

8th Annual Greater Michigan APBA Baseball Tournament

When?

Saturday, March 5, 2022

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

How much?

The entry fee for this year will be \$25.00 payable the day of the tournament; and there will be a \$20.00 cancellation fee, for those who register and cancel at any time (PayPal is pastorichz@yahoo.com)

Where?

Loomis Park Baptist Church

2301 North Elm Road

Jackson, MI 49201

Theme?

Any team 1901-2019 with a .525 or less Winning % (IE: 85 wins in 162 G or 80 wins in 154 G)

DH will be used

3-man rotation

GENERAL RULES

(Revision 12)

- MANAGERS MAY BRING ANY APBA ISSUED TEAM FROM 1901-2019 MLB TEAM WITH A .525 OR LESS WINNING %
- 25 MAN MAX ROSTER
- THE BASIC GAME WILL BE USED
- DICE WILL BE PROVIDED (ONLY DICE PROVIDED MAY BE USED)
- ONLY FIELDING BOOKLET © 2009 OR NEWER WILL BE USED (THESE INCLUDE K, R & ZZ PITCHER CONTROL RATINGS)
- THE DESIGNATED HITTER WILL BE USED. PITCHERS MAY NOT PINCH HIT OR PINCH RUN
- TEAMS WILL BE PLACED INTO DIVISIONS BY A BLIND DRAW
- ROUND ROBIN PLAY WILL BE USED
- DIVISIONAL (AND HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE) TIE-BREAKERS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. W-L RECORD (IF THE W-L RECORDS ARE IDENTICAL, PROCEED TO 2.)
 2. HEAD TO HEAD (IF THEY SPLIT 2 GAMES, AND WENT 1-1, OR THE TEAMS HAVE NOT PLAYED EACH OTHER, PROCEED TO 3.)
 3. RUN DIFFERENTIAL (IF THEIR RUN DIFFERENTIAL IS IDENTICAL, PROCEED TO 4.)
 4. MOST RUNS SCORED (IF THEIR RUNS SCORED IS IDENTICAL, PROCEED TO 5.)
 5. FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED (IF THEIR RUNS ALLOWED IS IDENTICAL, PROCEED TO 6.)
 6. A. PLAY A 1-GAME PLAYOFF (PLAY-IN) GAME TO GET INTO THE PLAYOFFS
 6. B. FOR TEAMS ALREADY IN THE PLAYOFFS, ROLL THE DICE, AND THE HIGHEST TOTAL ROLL DETERMINES HOME-FIELD
- 8 TEAMS WILL ADVANCE TO THE PLAYOFFS (ELITE 8, FINAL 4, FINALS); THERE WILL ALSO BE A CONSOLATION SINGLE-ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT FOR THOSE PLAYERS WHO DO NOT ADVANCE INTO THE PLAYOFF PORTION OF THE TOURNEY
 - ALL RESULTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO INJURIES, EJECTIONS OR RAIN OUTS

EXAMPLE: RUNNER ON SECOND – FIELDING ONE – RESULT 38

“SINGLE; line drive hits pitcher; runner to 3rd; pitcher injured; unable to play next 7 games”

WOULD SIMPLY BE: “SINGLE; line drive; runner to 3rd”

EXAMPLE: RUNNERS ON FIRST & SECOND – FIELDING TWO – RESULT 23

“Ball; pitcher dispute’s umpire’s decision and ejected for the remainder of the game”

WOULD SIMPLY BE: “BALL” (Roll Again)

- AFTER THE ROUND-ROBIN ROUND, TIE-BREAKERS WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE HOME FIELD
- A J-3 or J-4 PLAYER MUST HAVE AT LEAST 90 AB TO START
- A J-3 or J-4 PLAYER WITH LESS THAN 90 AB MAY EITHER (1) ONLY PINCH HIT PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF 6 INNINGS OR (2) HE MAY ENTER THE GAME AFTER THE COMPLETION OF 6 INNINGS AND REMAIN IN THE GAME

FIELDING RULES

- ONLY TOTAL TEAM FIELDING RATINGS WILL BE USED (OPTIONAL FIELDING WILL NOT BE USED)

- ANY PLAYER WHO DOES NOT HAVE A FIELDING RATING FOR A POSITION WILL BE CONSIDERED THE LOWEST FIELDING RATING AT THAT POSITION IF PLACED INTO THE GAME
- THE MANAGER MUST DECLARE DEEP (D) OR CLOSE (C) WITH A RUNNER ON THIRD BASE. IF NOTHING IS DECLARED, THE INFIELD WILL BE CONSIDERED TO BE PLAYING DEEP (D)

