



The Midsummer Classic Tournament is open to teams at the Silver/AA/D2, Bronze/A/D3 and Knothole levels or alike. Player Birthday cutoff is as of May 1st. Games will be played at the Pisgah Youth Organization's Complex or at nearby fields.

A non-refundable \$100 Deposit is required with the completed Registration Form to hold your spot in the Tournament. Entry Fees for the Age Divisions are as follows:

8u to 12u: \$350 + \$195 Gate/Parking Fee **13u to 16U:** \$495 + \$195 Gate/Parking Fee

Entry is first come, first served. Umpire fees and Game Balls are provided.

Each age bracket in the Tournament will have a Pool Play format to determine the seeding for a single Elimination Round. In the Elimination Round, the #1 seeded team will play the #4 seeded team (of the Elimination qualifying teams) even if they come from the same pool. Consolation Games will be scheduled if necessary. If there are less or more than 8 teams available in a division the Tournament Director will adjust the format of play at his discretion to best suit the circumstances. Age brackets may be combined at the discretion of Tournament Director if there are insufficient teams in an age division (not likely). There will be Champion and Runner-Up RINGS presented on-field immediately after the Championship Game for each age bracket.

Our plan is for teams to play on Thursday or Friday starting as early as 4pm with the remaining Pool games played on Saturday. We will attempt to accommodate schedules for any out of town teams. Bracket play will take place on Sunday. If we are unable to play scheduled games due to inclement weather, the Tournament Director will determine and communicate the best possible solution based on the timing of the inclement weather and or the circumstances.

We will also be hosting an optional Hitting Contest for registered players of the participating Teams. The Hitting Contest will be on Wednesday, June 17th starting at 5pm. Hitting Contest details and fees will be sent to all participating teams in early-June.

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Team Registration

Tournament Dates: 10U & 11U – June 11-14 ---- 8U, 9U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U – June 18-21
Submit completed forms to tournaments@pyobaseball.org & indicate deposit payment type on form

Team Name: _____

Team Manager: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

League/Association/
Affiliation: _____

League Division: _____

Check Division you wish to play in: 8U () 9U () 10U () 11U () 12U ()
13U () 14U () 15U () 16U ()

Maximum roster is 15 players. We will need a Certificate of Liability Insurance for your team naming PYO as an additional named insured. Both the team roster and the Insurance Certificate are due prior to your first game. Game Balls & Umpire Fees are provided for the Tournament.

A \$100 Deposit is required with this completed form to save your spot. Team Entry Fees are:

8u to 12u: \$350 + \$195 Gate/Parking Fee **13u to 16U:** \$495 + \$195 Gate/Parking Fee

Please indicate method of deposit below:

- Checks or Money orders: Make payable to “PYO”
Mail to: Pispah Youth Organization -- P.O. Box 8093 -- West Chester, OH 45069
- Credit Cards Payment: Call Gene Drozd, PYO Treasurer (513-508-9030)
- Venmo Payments (@pyosports).
Please indicate “MSC-age group-Team Name”



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Rules, Policies and Guidelines

Player age based on May 1st cutoff

16U - Any player who does not turn 17 years old before May 1st, 2026, is eligible to play

15U - Any player who does not turn 16 years old before May 1st, 2026, is eligible to play

14U - Any player who does not turn 15 years old before May 1st, 2026, is eligible to play

13U - Any player who does not turn 14 years old before May 1st, 2026, is eligible to play.

12U - Any player who does not turn 13 years old before May 1st, 2026, is eligible to play.

11U - Any player who does not turn 12 years old before May 1st, 2026, is eligible to play.

10U - Any player who does not turn 11 years old before May 1st, 2026, is eligible to play.

9U - Any player who does not turn 10 years old before May 1st, 2026, is eligible to play.

8U - Any player who does not turn 9 years old before May 1st, 2026, is eligible to play

We will play SWOL - OHSAA Baseball Rules except for the following and the Supplemental Rules for 8u Division (go to <http://www.pyosports.org> hit rules link 8u).

1. Pitching:

There are no formal pitching restrictions for this tournament. The responsibility of managing pitch counts and innings pitched rests with each team's Head Coach.

