



Tournament of Stars

June 24 - July 1, 2024

General

Thank you for attending the Cary-Grove Youth Baseball and Softball (CGYBS) Tournament of Stars (TOS). We are looking forward to hosting the tournament this year and thank all of you for your continued support.

Our goal is to provide a safe environment for the players to have fun. We have some guidelines we follow to ensure everyone has a good time while reducing the chance of injury to any person. Your cooperation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

- 1) Use of proper equipment is the responsibility of every adult in attendance. Any damaged or improper equipment should be reported to a director immediately.
- 2) Use of improper and/or abusive language by any coach, player, or spectator will not be tolerated. Violators are subject to immediate ejection.
- 3) Help us keep the fields clean. Please clean your dugouts and spectator areas after each game.
- 4) Smoking or drinking alcohol at any game is prohibited. Illinois law prohibits these activities on school property.
- 5) Our concession stands are CASH only.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking

Cary Junior High School: Parking is allowed in the school parking lot only. Do not park in the residential area adjacent (south) to the fields or you may be ticketed by the Cary Police Department.

Lions Park: Parking is available in the parking lot only.

Sherwood: Parking is only available on the street.

Algonquin Road Schoolhouse (ARS): Parking is available in the school parking lot or on the street.

Foxmoor Park : Parking is available in the parking lot and on the street.

Hunters Park : Parking is available in the parking lot and on the street.



Games

Rules are posted on the CGYBS website (www.cgybs.org) and on the Tourney Machine documents page. Each coach is responsible for reviewing the rules for their respective age group and carrying a player roster, player birth certificates, and insurance forms. Please refer to the individual division rules for further details.

The tournament director reserves the right to change the game schedule, format, time limit, rules, and matchups if weather, time constraints, or any other unforeseen factors interfere with the established schedule or for the betterment of the tournament. All decisions and interpretations of the tournament director are final. Please be prepared to play up to a half hour prior to scheduled game time.

Time Limits

Softball:

- 8U games are six innings. All games, other than the championship, are no new innings after one hour and 15 minutes. Pool-play games can end in a tie.
- 10U-12U games are six innings. 14U games are seven innings. All games, other than championships, are no new innings after one hour and 30 minutes with no hard stop. Pool-play games can end in a tie.

Baseball:

- 8-10U games are six innings, 11/12U and 13/14U are six innings for pool-play games and seven innings for bracket games and championship games. All games, other than championships, are no new innings after one hour and 30 minutes with no hard stop. Pool-play games can end in a tie.

If weather conditions and/or darkness dictate, a game will be considered complete after three innings (two-and-a-half if the home team is leading) and the official score will be that of the last completed full inning.

Individual league inning run limits are in effect as well as a large-lead rule. Please view each division's rules for further details.

Forfeited games are recorded as 3-0.

Infield and outfield warm-ups are allowed provided they are taken only during the time the pitcher is warming up. If a team delays in returning the warm-up balls to their dugout, the umpire is authorized to prohibit warm-ups in the remaining innings of the game.

Have players ready to bat and move in and out of the batter's box quickly. If you are giving signs, teach your players to step out with one foot after the pitch is thrown so they are ready to bat when the pitcher has the ball. The umpire will enforce the 20-second-between-pitch rule if there is a continual time delay.

A runner will be called "out" when he/she does not slide or attempt to avoid a fielder who has the ball and is attempting to make a tag on the runner or if he/she maliciously runs into a fielder. Malicious contact supersedes obstruction. Hurdling is prohibited. The penalty for malicious contact is ejection. The ejected player is also out unless he/she has already scored.

No head-first slides are allowed for safety reasons unless a runner is returning to the base.

With two outs, the player who is playing catcher in the next inning should be removed for a courtesy runner (courtesy runner must have made the last out in the current inning).

Rosters

Each team can have a maximum of 13 players on the active roster. The head coach/manager is responsible for having all player birth certificates at all times. Use of an ineligible player or not being able to produce a birth certificate upon challenge will result in forfeit of any games in which that player played.

As this tournament is for in-house all-star teams only, the use of travel players or teams in the Cary TOS is prohibited. Violators will forfeit games played with an ineligible player or players and possibly be removed from the tournament without refund.

A player may not be added to the roster after TOS begins without director approval. Any violations will include forfeit of all tournament games and any fees paid.

Player Waivers

Each player must complete the waiver found on Tourney Machine before games begin. There are no exceptions.

Baseball: player's age as of May 1

Softball: player's age as of January 1

A team roster/batting order, which identifies the jersey number of each player, shall be provided to the opposing head coach/manager before each game.

Tie Breaker for Pool-Play Games

- Win/Loss
- Runs Differential

Tournament Format

Baseball: Two pool-play games, single elimination thereafter

Softball: Three pool play games , single elimination thereafter

Weather and Information

If rain outs are unable to be made up we will end the game with a 1-1 tie.

Refund Policy

- Zero games played: \$490 refund (\$515 less a \$25 processing fee)
- One game played: \$250 refund
- Two or more games played: no refund
- NOTE: If any team withdraws from TOS two weeks or less before games begin, no refund will be given

Insurance

Each team must submit a proof-of-insurance certificate by mail (PO Box 102 Cary, IL 60013) or email (tos@cgybs.org) one week before games begin. Each proof-of-insurance certificate must list CGYBS as a holder.

Umpires

Umpires officiate several games in different divisions and rules vary by age level. Should a rules dispute occur, and the coaches have the rules on hand, the problem can be solved quickly. If neither coach can produce the rules to clarify the issue, the umpire will make the call and the call will be final.

We ask that you be respectful of our young umpires and not treat them as you might a professional umpire. Some calls may not go your way, but rarely is the outcome of a game determined solely by an umpire.

Discussing a rule with the umpire is allowed if done in a respectful, calm, and discrete manner.

All discussions are done between innings. Arguing with an umpire is not tolerated and will be dealt with promptly. Only a head coach/manager is allowed to question an umpire.

All coaches must be respectful of the umpire. No protests are allowed. All decisions of umpires and the tournament director are final. Directors may assist umpires with rule issues.