

# 2022 School Tournament Series Sgt Geoff Walsh Baseball Tournament June $9^{TH}$ to $12^{TH}$

# SCHEDULE V5 & RULES

# **2022 Sgt Geoff Walsh Tournament – Competitive Division**

| Teams                |              |                           |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| St. Edward's         | Paradise Int | Newtown 3                 |  |  |  |  |
| Elizabeth Park (EPE) | Vanier       | Mary Queen of Peace (MQP) |  |  |  |  |
| Newtown 1            | Newtown 2    | Roncalli                  |  |  |  |  |
|                      | Newtown 4    | St. Francis               |  |  |  |  |

#### Competitive Division Round Robin Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Visitor      | Home         | Time     | Field            |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------|------------------|
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1    | St. Edward's | EPE          | 5:00 PM  | Little St. Pat's |
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 2    | Newtown 1    | MQP          | 7:30 PM  | Little St. Pat's |
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 3    | St. Francis  | Newtown 4    | 4:00 PM  | Terra Nova       |
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 4    | Roncalli     | Newtown 3    | 6:00 PM  | Terra Nova       |
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 5    | Newtown 2    | Paradise Int | 5:30 PM  | Kilbride         |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 6    | Paradise Int | Vanier       | 10:00 AM | Little St. Pat's |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 7    | Newtown 4    | St. Edward's | 10:00 AM | Terra Nova       |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 8    | MQP          | Roncalli     | 12:30 PM | Little St. Pat's |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 9    | Newtown 3    | St. Francis  | 2:30 PM  | Little St. Pat's |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 10   | EPE          | Newtown 1    | 5:00 PM  | Little St. Pat's |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 11   | Vanier       | Newtown 2    | 7:30 PM  | Little St. Pat's |

#### **Competitive Division Tier 1 Crossover and Medal Games**

| Date                          | Game         | Visitor                           | Home                              | Time     | Field            |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> | 1            | 5 <sup>th</sup> Place             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place             | 9:00 AM  | Little St. Pat's |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> | 2            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place             | 11:30 AM | Little St. Pat's |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> | 3            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place             | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place             | 2:00 PM  | Little St. Pat's |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> | 4            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place             | 5 <sup>th</sup> Place             | 4:30 PM  | Little St. Pat's |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> | 5            | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place             | 7:00 PM  | Little St. Pat's |
| Monday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> | Championship | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Best Total Record | 1 <sup>st</sup> Best Total Record | 7:30 PM  | Little St. Pat's |

#### **Competitive Division Tier 2 Crossover and Medal Games**

| Division Red           | Division Black         |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Place  | 7 <sup>th</sup> Place  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Place  | 8 <sup>th</sup> Place  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Place | 11 <sup>th</sup> Place |

| Date                           | Game         | Visitor                         | Home                              | Time     | Field            |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 1            | 9 <sup>th</sup> Place           | 6 <sup>th</sup> Place             | 9:00 AM  | Terra Nova       |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 2            | 11 <sup>th</sup> Place          | 7 <sup>th</sup> Place             | 11:30 AM | Terra Nova       |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 3            | 6 <sup>th</sup> Place           | 10 <sup>th</sup> Place            | 2:00 PM  | Terra Nova       |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 4            | 7 <sup>th</sup> Place           | 8 <sup>th</sup> Place             | 4:30 PM  | Terra Nova       |
| Monday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 5            | 11 <sup>th</sup> Place          | 8 <sup>th</sup> Place             | 5:00 PM  | Little St. Pat's |
| Monday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 6            | 10 <sup>th</sup> Place          | 9 <sup>th</sup> Place             | 5:00 PM  | Terra Nova       |
| Tuesday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> | Championship | 1 <sup>st</sup> in Division Red | 1 <sup>st</sup> in Division Black | 5:30 PM  | Little St. Pat's |

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#### **2022 Sgt Geoff Walsh Tournament – Non-Competitive Divisions**

| <b>Division A</b> | <b>Division B</b> | <b>Division C</b> | <b>Division D</b> | <b>Division E</b> | <b>Division F</b> | Division G                       | Division H     |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| St. Francis       | Juniper Blue      | Roncalli 2        | Roncalli 1        | St. Mary's        | St. Teresa's 3    | St. Teresa's 2                   | St. Teresa's 1 |
| Juniper Black     | Brookside 1       | Juniper<br>Green  | Juniper Orange    | St. Bon's         | Villanova         | Mary Queen of the<br>World (MQW) | Cowan Heights  |
| Brookside 2       | Lakecrest         | MDE               | East Point        | Elizabeth Park    | Newtown 2         | Newtown 1                        | Paradise Int   |

