

3rd Annual Kalahari Klassic
Sponsored by Kalahari Waterpark Resort
Hosted by Bomber's Baseball Club
9,10,11, 12, and 14 under
May 1 - 3, 2009

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

- Most games will be played at Fabens Park located in Huron, Ohio. Additional fields are available in Sandusky if needed.
- Tournament cost for 9U - 14U is \$375.00 per team.
Make checks payable to Todd DeWitt
- Maximum of twelve (12) teams consisting of three pools. Each team will be guaranteed three (3) games. Semi-finals and finals for 9U - 12U will be held on Sunday, May 3rd, 2009. The 14U age group will be limited to the first six (6) teams.
- All players on roster must be of age by April 30, 2009. Verification of a player's age may be asked for at anytime. Please have a copy of a birth certificate for all players on your roster.
- Sponsor trophies and individual awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. No more than twelve players on your roster for award purposes.
- Certified umpires will be used behind the plate, and in the field.
- Concession stand and restrooms will be available.
- Tournament T-shirts will be on sale. Pre-ordering of T-shirts is encouraged. There is a reduced price for pre-ordered tournament T-shirts.
- A 50/50 raffle will be held with the winning ticket being drawn on Sunday.
- Tournament programs will be available for purchase.

GENERAL RULES:

- All games will consists of six (6) innings, unless shortened due to weather, run rule or darkness.
- A game will be shortened after four (4) complete innings if either team is ahead by ten (10) runs.
- Game is official after the losing team has batted four (4) complete innings.
- One hour and forty-five minute time limit per game. No new inning will start after one hour and forty-five minutes, unless the game is tied. If the score is tied at the end of six (6) innings of play it is continued until one team has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings. Extra innings will be played under the "California" rule, where the player who made the last out in the previous inning starts on 2nd base.
- Home team is determined by coin flip for pool play games only and the home team will keep the official score book.
- The higher seed will be home team in the tournament bracket games. Seeding will occur after the pool play games are concluded.

- A player, or players, may be substituted during a game at any time the ball is dead. A substitute player shall bat in the replaced player's position in the team's batting order. A starting player removed from a game shall be allowed to re-enter the game once but must bat in their original position in the team's batting order. A substitute player removed from a game is ineligible for the remainder of the game.
- Maximum diameter for bats will be 2 3/4".
- There will be only one (1) warning per team for throwing of bats or helmets. An out will be called for any further infractions.
- Team results and pitching total sheets must be filled out and handed in after every game. It is the winning teams responsibility to secure all the information for this form.
- No infield practice between games.
- No protests are allowed. The umpire's decision is final.
- Seedings for the semi-finals and finals will be determined by the following criteria.
 - A. Overall record.
 - B. Head-to-head record.
 - C. Runs allowed.
 - D. Runs scored.

PITCHING:

- Pitching distance is 46'.
- Breaking balls, change-up and knuckle balls are permitted. Pitchers must maintain a consistent motion whether overhand or sidearm.
- The 8U age group will be coach pitch.
- A player removed from the pitching position may not return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game.
- No more than three (3) visits can be made to the mound for any one pitcher. Upon the third (3rd) visit the pitcher must be removed from the pitching position.
- Balks will be enforced after one warning is given to the pitcher of record at anytime during the game.

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>	<u>Column C</u>
9U	4	6	8
10U	4	6	8
11U	4	6	9
12U	4	6	9

- **Column A:** The number of innings a pitcher can legally pitch in one (1) day and still legally pitch the next day.
- **Column B:** The number of innings a pitcher can legally pitch in one (1) day.
- **Column C:** The number of innings a pitcher can legally pitch in two (2) consecutive days.
- For purposes of the pitching limitations rules, a pitcher is in violation of the rule if he records any out above the pitching limits. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched.

- It is the responsibility of each team's manager to challenge pitching violations by notifying the home plate umpire, and then the tournament director.
- A player that pitches two (2) consecutive days must rest the third (3rd) day regardless of the number of innings pitched on either day.
- Any violation of pitching limitations shall result in immediate forfeiture of the game.

BASE RUNNING:

- No leading off.
- Dropped third (3rd) strike rule will be in affect for ages 10U -12U. Providing first (1st) base is unoccupied, or first (1st) base is occupied with two (2) outs. For the 9U age group the batter will be out, and not able to try to advance to first (1st) base.
- Stealing is permitted after the pitcher releases the ball for ages 10U - 12U. For the 9U age group the runner must wait until the ball crosses the plate to steal.
- Advancing to all bases on passed balls is allowed.
- Bases will be 60' apart.
- Courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher of record only. The courtesy runner must be a player that is not currently in the batting order.

14U RULES

- The 14U age group will play under the Ohio High School rules. Bases will be 90 feet and the pitcher's mound will be 60 feet.
- Pitching will be limited to 7 innings in a day and a maximum of 10 innings in the entire tournaments.

RAIN-OUT POLICY:

In the event that we are unable to play any games at all, a partial refund would be provided to each team. The Bombers Baseball Club will retain an administration fee of \$75. The rest of the entry fee money will be mailed back to the teams contact within two weeks of the tournament completion. A complete refund is not possible due to many expenses that must be paid whether any games are played or not. After each team has played at least one game, there will be no refunds given. In the event that rain causes a delay which would make it not possible to complete the tournament, the tournament may become modified.

Any questions throughout the tournament can be directed to the Tournament Director: Todd DeWitt cell ph# 1(419) 680-5412 or visit the Bomber's Baseball Clubs website for all tournament updates on scores, seedings, schedules, and weather delays
www.bombersbaseballclub.net

There will also be several STAFF members available at the tournament to offer assistance should any issues arise.