

**DRAFT - 23 Mar 2021**

## **St Anthony's Baseball Academy 2021 Summer Invitational**

# **Rules and Responsibilities**

**Players and coaches are expected to show respect for umpires and the opposing teams at all times.**

### **Age Requirements:**

- 3 Divisions
  - Year of birth 2010 and younger
  - Year of birth 2008 and younger
  - Year of birth 2007 and younger

### **Tournament set up:**

- All teams will play 3 round robin games between Friday night and the end of the day Saturday
- On Sunday:
  - There will be a Homerun Derby first thing Sunday morning
  - The first and second place teams in each division will play a championship game on Sunday
  - Teams who do not finish in the top 2 in each division will not play any games on Sunday, but are encouraged to participate in the Homerun Derby and watch the championship games
- The tournament schedule will be released by 1 Apr 2021
- Any team who that has not paid the tournament deposit (\$200) by 28 Feb 2021, will be replaced by a team on the waiting list
- Any team who has not paid the full tournament fee (\$250 remainder of \$450) by 1 May 2021, will be replaced by a team on the waiting list

### **Rosters and Batting Orders:**

- Team rosters may consist of a maximum of 14 players
- All players on the roster and present at the tournament are to be listed in the batting order and must bat in turn.
  - Late arriving players must be added to the bottom of the order

### **Pitching Rules:**

- Any pitcher may be used in any game
  - For 2010 Division – Maximum of 3 innings per game **AND** 6 innings per day
  - For 2008 Division – Maximum of 4 innings per game **AND** 6 innings per day
  - For 2007 Division – Unlimited innings per game with a maximum of 6 innings per day
  - One pitch in an inning counts as an inning pitched
  - Once a pitcher has been removed from a game, he/she cannot be re-inserted as a pitcher in the same game. He/she may play any other defensive position
- Any pitcher, who is replaced, may play the catcher position regardless of the number of pitches thrown
- Any catcher, regardless of the number of innings caught, may be used as a pitcher
- Coaches are encouraged to use their discretion in using pitchers and catchers taking the player's health & safety into consideration to avoid injury to the player's arm, wearing the player out, etc

### **Substitutions:**

- There are unlimited defensive and pitcher substitutions, subject to the rules below
- A runner can be substituted for the catcher or pitcher at any time once the player reaches base. The pinch runner shall be the last recorded out

- Except for the Championship Finals, a pinch runner must be used for the catcher if he/she is on base or reaches base safely and there are two outs. The pinch runner shall be the last recorded out
- In the event of a loss of player currently in the batting order for any reason other than injury, an out will be taken in that batting position

**Game Length:**

- All games will be 6 innings in length, unless time expires
- 4 innings must be played for an official score, 3 and 1/2 if the home team is winning
- Ties are permitted during round robin play
- No new inning can start after 1 hour and 45 minutes has elapsed from the scheduled start time, regardless of what time the game actually starts

**Maximum Runs / Mercy Rule:**

- For all games except for the Championship Final a maximum of 5 runs per inning will be allowed
- The Championship Finals will be unlimited runs
- In the championship finals if a team is up by 10 runs after 5 innings (4 1/2 for the home team) the game will be called
- In round robin play, when a team can no longer tie/win the game will be called and the score at that point is the official score.

**Scoring:**

- Both teams are responsible for official score keeping
- The designated home team will report the score after having their score sheet signed by the head coaches of both teams and the umpire
- That score sheet will be photographed and texted to the Tournament Convenor immediately after the of game

**Bat Guidelines:**

- For 2010 Division:
  - Aluminum bats up to -12 permitted
  - Bat barrel 2 3/4 or less
  - Wooden bats encouraged
- For 2008 Division:
  - Aluminum bats up to -10 permitted
  - Bat barrel 2 5/8 or less
  - Wooden bats encouraged
- For 2007 Division:
  - Wooden bats only

**Bat Protest Procedure:**

- Teams wishing to protest the use of an illegal bat must notify the home plate umpire before the next batter enters the batter's box. If the batter used an illegal bat, they would then be considered an out. Once the first pitch to the next batter has been thrown, the protest will be considered invalid and the 1st batter is safe on base. A successful protest will result in the automatic ejection of the player committing the infraction and the manager of the infracting team. The protesting team can then choose to accept an automatic out or the result of the play. A protest is successful only when decided by the umpire. The umpire may consult with the Tournament Convenor by calling him if he is not on site.

**General Game Rules:**

- Intentional Walks - not required to throw the 4 pitches – just announce an intentional walk to the umpire
- Stealing – leads are allowed
- The batter's box belongs to the batter, but the batter cannot purposely lean into a pitch. Except in these circumstances, a hit batter is awarded first base
- MLB rules will be in effect for anything not otherwise stated in these Tournament Rules
- There will be two umpires per game

- The Umpire's decision is final in regards to game decisions
- Discipline Rule: Any player or coach ejected from a game will automatically serve a 1 game suspension during the next game
- The Tournament Convenor reserves the right to interpret rules in order to settle disputes. The decision of the Tournament Convenor is final

**Diamond Dimensions:**

- For the 2010 division
  - 60-foot bases and 46-foot pitching
  - No metal spikes
- For the 2008 division
  - 70-foot bases and 50-foot pitching
  - No metal spikes
- For the 2007 division;
  - 80-foot bases and 54-foot pitching
  - No metal spikes

**Inclement Weather Policy:**

Each team will be required to give a valid mobile phone number for text alerts regarding weather and other delays. Tournament schedule may change without notice in case of issues with the weather. Once teams have played a minimum of 2 games, there will be no reimbursements for the tournament.

**Home/Visiting Team:**

In tournament round robin play the home and visiting teams will be decided by a coin flip. During playoffs and championship rounds the higher seed will be the home team. If both teams have identical W-L-T records in pool play, a coin flip will also determine the home and visiting teams.

**Dugout Rule:**

Only two coaches and one head coach are permitted in each dugout at any given time. Parents, scorekeepers, children and/or batboys are not allowed in the dugouts at any time. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a suspension of play until rectified.

**Foul Balls and Homeruns:**

We ask for all players, coaches, parents & spectators to be aware of foul balls at all times. We would also ask to please return foul balls and homeruns balls (the ball can be temporarily replaced by another game ball provided by the player's team).

**Tie Breakers:**

The following system will be used for advancing and seeding out of round robin.

1. Round Robin overall record (winning percentage)
2. If 2 teams are tied - Head to Head Winner. If still tied move to #4
3. If three teams are tied - If one team has defeated both other teams, that team advances. If not move to #4.
4. Total runs allowed in round robin play to determine winner. Then the two teams tied refer back to head to head to determine second place. If there is no head to head between those two teams go to runs allowed for those two teams to determine second place.
5. If still tied- Total runs scored in round robin
6. If still tied- Total runs allowed subtracting game with most runs allowed
7. If still tied- Total runs allowed minus two games with most runs allowed

**Team Obligations:**

- Each team will provide their team(s) roster and copies of birth certificates by **1 May 2021**. Any team not providing their player roster and birth certificates by this date will be removed from the tournament schedule and replaced by a team on the waiting list
- **\*\*\*If a team is found using illegal players, or over age players, they will be automatically removed from the tournament\*\*\***
- Team must ensure that their registration fee is fully paid by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
- The 2007 and 2008 Divisions should be prepared to play a Friday night game. The 2010 Division will NOT play a Friday night game

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