#### Non-Competitive Division A Round Robin Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Visitor       | Home          | Time     | Field       |
|---------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|----------|-------------|
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1    | Juniper Black | Brookside 2   | 4:30 PM  | Conway Glen |
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 2    | Brookside 2   | St. Francis   | 6:00 PM  | Conway Glen |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 3    | St. Francis   | Juniper Black | 10:00 AM | Conway Glen |

#### Non-Competitive Division B Round Robin Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Visitor      | Home         | Time     | Field           |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------------|
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1    | Lakecrest    | Brookside 1  | 5:30 PM  | Airport Heights |
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 2    | Brookside 1  | Juniper Blue | 7:00 PM  | Airport Heights |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 3    | Juniper Blue | Lakecrest    | 11:30 AM | Conway Glen     |

#### Non-Competitive Division C Round Robin Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Visitor       | Home          | Time     | Field      |
|---------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|----------|------------|
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1    | Roncalli 2    | Juniper Green | 4:30 PM  | Wyatt Park |
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 2    | Juniper Green | MDE           | 6:00 PM  | Wyatt Park |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 3    | MDE           | Roncalli 2    | 10:00 AM | Wyatt Park |

#### Non-Competitive Division D Round Robin Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Visitor        | Home           | Time     | Field         |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1    | Roncalli 1     | East Point     | 4:30 PM  | Virginia Park |
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 2    | East Point     | Juniper Orange | 6:00 PM  | Virginia Park |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 3    | Juniper Orange | Roncalli 1     | 11:30 AM | Wyatt Park    |

#### Non-Competitive Division E Round Robin Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Visitor        | Home           | Time     | Field      |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|----------|------------|
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1    | St. Bon's      | St. Mary's     | 6:00 PM  | Kitty Gaul |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 2    | Elizabeth Park | St. Bon's      | 10:00 AM | Kitty Gaul |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 3    | St. Mary's     | Elizabeth Park | 11:30 AM | Kitty Gaul |

#### Non-Competitive Division F Round Robin Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Visitor        | Home           | Time     | Field         |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1    | St. Teresa's 3 | Newtown 2      | 4:30 PM  | Kelly's Brook |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 2    | Villanova      | St. Teresa's 3 | 10:00 AM | Kelly's Brook |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 3    | Newtown 2      | Villanova      | 11:30 AM | Kelly's Brook |

| Date                            | Game | Visitor        | Home           | Time     | Field         |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1    | St. Teresa's 2 | MQW            | 6:00 PM  | Kelly's Brook |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 2    | MQW            | Newtown 1      | 10:00 AM | Virginia Park |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 3    | Newtown 1      | St. Teresa's 2 | 11:30 AM | Virginia Park |

# Non-Competitive Division H Round Robin Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Visitor        | Home           | Time     | Field           |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1    | Cowan Heights  | St. Teresa's 1 | 4:30 PM  | Kitty Gaul      |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 2    | Paradise Int   | Cowan Heights  | 10:00 AM | Airport Heights |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | 3    | St. Teresa's 1 | Paradise Int   | 11:30 AM | Airport Heights |

| Division AA – Airport Heights          | Division BB – Virginia Park           |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Juniper Black (1st in A)               | Juniper Blue (1 <sup>st</sup> in B)   |  |  |
| Macdonald Drive (1 <sup>st</sup> in C) | Juniper Orange (1 <sup>st</sup> in D) |  |  |
| St. Bon's (1 <sup>st</sup> in E)       | St. Teresa's 3 (1 <sup>st</sup> in F) |  |  |
| St. Teresa's 2 (1 <sup>st</sup> in G)  | Paradise Int (1 <sup>st</sup> in H)   |  |  |

#### **Non-Competitive Division Tier One Teams**

#### Non-Competitive Division Tier Two Teams

| Division CC – Conway Glen                      | Division DD – Kitty Gaul             |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Brookside 2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in A)             | Lakecrest (2 <sup>nd</sup> in B)     |  |  |
| Juniper Green (2 <sup>nd</sup> in C)           | Roncalli 1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in D)    |  |  |
| St. Mary's (2 <sup>nd</sup> in E)              | Villanova (2 <sup>nd</sup> in F)     |  |  |
| Mary Queen of the World (2 <sup>nd</sup> in G) | Cowan Heights (2 <sup>nd</sup> in H) |  |  |

