



2016 “Best of the West” Bantam AAA/Prep & Bantam AA Classic – April 15 - 17, Kamloops, B.C.

The Big League Experience Baseball Camp is be hosting the “Best of the West” Bantam AAA/Bantam Prep & Bantam AA Classic Baseball Tournament (2 divisions). The tournament will take place in Kamloops, B.C., from April 15 - 17 (Friday to Sunday) and is for players born in 2001 or later (Bantam eligible players in the year 2016).

TEAM ROSTER:

Must be submitted two weeks prior to the start of the tournament : This roster must include the following: Player’s Name, Date of birth, Position , Height, Weight and email address are required two weeks prior to tournament start date. We will be making up a tournament package for all teams and rosters are part of the package.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

This tournament will have 8 teams in 2 divisions and is a 15 and under “Wood Bat” tournament – Players must be born in 2001 or later to be eligible to play. Each team is guaranteed 4 games (weather permitting) with the first round being pod play. The top team in each pod plus one or two wildcard team(s) will advance into the playoff rounds, all other teams will play a consolation game (subject to change depending on final number of teams). The tournament will begin on Friday, April 15th with the championship game being played on Sunday, April 17th.

TOURNAMENT BREAKDOWN:

- **Home Team:** The home team will be determined prior to each game by the toss of a coin between opposing coaches. The winning team will have the choice of being home or visitors. The 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, then please let them remain there).
- **Official Book:** The home team will be required to provide an official scorekeeper for the game. At the end of the game, the opposing coaches/scorekeepers will validate the final and will be required to report the final score to the tournament headquarters (The Concession stand at the stadium).
- **Designated Hitter Rule:** Permitted for the pitcher only
- **Re - Entry:** Re - Entry will be allowed for the starters.
- **Field Dimensions:** Bases at 80 feet and the mound at 54 feet
- **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 only 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 not review the protest. The decision of the tournament official is final.

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- **Tie Breaker:** The following tiebreaker system will be used to determine the teams that move on to the playoff round and their seedings:
 - o 1. Best record in the round robin series
 - o 2. Head to head competition
 - o 3. Best defensive runs against in all round robin games played (+ or – 8 runs)
 - o 4. Run differential in all round robin games played(+ or – 8 runs)
 - o 5. Most runs scored in all round robin games played (+ or – 8 runs)
 - o 6. Two inning mini game (international rules apply)
- **Mercy Rule:** Eight run mercy rule will be in effect for all games: 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 and follow the guidelines of their organization.
- **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:

- **Tournament Cost:** \$520.00 plus 1 dozen baseballs (\$50 charge if you do not bring baseballs).
- **Deposit and Tournament Policy's:** A non-refundable deposit of \$260.00 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.
- **Weather:** In the case of rain and cancellation of games, the following will be our refund policy.
 - o 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 coaches meeting will take place on the Friday 1 and ½ hours prior to the first game. We will meet in front of the concession stand on the 1st base side bleachers in the main stadium.

****All tournament formats are subject to change due to any circumstances that may arise. Sorry for any inconvenience****