

# 2022 FURNITURE CITY SOUTH APBA TOURNAMENT TOURNAMENT RULES (7.27.22)

## TIME & PLACE

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

Fortress of Solitude at 116 E Bridge St, Plainwell, MI 49080  
Doors Open at 8:30 AM, with games to start by 9:00 AM.

## TOURNAMENT BASICS

**\*Theme: Integration:** The Grand Rapids fall tournament moves south this year to Plainwell, Michigan (near Kalamazoo) hosting **MLB non-playoff teams from 1940-1959 with each team adding a player from the Negro Leagues from the scan sent to managers in advance of the August 20, 2022 draft.**

- \*The basic game using 2011 or later result boards will apply except as noted.
- \*Teams may have a 25-man roster, but no XCs.
- \*No DH will be used.
- \*Team fielding will be used.
- \*There will be no injuries, ejections, or rainouts.
- \*Teams will announce a 3-man pitching rotation at the start of division play.
- \*Tournament dice will be provided and must be used with a dice cup or tower. No hand rolling.

## TEAM & PLAYER SELECTION DRAFT

- \*Tournament sign-ups are open now.
- \*Every manager must provide an email address and phone number.
- \*Team selection will be by an advance random draft starting **August 20, 2022**; the single player addition will then follow in reverse order of the team draft.

## GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

### What you need to bring:

- \*Your team
- \*Result Boards from 2011 or later.
- \*Score sheets.
- \*Roster sheet with stats for your team. See [www.baseball-reference.com](http://www.baseball-reference.com).
- \*\$20 Entry Fee.

### What we will provide:

- \*Official tournament dice, and cups (if needed).
- \*Box for dice rolling (if needed).
- \*A good time with good people.

## **GAME DAY SCHEDULE:**

8:30 AM – Doors open.  
8:50 AM – Introductions  
9:00 AM - Games begin.  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. Lunch.  
1:00 PM – Games continue.  
4:00 PM – Championship game  
5:00 PM - Tournament complete & trophies awarded.

## **PACE OF PLAY**

\*To ensure that the schedule is completed in a timely manner, please play 5 games before leaving for lunch.

## **POSITION PLAYER AND PITCHER QUALIFICATIONS**

\***Players** may only appear in a game at a position for which they are graded. This also means that a non-pitcher may not be used as a pitcher.

\***Non-pitcher position players** must have had at least 100 ABs in the selected MLB season to start or play in the field. Position players with fewer than 100 ABs may pinch hit or pinch run *only*. They are not eligible to replace a position player in the field or batting order. They may not be used as a pitcher in extra-inning games. No pitcher may pinch hit.

\***Starting Pitchers** in the three-man rotation must be declared in advance, must have at least 10 starts in the selected MLB season, and must pitch at least 5 innings in a start unless they allow 5 or more runs (earned or unearned) before the beginning of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning of that start. Teams must maintain the order of their starting rotations throughout Seeding Play. The pitching rotation may be reset for the Playoffs. Starters in the rotation may not relieve.

\***Pitchers appearing in relief** are limited as follows: 1 inning or 3 outs per game by an A; 2 innings or 6 outs per game by a B or C; no limit for a D. Exception: If a team is using its last available pitcher, he may continue to pitch but as a straight D. Any relief pitcher is advanced one letter grade, but not beyond grade A, for the first batter faced in the middle of any inning before the 11<sup>th</sup>.

\***Extra innings:** All pitchers are straight Ds starting in the 11<sup>th</sup> inning. There are no mid-inning grade advances starting in the 11<sup>th</sup> inning.

## **BASE RUNNING**

\*Base running will be controlled by the play boards unless the manager elects to hold a runner/play it safe, in which case the identified base runner will only advance as far as the batter. The identified runner may not advance on a fly ball, but balks and wild pitches still may occur.

### **FIRST PHASE OF THE TOURNAMENT: SEEDING PLAY**

\*A schedule will be provided in advance with the home/away matchups and the order for the pitching rotations.

### **SECOND PHASE OF THE TOURNAMENT: PLAYOFFS**

\*All teams will advance to the single elimination playoffs unless the number of entries conflicts with the available time.

\*Tiebreakers for seeding will be by team record, head-to-head, run differential in Seeding Play, total runs scored in Seeding Play, and fewest runs allowed in Seeding Play.

\*Home field will be determined by seeding.

\*The pitching rotation may be reset for the playoffs.

### **NOTE RE MULTI-ELIGIBILITY MLB & NEGRO LEAGUE PLAYERS**

\*Some of the cards include both pitcher and other position grades. If you employ a player to pitch, the player is limited to being a pitcher for that game. If you employ a player to play a position other than pitcher, the player may not pitch in that game.

### **SIGN UP OR QUESTIONS**

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