



OHIO'S PREMIER YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE
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8U to 12U Coaches,

After throwing out the idea of a league tournament, I received a model from a COYBL Member that fits with my idea, but even gets more teams involved. The key here is to block these dates for your teams now and get all your division games in before the tournament begins on Monday June 25. You must have all division games in by Saturday June 23rd to qualify for this tournament

While logistically this will not be easy being the first year and we will certainly learn from this as we move forward in years to come and make this a better experience for the kids and teams.

FORMAT:

- 4 teams from each division make the tourney and the divisions are paired with another "like" division. For example, the Gussler would pair with Brock Strong.
- With 8 teams, you would play 3 games and have an "elite" level champ. The lower divisions would do the same.... there would be a "select" level champ, ect.
- Monday, June 25, Tuesday, June 26 and Thursday the 28th would allow for an 8-team tourney to be completed without extending into the June 30th weekend. Teams would use COYBL pitching rules and the off day would give teams a chance to use strategy with their pitching.
- Teams split ump fees and Baseballs
- While it would be best to schedule two umpires for these games at your home site, if you anticipate being in the playoffs, COYBL can also assist in scheduling Umpires. I have two or three assigners that will assist as needed. We can also look at "reserving umpires for the playoffs" and assign from a geographical aspect.
- Wednesday would be the rain makeup day for Monday and Tuesday. Friday is the make-up day for Thursday.
- **Schedule:**
Higher seed is the "host – home" team and will need to provide a field. If not possible, the lower seed could host as needed
- **Rain:**
If it rains on a day that a game is scheduled, and the home team deems their field unplayable, they will then travel to the lower seeds home field but will still be the home team. Some facilities hold water better than others and we want to hold to schedule as much as possible. The home field must decide by 2:00pm.

See sample bracket on next page:

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EXAMPLE BRACKET:

- Monday 6/25
 - Game 1 Gussler #1 vs. Gus Strong #4
 - Game 2 Gussler #2 vs. Gus Strong #3
 - Game 3 Gussler #3 vs. Gus Strong #2
 - Game 4 Gussler #4 vs. Gus Strong #1
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- Tuesday 6/26
 - Game 5 Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3
 - Game 6 Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4
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- Thursday 6/28
 - Game 7 Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6
- The COYBL age group director will pair divisions. Primarily as they are listed on the divisions pages, but that is not in stone.
- The 11U and 12U ages have an odd number of divisions and we will need to figure that out yet. Suggestions are welcome on this issue.
- Highest Seed is Host
- League Pitch Count Rule is still in effect for this tournament.
- There can be no ties

COYBL will still award division champions for each age group as we always have.
This tournament is in addition to the Division Champions.

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