2. Distances:

14U - 16U – 60' 6" Pitching, 90' Bases -- **13U** – 54' Pitching, 80' Bases -- **11U & 12U** – 50' Pitching, 70' Bases

10U – 46' Pitching, 65' Bases -- **8U & 9U** – 44' 6" Pitching, 65' Bases

3. Length of Games:

Complete Games – 8U to 12U = 6 Innings --- 13U to 16U = 7 Innings

Pool Play Games - No new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes. The Game may end in a tie.

Elimination Round Games - No new inning may start after 1:45 minutes. In case of a tie, the game will be extended using the California rules. ie – The inning starts with last batter out on second base, one out and a 1-1 count on all batters.

Championship Game - No time limit. In case of a tie, the game will be extended using the California rules

The Home Team will not bat in the bottom half of an inning, if winning, after the time limit has been reached.

4. Mercy Rule:

8U to 12U -- 10 runs after 3 innings - 7 runs after 4 innings

13U to 16U -- 15 runs after 3 innings - 10 runs after 4 innings - 7 runs after 5 innings

The Mercy Rule applies in all games.

5. EH, DH, Roster Batting, and Re-entry.

5A – Roster Batting. You may Roster Bat. Teams that roster bat are allowed free defensive substitution, except that a pitcher may not be re-entered as a pitcher. Once a player is removed due to injury, he may not return during the same game. In this case, the batting order simply collapses. A team roster batting must start with a minimum of 9 players and must end the game with 9 players.

5B – DH. Either team may elect to use the DH. The DH is not allowed to re-enter as a fielder during the game. (Once the game is started their option may not be changed). If the DH is injured another player eligible to enter the game may become the DH. If there is not an available sub, then the DH will be recorded as on out when it is his turn to bat.

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5C – EH. The Extra Hitter (EH) Rule may be used at an individual team's option. Only 1 extra hitter is allowed per team. (1) The extra hitter may be anyone on the team's official league roster. (2) Application of the rule is optional. One team may choose to employ the option, the opposing team may choose not to do so. (3) The extra hitter is simply an additional person in the batting order who may be placed anywhere in the 10-man batting order (4) The E.H. is an interchangeable part with anyone in the lineup. (Ie: If, for example, the E.H. is moved to 2B in the second inning, the 2B then becomes the E.H. with no change in the batting order.) (5) If a team begins a game using the E.H., they must do so for the duration of the game. (A team with only 10 players would be advised not to employ the E.H.). If a team starts the game using an EH, i.e., 10 batters, then they must finish the game with 10 batters. If there is not a player on the bench eligible to enter the game as the EH then the EH will be recorded as an out when it is his turn to bat.

5D – Re-entry. The high school re-entry shall be in effect. Starters only may re-enter the game one time in their same spot in the batting order. Non-starters may not reenter. This rule does not apply to teams that choose to roster bat.

6. If any player is removed due to injury that occurred on the field, and cannot be replaced legally, he is not out at next at bat, lineup simply collapses.

7. Home team will be determined by a coin flip in pool play. In the single elimination playoff round the higher seed is home team. Each team will provide a scorekeeper with all pitching changes being recorded by home plate umpire.

8. Courtesy runner will be allowed for the previous inning's Catcher and Pitcher at any time. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out – even if in a previous inning.

9. Metal cleats are prohibited (except for 13U and older).

10. Playoff Seeding:

Seeding for playoff rounds will be decided as follows:

* Win-Loss Record

* Head-to-Head

* Least runs allowed (meaning how many total runs in all Pool games you allowed, the lower the number the better your standing).

* Most runs Scored (meaning how many total runs in all Pool games scored, the higher the number the better your standing)

* Flip of the coin

11. On-Field warm-ups will only be allowed at the 1st & 3rd base areas and/or the Outfield grass. This warm-up is only permissible prior to the official start time of a scheduled game and may not interfere with in-between game Field repairs/irrigation or any other game or team. There is absolutely no Walk-On practice or warm up allowed on any unoccupied field. Full or complete Infield warm up is not permitted on any field in fair or foul territory at any time.

12. At start time, a 15-minute grace period will be used to avoid forfeit

13. In case of rain or other uncontrolled event occurring - 4 innings constitutes a complete game. A game suspended past 4 innings, in the middle of an inning will revert to the score at the end of the prior inning. Reminder, complete pool play games may end in a tie. Incomplete games will only be completed if necessary to determine Championship Round seeding.

14. Every effort will be made to complete the tournament but in case of rain, darkness, or any other circumstance, the Director reserves the right to shorten games or modify schedules in order to finish the event.

