

Randy Hien Memorial Day Tournament

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is this tournament about and how did it start?

A. Unfortunately, this started because of the loss of Randy Hien. Randy was instrumental in building the Lincoln Little League program. More importantly, he was a great teacher, father, friend, and overall champion for the kids of Lincoln. As you all know, Hien field itself is a great testament to Randy and his legacy. The tournament was started to honor his memory, to aid his family, and most of all create something that Randy would love. That is, create an environment where kids can compete at the highest level of baseball and have fun at the same time!

All of the proceeds from this great tournament get put right back to the kids of Lincoln Little League! This is the way we know Randy would want it. Your support this year, and every year forward, will be appreciated.

Q. When does it occur?

A. The tournament is during Memorial Day Weekend. **(Changed to weekend before Memorial Day due to AAU Integration)**. The typical schedule has a few games on Friday night, along with opening ceremonies. On Saturday, we typically start the games around 3:00pm in order to give families some family-time during Saturday morning and early afternoon. We then finish up starting at 5:00pm again on Sunday. Typically, each child has at least one night game Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. The finals on Sunday typically get started around 7:30pm.

Q. Who can play?

A. Any 11 year old or 12 year old in the Majors can play. Based on number of kids in the league we sometimes allow 10 year olds to play as well.

Q. What is different about this tournament and why should I play?

A. The tournament teams are made up of all the 11 and 12 year olds that sign up. One of the goals is to spread the kids to different teams. This allows the kids to experience other kids and have some great fun. Also, we only allow a pitcher to pitch one inning a game. This allows many other kids on the team to pitch and balances the scoring and games. We also only allow so many runs per inning to make the game very competitive and balanced. The batting order is continuous and free substitution in the field..hence, giving the kids more playing time and the opportunity to play many different positions. One last thing...we have the kids being coached by someone other than their current Majors manager. Great for the kids..and the kids and new coaches always have a great time!!

Q. What if I can only play on Saturday or a certain day?

A. We try to get the kids to commit to playing every game for their team. Typically, we only have about 10-11 kids per team, so, missing a player is a big deal. So, please try to commit to making each game. There are a minimum of 3 games each team with a maximum of 5 games. Also, we try to spread the games out so that kids and families can make plans accordingly.