#### Non-Competitive Division Tier Three Teams

| Division EE – Wyatt Park              | Division FF – Kelly's Brook           |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| St. Francis (3 <sup>rd</sup> in A)    | Brookside 1 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in B)    |  |  |  |
| Roncalli 2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in C)     | East Point (3 <sup>rd</sup> in D)     |  |  |  |
| Elizabeth Park (3 <sup>rd</sup> in E) | Newtown 2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in F)      |  |  |  |
| Newtown 1 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in G)      | St. Teresa's 1 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in H) |  |  |  |

#### Non-Competitive Division Tier One Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Team A         | Team B         | Time     | Field           |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | AA   | Juniper Black  | St. Bon's      | 3:30 PM  | Airport Heights |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | BB   | Juniper Blue   | St. Teresa's 3 | 3:30 PM  | Virginia Park   |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | AA   | MDE            | St. Teresa's 2 | 5:00 PM  | Airport Heights |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | BB   | Juniper Orange | Paradise Int   | 5:00 PM  | Virginia Park   |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | AA   | Juniper Black  | MDE            | 9:00 AM  | Airport Heights |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | BB   | Juniper Blue   | Juniper Orange | 9:00 AM  | Virginia Park   |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | AA   | St. Bon's      | St. Teresa's 2 | 10:30 AM | Airport Heights |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | BB   | St. Teresa's 3 | Paradise Int   | 10:30 AM | Virginia Park   |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | AA   | Juniper Black  | St. Teresa's 2 | 4:00 PM  | Airport Heights |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | BB   | Juniper Blue   | Paradise Int   | 4:00 PM  | Virginia Park   |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | AA   | MDE            | St. Bon's      | 5:30 PM  | Airport Heights |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | BB   | Juniper Orange | St. Teresa's 3 | 5:30 PM  | Virginia Park   |

#### Non-Competitive Division Tier Two Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Team A        | Team B        | Time     | Field       |
|---------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|----------|-------------|
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | СС   | Brookside 2   | St. Mary's    | 3:30 PM  | Conway Glen |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | DD   | Lakecrest     | Villanova     | 3:30 PM  | Kitty Gaul  |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | CC   | Juniper Green | MQW           | 5:00 PM  | Conway Glen |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | DD   | Roncalli 1    | Cowan Heights | 5:00 PM  | Kitty Gaul  |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | СС   | Brookside 2   | Juniper Green | 9:00 AM  | Conway Glen |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | DD   | Lakecrest     | Roncalli 1    | 9:00 AM  | Kitty Gaul  |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | СС   | St. Mary's    | MQW           | 10:30 AM | Conway Glen |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | DD   | Villanova     | Cowan Heights | 10:30 AM | Kitty Gaul  |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | СС   | Brookside 2   | MQW           | 4:00 PM  | Conway Glen |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | DD   | Lakecrest     | Cowan Heights | 4:00 PM  | Kitty Gaul  |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | СС   | Juniper Green | St. Mary's    | 5:30 PM  | Conway Glen |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | DD   | Roncalli 1    | Villanova     | 5:30 PM  | Kitty Gaul  |

#### Non-Competitive Division Tier Three Schedule

| Date                            | Game | Team A         | Team B         | Time     | Field         |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | EE   | St. Francis    | Elizabeth Park | 3:30 PM  | Wyatt Park    |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | FF   | Brookside 1    | Newtown 2      | 3:30 PM  | Kelly's Brook |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | EE   | Roncalli 2     | Newtown 1      | 5:00 PM  | Wyatt Park    |
| Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> | FF   | East Point     | St. Teresa's 1 | 5:00 PM  | Kelly's Brook |
| Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>   | EE   | St. Francis    | Roncalli 2     | 9:00 AM  | Wyatt Park    |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | FF   | Brookside 1    | East Point     | 9:00 AM  | Kelly's Brook |
| Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>   | EE   | Elizabeth Park | Newtown 1      | 10:30 AM | Wyatt Park    |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | FF   | Newtown 2      | St. Teresa's 1 | 10:30 AM | Kelly's Brook |
| Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>   | EE   | St. Francis    | Newtown 1      | 4:00 PM  | Wyatt Park    |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | FF   | Brookside 1    | St. Teresa's 1 | 4:00 PM  | Kelly's Brook |
| Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>   | EE   | Roncalli 2     | Elizabeth Park | 5:30 PM  | Wyatt Park    |
| Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>   | FF   | East Point     | Newtown 2      | 5:30 PM  | Kelly's Brook |

| Date                          | Game      | Team A                             | Team B                   | Time       | Field            |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Monday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> | Gold Med  | al – Tier 3 (1 <sup>st</sup> in EE | & 1 <sup>st</sup> in FF) | 4:30 PM    | Wyatt Park       |
| Monday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> | Gold Meda | al – Tier 2 (1 <sup>st</sup> in CC | 6:00 PM                  | Wyatt Park |                  |
| Monday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> | Gold Meda | al – Tier 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> in AA | & 1 <sup>st</sup> in BB) | 7:30 PM    | Little St. Pat's |