BASE-RUNNING RULES

- A MANAGER MUST DECLARE WHETHER OR NOT A RUNNER IS "PLAYING IT SAFE." IF THEY ARE "PLAYING IT SAFE," THE RUNNER WOULD ONLY ADVANCE AS FAR AS THE BATTER. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH A RUNNER ON FIRST BASE, THE BATTER DOUBLES, THE RUNNER WOULD ONLY ADVANCE TWO BASES AND THUS, GO TO THIRD AND NOT SCORE DESPITE WHAT THE BOARD SAYS. ALL BOARD STEAL RESULTS OR THROWN OUT TRYING TO STEAL ARE NEGATED IF THE MANAGER HAS DECLARED THAT THE RUNNER IS "PLAYING IT SAFE." HOWEVER, RUNNERS WILL ADVANCE ON PASSED BALLS AND WILD PITCHES EVEN IF THEY ARE "PLAYING IT SAFE."
- THERE IS NO LIMIT TO HIT-AND-RUN OR SACRIFICE ATTEMPTS

PITCHING RULES

- A 3-MAN ROTATION WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT IN ROUND ROBIN PLAY,

GAME # 1 THE # 3 STARTER WILL START
 GAME # 2 THE # 1 STARTER WILL START
 GAME # 3 THE # 2 STARTER WILL START
 GAME # 4 THE # 3 STARTER WILL START
 GAME # 5 THE # 1 STARTER WILL START
 GAME # 6 THE # 2 STARTER WILL START
 GAME # 7 THE # 3 STARTER WILL START
 GAME # 8 THE # 1 STARTER WILL START

IN THE PLAYOFFS,

ELITE EIGHT THE # 2 STARTER WITH START
 FINAL FOUR THE # 3 STARTER WILL START
 TOURNEY FINAL THE # 1 STARTER WILL START

- A J-3 or J-4 STARTING PITCHER MAY START BUT MUST HAVE AT LEAST BOTH 15 STARTS AND 75 IP
- PITCHERS DESIGNATED ONLY AS RELIEVERS (*) MAY NOT START (SPLIT GRADES MAY START BUT, AGAIN, IF THEY ARE J-3 or J-4, THEY MUST HAVE AT LEAST BOTH 15 STARTS AND 75 IP)
- STARTING PITCHERS MUST COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 5 INNINGS UNLESS THEIR GRADE IS REDUCED

AS NOTED BELOW (SEE GRADE REDUCTION)

- STARTING PITCHERS MAY ONLY COMPLETE A MAXIMUM OF 11 INNINGS AFTER WHICH THEY MUST BE RELIEVED
- PITCHERS WILL BE GRADED THROUGH 11 INNINGS, FROM THE TOP OF THE 12th INNING UNTIL THE END OF THE GAME ALL PITCHERS WILL BE STRAIGHT GRADE "D" WITH NO LETTERED CONTROL RATINGS (K,R,W,X,Y,Z,ZZ)
- REGULAR APBA BASIC GAME PITCHER GRADE ADVANCEMENT & REDUCTION WILL BE USED

GRADE ADVANCEMENT

GRADE D PITCHES 5 INNINGS WITHOUT ALLOWING AN EARNED RUN WILL ADVANCE TO GRADE C

GRADE C PITCHES 6 INNINGS WITHOUT ALLOWING AN EARNED RUN WILL ADVANCE TO GRADE B

GRADE B PITCHES 7 INNINGS WITHOUT ALLOWING AN EARNED RUN WILL ADVANCE TO GRADE A

PITCHERS ADVANCE ONE LETTER GRADE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL INNING WITHOUT ALLOWING AN EARNED RUN

GRADE REDUCTION

ANY PITCHER THAT ALLOWS 5 EARNED RUNS IN ANY 3 CONSECUTIVE INNINGS IS LOWERED 1 LETTER GRADE

IF PITCHER REMAINS IN-GAME, REDUCE HIS GRADE 1 ADDITIONAL LETTER FOR EVERY 5 EARNED RUNS HE ALLOWS WITHIN 3 CONSECUTIVE INNINGS

- PITCHERS DESIGNATED ONLY AS RELIEVERS (*) ARE LIMITED TO 2 INNINGS OR 6 TOTAL OUTS
- RELIEVERS WILL NOT BE UPGRADED REGARDLESS OF WHEN THEY ENTER THE GAME