Entry Fee Refund Policy: No games started – 8u to 12u: \$350 refund – 13u to 17u: \$495 refund 1 game started - 8u to 12u: \$200 refund --13u to 16u: \$300 refund 2 games started – 8u to 12u: \$100 refund – 13u to 16u: \$150 refund. **Gate/Parking Fee Refund Policy:** based on games started – 0 Games = \$195, 1 Game = \$120, 2 Games or more = no refund

15. Teams are required to maintain a record of all Tournament Games in a team scorebook. All scorebooks must be available upon request by the Tournament Director at any time during the tournament. We recommend you check your numbers with the umpire and opponent after every ½ inning. A Tournament Specific Card will be provided to each Umpire and each coach should sign off on the card validating the final score. The Umpire will submit the final score after each game to the Tournament Scorekeeping personnel.

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16. All bats will be required to meet SWOL Standards and Rules for the appropriate age level. 8U - 14U must use bats bearing the BPF 1.15 Stamp or lower and 15U and older must use BBCOR approved bats. Refusal to remove a non-approved bat will result in the batter being called out and a dead ball will be called (must be brought to the attention of the umpire before the batter completes at bat. Otherwise, the result of at bat stands and the bat will be subsequently removed. A second attempt to use a non-approved bat will result in ejection of the Team Manager and the batter being called out. USA Bats may be used.

17. Bull-rushing or plowing over a defensive player, whether intentional or not will result in the base runner being called out, ejected from the current game, and suspended from play in the next game.

18. A Team Roster should contain no more than 15 players. Team Roster should be submitted before the first game or via email to: tournaments@pyobaseball.org or U.S. Mail to arrive by the Monday prior to the tournament starting to the address in item #21. Failure to submit the Team Roster can result in a game forfeit.

19. Gold/AAA/D1 level players and above from this year's Spring Season may not play or be rostered on a MSC Tournament Team.

20. Teams must have birth certificates available for review at any time during the tournament. Any player without a birth certificate on file with the team manager will be ineligible and the team will forfeit any game in which the player appeared. Any dispute questioning player eligibility should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director before the end of the game in question. There will be no refunds issued due to ineligible players and a resultant forfeit.

21. Each team must carry Liability Insurance. Proof of insurance, Sudden Cardiac Arrest & Coaches Concussion Course completion must be received before team's first game. The "Pisgah Youth Organization, P.O. Box 8093, West Chester, OH 45069" must be named as an "Additional Named Insured". Failure to provide the above items can result in forfeit of tournament play and all fees paid. These documents should be emailed to: tournaments@pyobaseball.org or mailed via US Postal Service to the above PYO address. Please note that we recommend each coach carry their own dugout ice and first aid kit at the tournament.

22. The line-up you turn in before the game should list all players present at the start of the game. If a player is not present when the game starts and arrives late the player can be added to the end of the line-up if roster batting.

23. PYO expects all teams to enforce our policy with their parents of **not** bringing coolers into the ballpark and therefore supporting our reasonably priced concession stand. PYO is non-profit and all funds remain in the baseball programs.

24. The PYO Visitors Policy and the PYO Coaches and Parents Code of Conduct can be found on the PYO Website (<http://www.pyosports.org>) and we expect each Team Manager to be responsible in supporting the items contained in these documents with their respective team parents. An ejection will result in the Player, Parent and / or Coach missing the next game in the Tournament.

25. PETS, Smoking, Vaping and/or Alcoholic Beverages are NOT allowed at the Ballpark at any time.

26. Batting Cage – Pitching Lane and Batting Cage use will be available during the Tournament. Helmets must always be worn inside the caged areas (includes youth pitchers). **No rubber cleats or metal spikes** may be worn by players and /or coaches when inside the cages. Your cage reservation slot will be taken at the Concession Stand starting when the tournament begins for \$20 per half hour. A PYO official will grant you access to the cage. Please lock the cages when you are finished using it.

27. Appeals - There is no "appeal process" regarding game play for the sake of this tournament. If you are in question of a rule, please contact Tournament Director for an official ruling. Do not wait until your game is completed to try to resolve issues. Any game play that continues from the point of dispute is considered to be official and the result cannot be appealed or reversed. The Tournament Director (or designee) will be on site and available via mobile telephone

28. RING Award Presentations will take place on the field immediately following the Championship Game. Please remain at the field following your Championship game, even if your team is the runner-up.