at his own peril.
- 🌀 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

- 🌀 FREE SUBSTITUTION of players in the field is allowed. Managers are encouraged to rotate players but not required.
- 🌀 Infield fly rule is in effect.
- 🌀 No dropped 3rd strike, batter is out.

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 (Ripken tournament rules)
- 🌀 May not re-enter as a pitcher after being removed during a game
- 🌀 Must be removed after the second visit in a game
- 🌀 No Balks
- 🌀 Pitchers are allowed 8 warm-up pitches if they are new pitchers or 5 pitches if they are returning (e.g., between innings). 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



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