



## 2016 LYNDON RECREATION TOURNAMENT RULES, POLICIES, AND GUIDELINES

The following rules apply to the St. Patrick's Day Blast Tournament

- **FORMAT**
  - Format for each age group will depend on number of teams entered. Baseball teams are guaranteed three games for a completed tournament. Please inquire about past formats used.
- **TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES**
  - No team is officially in the tournament until a check is received. Entries to the tournament will be given in the order that the checks were received.
- **ELIGIBILITY**
  - A player's age is determined as of April 30, 2016. Rosters and proof of ages must be submitted to the tournament director prior to a team's first game.
- **GAME BALLS**
  - Each team is required to furnish two new or like-new baseballs for each game.
- **TOBACCO PRODUCTS**
  - The use of any tobacco product is prohibited at all times on the playing fields and in the dugouts.
- **TEAM COURTESY AND SPORTSMANSHIP**
  - Teams are responsible for cleaning their dugout and stands after each game.
  - No verbal abuse or harassment will be directed to an umpire, opposing team, or player. An effort must be made by the managers to control their players, coaches, and fans.
- **REFUNDS**
  - If a tournament must be canceled due to weather, refunds will not be given if a team has played 2 of their 3 games.
- **MALICIOUS CONTACT**
  - If a runner deliberately crashes into a defensive player, he will be called out. At the umpire's discretion, based on the severity of the situation, he may be ejected from the game.
- **COACH/PLAYER EJECTIONS**
  - Any coach or player ejected from a game will leave the field and the park for the remainder of that game and be suspended for the team's following game. Any violation of this requirement can and will result in the forfeiture of that game and following games.
- **PROTESTS**
  - \$75.00 protest fee – refunded if protest upheld. In order to a protest to be considered, the manager must indicate his intent to file a protest at the time of the disputed ruling. It should be noted that judgment calls cannot be protested.



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- **COOLERS**
  - Personal coolers are not allowed to be brought into the park.
- **PETS**
  - Pets are prohibited during games at Lyndon Recreation, even when on a leash. For the safety and enjoyment of all, we must insist on compliance with this policy.
- **AGE DIVISIONS/PITCHING AND BASE DISTANCES/INNINGS/TIME LIMIT**

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| <b>7 &amp; UNDER / 8 &amp; UNDER</b> (MACHINE PITCH / 46'-60' / 6 innings / 1:30) |  |
| <b>9 &amp; UNDER</b> (46'- 65' / 6 innings / 1:45)                                | <b>10 &amp; UNDER</b> (46'-65' / 6 innings / 1:45) |
| <b>11 &amp; UNDER</b> (50'- 70' / 6 innings / 1:45)                               | <b>12 &amp; UNDER</b> (50'-70' / 6 innings / 1:45) |
| <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> (54'- 80' / 7 innings / 1:50)                               | <b>14 &amp; UNDER</b> (60'-90' / 7 innings / 1:50) |

### OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES (OBR) WILL APPLY TO ALL GAMES, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

Official Baseball Rules can be found at the following location:

Major League Baseball website: [http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official\\_info/official\\_rules/foreword.jsp](http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/official_rules/foreword.jsp)

eTeamz also has an OBR section: <http://www.eteamz.com/baseball/rules/obr/index.cfm?m=1,2,3,4,5>

#### EXCEPTIONS:

##### ALL DIVISIONS

**APPROVED LINEUPS:** There will be nine defensive players. There will be no Extra Hitter (EH) or Designated Hitter (DH). Teams have the following options for line-ups:

- a) Teams may bat a nine (9) player line-up with one-time re-entry for starters in the original spot in the batting order; or
- b) A continuous line-up. With the continuous line-up, you may bat as many players as you want, 9 or more. However, only players listed in the batting line-up at the start of the game will be eligible for play during that game. There will be unlimited DEFENSIVE substitutions between those players in that line-up any time during that game.

1. Teams may end the game with one less player than they started with in the original line-up, however, an out will be recorded in that spot in the batting order.
2. **PITCHING RULES:** There are no pitching limitations. Any pitcher may re-enter as pitcher only one time.
3. **TIME LIMIT:** Time limits are outlined on the registration form. No new inning may start after the time limit has expired. There will be one extra inning for tie games in pool play. There is no time limit in the championship game; extra innings will be played, if necessary. In the event of rain, four innings will constitute a complete game, three and one-half if the home team is ahead.
4. **RUN RULE:** Mercy rule applies to a team leading by 12 or more runs after 3 innings, 10 or more runs after 4 innings, 8 or more runs after 5 innings.
5. **COURTESY RUNNER:** A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and/or catcher of record only. This must be the last previous batter who is not currently on base.

EXCEPTIONS FOR 7U/8U WILL BE POSTED SEPARATELY