#### Non-Competitive Medal Games

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# **Tournament Information and Rules**

#### General Information:

- 1. Tournament starts Thursday, June  $9^{th}$  and finishes Sunday, June  $12^{th}$
- 2. This event is open to Grade 5 and 6 students, and teams play by similar rules of the St. John's Minor Baseball Association except for some adjustments made for tournament play that are listed below.
- 3. The competitive division will play games out of Little St. Pat's, Kilbride, and Terra Nova. The non-competitive divisions will be playing games out of Wyatt Park, Virginia Park, Airport Heights, Kitty Gaul, Conway Glenn, Bannerman, Kilbride, and Terra Nova
- 4. A 2022 Sgt. Geoff Walsh Memorial Baseball Tournament link will be added to the top menu of the St. John's Minor Baseball website. Please check this webpage (**www.baseballstjohns.ca**) for daily updated tournament information e.g. schedule changes, weather delays, etc.

# **Rules for Participation (Competitive Division):**

- 1. Teams can dress no more than **<u>20 players a game</u>**. If any one team has more than 20 players, they must be rotated on a game-by-game basis.
- 2. All players are in the batting lineup, whether or not they play in the field.
- 3. Coaches must rotate their players throughout the defensive line-up to ensure fair play. There will be unlimited substitutions for position players. NOTE: If a pitcher is removed as a pitcher, they cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher.
- 4. All home teams will be decided by the schedule in the round robin and crossover games. The higher seed will be the home team in the medal games.

- 5. Players must wear their respective school's full uniform. For some teams, this may just be having all players wearing the same colour. There is no expectation to have jersey numbers.
- 6. Catchers must wear a protective cup.
- 7. All batters must wear helmets when on deck or at bat.
- 8. Players must run on and off the field between innings.
- 9. Nine defensive players are permitted on the field.
- 10. Bunting is permitted
- 11. Lead offs are NOT permitted

#### 12. Stealing IS permitted

- 13. The runner can advance one base on an overthrow.
- 14. On a steal of a base, the runner can only advance **one base regardless of the outcome of the throw.** i.e. If a runner is stealing at the time of the pitch, the runner cannot go any farther.
- 15. The runner cannot steal home on a pass ball or a wild pitch. The batter can only score on a batted ball.
- 16. On an attempted pickoff of a runner, the runner can only advance one base regardless of the outcome of the throw.
- 17. The infield fly rule is in effect.
- 18. Runners may tag and run to the next base after a fly ball is caught at their own risk.
- 19. If the catcher misses the ball on the third strike, the batter will be called out.
- 20. All players should slide on a close play at home.

- 21. The collision avoidance rule has been modified to ensure the safety of the catcher and the base runner. This rule states if a base runner is running to home plate and is halfway or closer to home plate, a force out situation is now created. The catcher, having possession of the ball, may touch home plate and the runner will be called "out" by the umpire.
- 22. Each game will be 6 innings. No inning is to start one hour and forty five minutes (1:45) from the start time.
- 23. A maximum of 3 runs may be scored in any one inning, with the exception of the last inning, which is open.
- 24. If, after the **4th inning,** one team leads by 10 runs or more, that team will be awarded the game. The game may be continued at the discretion of the coaches, but the result will be official after the 10-run rule is registered.
- 25. The score shall be kept by the coaches and confirmed with the home plate umpire throughout the game. It is requested that the game stats be emailed to Kristyn Coley at kristyn@sjmba.ca (including the pitchers innings)
- 26. The BNL tie-breaking formula will apply with respect to a tie after the round robin play. The exception will be that there will be no tie breaking games and all ties will be broken by the formula.
- 27. There will be no protest. This is a fun tournament and any disagreement will be dealt with by the umpires at the time.
- 28. Foul language will not be tolerated. Any player or coach using such language will be ejected from the game immediately.
- 29. Players must be rotated on consistent bases from game to game to ensure that all students have equal opportunity to participate and to ensure that players do not sit out two games in a row. This process of rotation will extend into any cross over games and the championship game. Coaches are to plan their line-ups and strategies with this in mind.

### Playing Field:

- The distance between the bases shall be 70 feet.
- The distance from the point of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber shall be 48 feet.

#### **Pitching Rules**

- 1. A pitcher can only pitch 6 innings
- 2. Pitchers may only pitch 2 innings per game.
- 3. Pitchers may not pitch 3 days in a row
- 4. A player can catch and then pitch but may not pitch and then catch

### **Rules for Participation (Non-Competitive Division)**

- 1. Teams can dress no more than **20 players a game**. If any one team has more than 20 players, they must be rotated on a game-by-game basis.
- 2. All players are in the batting lineup, whether or not they play in the field.
- 3. Home Team is noted on the schedule for round robin games (with the exception of Division B). Home team in the tiered divisions will be de a coin toss games. The team with the better record will be the home team in the medal game. If the record is the same, then it will be a coin toss.
- 4. Coaches must rotate their players throughout the defensive line-up to ensure fair play. All players should play infield and outfield positions when possible. Note: If a coach feels that a player may suffer physically or psychologically by playing a certain position (specifically pitcher or 1st base) then he/she will discuss this with the player's parents/guardians before making this decision.
- 5. Each game will be 6 innings. No inning is to start one hour and fifteen minutes from the start time.
- 6. Ten defensive players are permitted on the field. The tenth player is a fourth outfield (Strictly enforced).
- 7. All batters must wear helmets when on deck or at bat.

- 8. Catchers will be used. Umpires will be responsible for pitching. We would appreciate if possible for a coach to remain behind the catcher to throw back balls. It helps with the speed of the game. Coaches are not to touch live balls.
- 9. After 3 overhand strikes, the umpire will move in and pitch 3 underhand strikes. After this a tee will be used. This is at the discretion of the umpires.
- 10. An inning will be complete after 3 outs are made or 3 runs are scored.
- 11. There is NO open inning at the end of the game. In the event that the game is tied, the team with the most defensive outs made throughout the game will be awarded the winner (i.e. A game is tied 10 to 10 after 6 innings, team A made 8 outs throughout the game but team B made 9 outs, team B is awarded a 11 to 10 win). Therefore it's important for coaches to keep track of outs throughout the game.
- 12. Players must return to the bench when an out is recorded.
- 13. **One base on an overthrow.** One overthrow is allowed per play to encourage players to try to make the play. For example, if the ball is overthrown to 1st base, the runner can advance at his own risk to 2nd. If the ball is overthrown on the same play to 2nd, the runner remains on 2nd.

#### 14. Leadoffs and stealing are not permitted

- 15. Throwing the ball back to the pitcher will end the play. If this occurs when a runner is less than half-way to a base, the runner must return to the prior base.
- 16. One coach per team can stay in the outfield during defensive play to direct players. Coaches are not allowed to touch live balls or interfere with live plays.
- 17. The collision avoidance rule has been modified to ensure the safety of the catcher and the base runner. This rule states if a base runner is running to home plate and is halfway or closer to home plate, a force out situation is now created. The catcher, having possession of the ball, may touch home plate and the runner will be called "out" by the umpire.
- 18. Score is kept by the coaches and validated with the officials several times during the game. It is requested that the game stats be emailed to Kristyn Coley at kristyn@sjmba.ca.

- 19. There will be no protest. This is a fun tournament and any disagreement will be dealt with by the Umpires at the time.
- 20. Foul language will not be tolerated. Any player or coach using such language will be ejected from the game immediately.
- 21. Under no circumstances will the bottom of the inning be played if the home team is winning. Tie-breaker rules are based on defensive runs allowed.
- 22. Players must be rotated on consistent bases from game to game to ensure that all students have equal opportunity to participate and to ensure that players do not sit out two games in a row. This process of rotation will extend into any cross over games and the championship game. Coaches are to plan their line-ups and strategies with this in mind.
- 23. Teams that finish 1<sup>st</sup> in their division will be seeded in Tier 1, teams that finish 2<sup>nd</sup> will be seeded in Tier 2 and teams that finish 3<sup>rd</sup> will be seeded in Tier 3. This will be based on BNL tie-breaking formula. These placings will be emailed out and posted on our website as they come in but no later than 10:00 PM on Friday evening.

#### **Playing Field:**

- 1. The distance between the bases shall be 60 feet.
- 2. The distance from the point of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber shall be 44 feet.

If there are any questions don't hesitate to contact. Looking forward to a great tournament!

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