

# ED MANGANO 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY TOURNAMENT RULES

**AWARDS**- Medals will be presented to 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in championship games.

**GAME LENGTH**- 7 innings unless restricted by time.

**GAME TIME** - 3 innings is an official game. No new inning can start after 1 hour 20min with the exception of playoff games which will have a 2 hour maximum time limit. In the event of a tie after 8 innings the last batter in the previous inning will begin the inning at 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

**PITCHING DISTANCE** - 12u is 40 feet and 14 will be 43 feet.

**TOURNAMENT DRAWS AND MAILING:** Draws for pool play will be done Monday, 5 days prior to start of tournament. Game times and pools will be posted to teams by Tuesday the week prior to the start of the tournament.

**FIELD PRACTICE**-Teams must warm up in the outfield unless the Tournament Director grants permission for infield usage. After the first inning, 5 pitch warm up per inning/no infield practice allowed.

**FORFEIT TIME**-Is ALWAYS Game Time

**GROUND RULES**-Managers and Umpires will review the ground rules prior to the first inning to the start of the contest.

**HOME TEAM** -To be determined by coin flip by the home plate Umpire or Tournament Director.

**MERCY RULE**- 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings and 8 after 5 equal innings or 4 ½. Current PONY rules.

**PROTESTS** -Will be settled "on the spot" by Tournament Directors.

**RAIN DELAY**-In case of a game delay due to rain, teams should not leave game site until the Tournament Director makes an official announcement.

**REPORT TIME**-Teams are requested to report 45 minutes prior to first game for check in. FOR ALL OTHER GAMES TEAMS SHOULD BE READY TO PLAY 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO START TIME.

**SCORING**-The "Home Book" will be the official Score Book, unless the Tournament Designated Scorer is present.

**START TIME** -Will be listed with the brackets and schedule prior to the

tournament. The Tournament Director reserves the right to change any game time at his/her discretion. Umpire will document official start time.

**CHANTING:** No Chanting is allowed- however Cheering is encouraged!

**BENCH AREA** - Only players, coaches, score keeper, and bat-person may be in the team bench area. Any team member not displaying good sportsmanship may be ejected and/or suspended from tournament. This includes fans from the team.

**PLAYOFF PLAY:** Higher seed will have choice of home or away team. There will be NO reseeding of teams after each playoff round.

**CRASH RULE:** Runners must avoid contact if the fielder has the ball.

Avoiding contact includes the following:

Slide: go around, give yourself up, go back, go over.

Fielders must yield to the runners if they do not have the ball.

***UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY ANYONE! ZERO TOLERANCE!***

***This is your only warning***

### **Pool Play -**

***Pool play standings will be determined as follows:***

**1. WIN - LOSS RECORD**

**If still tied:**

**2. RESULTS OF HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION**

**If still tied:**

**3. FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED**

**If still tied:**

**4. RUN DIFFERENTIAL (WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10 PER GAME)**

**5. COIN TOSS**

**ALL PLAYER JERSEY'S MUST BE TUCKED IN. COACHES MUST WEAR MATCHING SHIRTS. NO CUT OFFS ALLOWED!**

**BATTING HELMETS WITH SECURELY ATTACHED FACEGUARDS MUST BE WORN BY ALL BATTERS.**

**COURTESY RUNNER (WHO HAS NOT BEEN IN THE GAME) CAN BE USED FOR THE PITCHER AND /OR CATCHER AT ANY TIME. THE SAME RUNNER MAY NOT BE USED FOR BOTH POSITIONS. The runner cannot be the last batted out or last recorded out!**

**With two outs the last batted out can run for the catcher only.**

**MAX. 11 BATTERS. THERE WILL BE NO DP-FLEX PLAYER. YOU MAY INCLUDE ALL 10 OR 11 ON YOUR LINEUP, AS EPs(EXTRA PLAYERS).**

***PONY RULES APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED***