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## 2023 North Ridgeville Corn Fest Tournament Rules

### Tournament Rules

- Dates:
  - 8U, 10U and 12U: Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Location:
  - Palmer Field, North Ridgeville OH
- Cost:
  - \$450 per team. Must pay to secure spot; 3 game guarantee
- Format:
  - 8 team maximum with each team receiving 2 pool games. Pool play will determine seeding for single elimination bracket play.
- Game Length:
  - 6 innings or time limit; no new inning to be started after 1 hour 30 minutes.
  - 1 hour 45 minute drop-ball.
    - If Drop Dead time limit is reached then the score will revert back to the previous complete inning's score. Note: In the case that the home team ties the score in the last inning of play the score will remain tied & not revert back to the last inning score. Ties count in pool play games. Unsportsmanlike game delays are solely at the discretion of the Umpire-in-Chief in game and may result in the ejection of offending coach.
  - No time limits in bracket play unless rain shortens tournament play.
  - Pool play games can end in a tie
  - The next inning begins as soon as the last out is recorded in the previous inning.
  - Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Games will start early if possible.
  - Game is considered complete if 4 innings are completed (3.5 if home team is winning,) regardless of time elapsed.
- Age limits:
  - Age on May 1, 2023
- Bat Restrictions:
  - None
- Batting Order:
  - Continuous batting order may be used; minimum 9 batters.
  - Additional Hitter (AH) is permitted. AH is considered a defensive spot.
  - No Designated Hitter (DH) allowed.
- Pitching Rules:
  - All games are player pitch; pitcher removed with second mound visit in an inning may not pitch the remainder of the current game.
  - No limit for overall pitching by players for the duration of the tournament.
  - If no batters are retired by a pitcher, 1/3 of an inning is charged.
- Pitching Limits:
  - 8U - 3 innings maximum per player in each game
  - 10U - 4 innings maximum per player in each game
  - 12U - 5 innings maximum per player in each game





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- 14U - 6 innings maximum per player in each game
  - Pitching and Base Distance:
    - 8U – Mound is 40 feet; Bases are 60 feet
    - 10U: Mound is 46 feet; Bases are 65 feet
    - 12U: Mound is 50 feet; Bases are 70 feet
    - 14U: Mound is 55 feet; Bases are 80 feet
  - Courtesy Runner:
    - Is permitted in each game for the catcher only. If no reserve player is available, the player making the last recorded out may be used. Players that are not in a defensive position the prior inning (including the AH) are considered reserves for this rule. A player may not courtesy run for more than one player in the same inning.
  - Mercy Rule:
    - 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings.
  - Tiebreaker:
    - Pool play games: none (can end in a tie)
    - Bracket play games: each team starts with the player making the last recorded out in the previous inning on second base.
  - Pool play:
    - 3 points for a win, 1 point for a loss, 2 points for a tie.
  - Pool Play Tiebreakers (maximum run differential per game is 15 runs, regardless of final score):
    1. Points
    2. Head to head
    3. Least runs allowed
    4. Total run differential
    5. Most runs scored
    6. Coin toss
  - Home team:
    - Determined by coin toss before each game in pool play. Home team determined by seed in bracket play.
  - Stealing and leadoffs:
    - 8U: Stealing and leadoffs are not permitted
    - 10U, 12U and 14U:- Stealing and leadoffs are permitted
  - Defense:
    - 9 fielders
  - Dropped Third Strike:
    - 8U: The batter is out
    - 10U, 12U and 14U: Is in effect. Ball is live on dropped 3rd strike, per normal rule
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  - Infield Fly Rule:
    - In effect for all ages
  - Balks:
    - 8U: None
    - 10U, 12U and 14U: Will be called. 1 warning per pitcher, per game, enforced thereafter.





- Fake to 3B, throw to 1B is legal.
- Game Balls: Provided by tournament.
- Umpires: Provided by tournament.
- Official Score: Tourney Machine will be used for all tournament play. Scores must be reported to an umpire or tournament official.
- Uniforms and equipment:
  - Metal spikes are allowed for 14U only
  - Uniform tops must be the same predominant color
  - Hats are required for all position players except for the catcher.
  - No jewelry restrictions unless deemed excessive or dangerous by umpire.
- Players or coaches that are ejected must immediately leave the grounds. Suspensions are at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- There are no protests; issues will be handled by the umpires and the tournament committee as needed. The tournament committee reserves the right to amend and stipulate rules as needed.
- The tournament committee reserves the right to change the tournament format at any time due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. In the case of rain, managers are responsible for contacting the committee to confirm game times and any rescheduling.
- No grills are permitted at the tournament. We have a World-Class Concession Stand, with low prices and high quality choices, to include tournament specialty items, such as grilled corn on the cob, steak sandwiches, Italian sausage, gyros and more!
- Rules governing play will be the 2023 Official Major League Baseball Rules, except where local rules apply.
- All coaches are expected to exhibit professionalism at all times and will be responsible for the behavior of parents and players of their respective teams.
- Champions and runners-up will receive awards.
- Rainout policy \*\*A game started is considered a full game for refund purposes\*\*
  1. 0 games played = 90% refund
  2. 1 game played = 50% refund
  3. 2 games played = 25% refund

## Palmer Field - 33900 Dodge Ave. North Ridgeville, OH 44039

