

# LYNDHURST DADS' CLUB: ANNUAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

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## GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Fourteen individual trophies and one team trophy will be awarded to each division champion and runner up.
2. Each team will be in possession their team roster and player birth certificates at the field. The roster must be complete with player name, uniform number and date of birth. Both roster and birth certificates will need to be produced immediately at the field if requested. A forfeit will result if unable to produce the documents upon request.
3. There is no minimum playing time rule (except in the 8U Mighty Mite Division).
4. Only Managers are permitted to discuss plays with an umpire. The manager must be granted time and approach the umpire to discuss a situation. Shouting at the umpire in an unsportsmanlike manner from the dugout or stands may result in immediate ejection from the game.
5. The Lyndhurst Dads' Club Field Director will decide on the condition of the playing field.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Any parent, fan, manager, coach or player ejected from a game is not permitted to participate, in any capacity, in the next game or be present within 100 yards of the field. The team manager is entirely responsible for notification of rule # 6 to all persons associated with their team. The LDC Tournament Director will halt play until the unsportsmanlike person has been removed from the field area.
7. No steel spikes may be worn in any Division.
8. Players must slide or avoid malicious contact on all close plays. The umpire is the sole judge of what may or may not be a "close play". Player will only be out if umpire determines there was malicious contact.
9. The home team will be determined by a coin flip for non-playoff games. Games within the Elimination Round will be determined by team seeding with higher seed listed as home team.
10. Both teams are responsible for completing an accurate scorebook for each team during the game; each retaining their copy. The home team is the official scorebook.
11. The "Winning" team of each game is to contact the Tournament Director with the score within 15 minutes of the completion of the game.
12. Pitchers may throw a maximum 3 innings per game in 9U & 10U and 4 innings per game at 11U & 12U. That is the only restriction. Please keep in mind that these are children. Please manage the pitch counts and innings in a responsible manner. Once a pitcher steps on the rubber, either in warm ups or in a game situation, it constitutes one (1) inning pitched.

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13. Batting helmets must be worn by anyone coaching a base or within the field of play if 18 years of age or younger.

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14. Roster batting is permitted in ALL divisions. a. Teams can bat a 9-player lineup, a 10-player lineup using an additional hitter (AH), or roster bat all present uniformed players. The lineup must be declared before the start of the game and used the entire game. b. If a team uses a lineup that contains 10 players, the player in the AH position, while not actually playing a defensive position, is treated as such for substitution purposes. c. If a team chooses to roster bat, then all players other than the nine defensive position players are additional hitters and can move freely in defensive positions. d. If a team is batting all present, uniformed players, with no eligible substitutes listed on the lineup card, and the number of players is 9 or 10, that team is considered to be roster batting for the purposes of defensive substitutions and courtesy runners, unless the coach has specifically declared otherwise at the pregame plate conference. If additional players arrive after the game has started and are listed on the official team roster, those players are placed at the end of the batting order. If the coach declares at the pregame plate conference that he is not roster batting, the late players are listed on the lineup as eligible substitutes
15. The DH (designated hitter) rule does not apply in any division.
16. Tie Breakers :
  - 1) Head to Head
  - 2) Fewest runs allowed
  - 3) Most runs scored (Max 8/game)
  - 4) Coin-flipIf 3 or more teams are tied with same record, eliminate head to head unless ALL tied teams played one another (use fewest runs allowed).
17. No Protests are permitted.
18. Starters may re-enter in all Divisions.
19. All games, in all Divisions, must start and end with a minimum of eight (8) defensive players or a forfeit will be declared.
20. In all Divisions a "speed-up" rule will be in effect for catchers and pitchers. With two outs and the catcher or pitcher on base, the offensive player making the last out can be used as a courtesy runner for the catcher or pitcher. (pitcher doesn't apply to 8U Coach Pitch)
21. The Ohio head injury "return-to-play" law is in effect.
22. Each Division requires a certain number of innings to be played for the game to be "Official". HOWEVER, IF THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE DIVISION HAS EXPIRED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED INNINGS HAVING BEEN PLAYED, THE GAME IS STILL AN OFFICIAL GAME .

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