



2016 "BEST OF THE WEST" INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT (KAMLOOPS)

THE BIG LEAGUE EXPERIENCE BASEBALL WILL BE HOSTING THE 19th annual **"BEST OF THE WEST" INVITATIONAL Showcase Tournament**. THE TOURNAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN KAMLOOPS, B.C., FROM APRIL 7 – 10, 2016.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT

1. TEAM ROSTER W/COMPLETE PLAYER INFO FOR SCOUTING PACKAGE (CONTACT BLE FOR DETAILS)

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

EACH TEAM IS GUARANTEED 4 GAMES (WEATHER PERMITTING). THE FIRST ROUND WILL BE POD PLAY CONSISTING OF 3/4 TEAMS PER POD AND MAY INCLUDE A CROSSOVER GAME. THE TOP TEAMS IN EACH POD PLUS WILDCARD(S) TEAMS WILL ADVANCE INTO THE PLAYOFF ROUND, ALL OTHER TEAMS WILL PLAY IN THE CONSOLATION ROUND. THE TOURNAMENT WILL BEGIN ON THURSDAY, APRIL 7 AT 12:00pm WITH THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME BEING PLAYED ON SUNDAY, **APRIL 10th** AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30PM. IN THE CASE OF A TIE, A TIE-BREAKING FORMAT WILL BE IN EFFECT (SEE BELOW).

TOURNAMENT BREAKDOWN:

GAMES:

THIS IS AN 18 AND UNDER "WOOD BAT" TOURNAMENT IN WHICH THE PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN 19 ANYTIME IN THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR. THIS IS A 10 to 12 TEAM TOURNAMENT IN WHICH THE TOP TEAM OF EACH POD PLUS EITHER 1 OR TWO WILDCARD TEAMS WILL ADVANCE TO THE PLAYOFF ROUND (TBA). THE REMAINING TEAMS WILL PLAY IN A CONSOLATION GAME. There will be a 2 HOUR TIME LIMIT ON ALL ROUND ROBIN GAMES

HOME TEAM:

THE HOME TEAM WILL BE DETERMINED PRIOR TO EACH GAME BY THE TOSS OF A COIN. THE COACHES OF EACH TEAM WILL CONDUCT THE COIN TOSS. THE TEAM WINNING THE TOSS HAS THE CHOICE OF BEING HOME OF VISITORS. HOME TEAM WILL TAKE THE 3RD BASE DUGOUT. (IF A TEAM IS ALREADY SETTLED IN A DUGOUT BECAUSE OF A PRIOR GAME OR YOUR TARDINESS TO ARRIVE TO THE FIELD 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE GAME, PLEASE LET THEM REMAIN THERE).

OFFICIAL BOOK:

THE HOME TEAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AN OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER FOR EACH GAME. AT THE END OF THE OFFICIAL GAME, THE OPPOSING COACHES/SCOREKEEPERS WILL VALIDATE THE FINAL SCORE. THE HOME TEAM COACH/SCOREKEEPER IS REQUIRED TO REPORT THE FINAL SCORE TO THE TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS (THE CONCESSION STAND).

DESIGNATED HITTER RULE: PERMITTED FOR THE PITCHER ONLY RE ENTRY: RE ENTRY WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE STARTERS.

SPEED UP RULE:

AT ANY TIME THE OFFENSE HAS THE OPTION OF USING A RUNNER FOR THE PITCHER OR CATCHER OF THE PREVIOUS INNING. THE RUNNER MUST BE SOMEONE NOT PRESENTLY IN THE LINE UP AND MAY BE USED ONCE PER INNING.

PROTEST:

TOURNAMENT PLAY CAN BE VERY EXCITING AND DISPUTES WILL OCCUR, PLEASE CONTROL YOUR EMOTION AND CONDUCT YOURSELF IN AN ORDERLY FASHION. IF A PROTEST SITUATION OCCURS, AND DISCUSSION AMONG THE UMPIRES AND COACHES DOES NOT RESOLVE THE PROTEST, CONTACT A TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL. PLAY SHOULD STOP IMMEDIATELY UNTIL THE PROTEST IS RESOLVED. IF A MANAGER WAITS UNTIL AFTER PLAY HAS RESUME, THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS WILL REVIEW NO PROTEST. THE DECISION OF THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL IS FINAL.

TIE BREAKER:

THE FOLLOWING TIEBREAKER SYSTEM WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE TEAMS THAT MOVE ON TO THE 2ND ROUND:

1. BEST RECORD IN THE ROUND ROBIN SERIES
2. HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITION
3. BEST DEFENSIVE RUNS AGAINST (+ OR - 8 RUNS) - in all games played
4. RUN DIFFERENTIAL (+ OR - 8 RUNS) - in all games played
5. MOST RUNS SCORED (+ OR - 8 RUNS) - in all games played
6. 2 INNING - INTERNATIONAL RULE SPEED UP RULE GAME

EIGHT RUN RULE:

THE 8 RUN RULE WILL GO INTO EFFECT AFTER 5 COMPLETE INNINGS OF PLAY. THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM 8 RUN +/- FOR TIEBREAK PURPOSES.

PITCHING RULES:

THERE WILL BE NO OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT PITCHING RESTRICTIONS. WE FEEL THAT IT IS THE COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT ON THE BEST INTEREST OF THEIR PITCHER.

PITCHERS WARM-UP:

1. PITCHERS WILL BE ALLOWED 7 WARM-UP PITCHES PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF AN INNING
2. IN THE CASE OF AN INJURY THE PITCHER WILL BE ALLOWED WHAT IS NECESSARY

TOURNAMENT COST:

\$800.00 PLUS 1 DOZEN BASEBALLS (\$50 CHARGE IF YOU DO NOT BRING BASEBALLS).

DEPOSIT AND TOURNAMENT POLICY'S:

A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$400.00 CDN OR US DOLLARS IS NEEDED TO SECURE YOUR ENTRY TO THE TOURNAMENT. **THE BALANCE MUST BE PAID 1 MONTH PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT OR YOU WILL RISK BEING REPLACED WITHOUT REFUND.**

IF YOU CANCEL ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT YOUR FULL PAYMENT LESS YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT WILL BE REFUNDED TO YOU. THERE WILL BE NO REFUND WHEN CANCELLING WITHIN ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT DATE - NO EXCEPTIONS.

IN REGARDS TO THE TOURNAMENT AND THE UNFORTUNATE CASE OF WEATHER AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU WILL NOT GET IN ALL YOU GAMES, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE OUR REFUND POLICY. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL GUARANTEE YOU THAT WE TRY OUR BEST IN OUR EFFORTS TO GET YOUR GAMES IN.

0 GAMES = 90% REFUND 1 GAME = 67% REFUND 2 GAMES = 33% REFUND 3 OR 4 GAMES = No REFUND

COACHES MEETING:

A TOURNAMENT COACHES MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, April 7 AT 10:30AM (SUBJECT TO CHANGE). PLEASE MEET ON THE 1ST BASE SIDE BLEACHERS OF THE MAIN STADIUM.

ALL TOURNAMENT FORMATS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO ANY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY ARISE. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE