TOURNAMENT RULES

Stonewall Ball Club as the host will implement the following rules. If not specified in these Tournament Rules, Stonewall Ball Club will follow all rules as found in the USSSA Official Baseball National By-Laws and Rules.

PITCHING RULES

- Ages 8u-12u- the tournament will utilize 6 innings per day, 8 innings per tournament.
- Ages 13u-14u- the tournament will utilize 7 innings per day, 10 per tournament.
- One Pitch in an inning equals an inning pitched.
- After each game the pitching log should be turned into the tournament director.

Maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one day and still pitch the next day is 4 innings

8U RULES:

- No infield fly
- 5 runs or 3 outs per inning except for last inning/ no run limitation. For example: If the team up to bat is down by 6, they have an opportunity to battle back.
- 4 Outfielders
- Play is considered dead/over when pitcher toes rubber.
- Runner can steal 2nd and 3rd after ball crosses the plate.
- Runner can only advance home on batted ball, walk, or attempted pick off.

9U RULES:

- 6 runs or 3 outs per inning except for last inning/ no run limitation. For example: If the team up to bat is down by 6, they have an opportunity to battle back.

BATTING RULES

- At all age levels a continuous batting order may be utilized. If a team chooses to bat 9 or 10 with additional players listed as subs, normal substitution rules apply.

BATS:

- 8u-12u: All bats must have 1.15 bpf USSSA stamp, 2 ¼, 2 3/4 and 2 5/8 will be allowed, and wood bats are allowed
- 13U: 2 5/8 bats are allowed with a maximum of a -8, wood bats are allowed, **NO 2 1/4 BATS WILL BE ALLOWED!**
- 14u: -3 BBCOR

RUN RULES: 9U/10U/11U/12U/13U/14U

- 20 AFTER 2
- 15 AFTER 3
- 10 AFTER 4
- 8 AFTER 5

Field Information:

- All 9U and 10U games will be played on a 46/60 field with no leading off. A player cannot leave the base until the ball crosses the plate.
- All 11U and 12U will be played on a 50/70 field with leads and drop third strike in place.
- 11U will be issued 1 warning regarding balks, 12U will not be issued a warning.

Game times: **TEAMS SHOULD BE READY TO PLAY 35 minutes prior.**

- **DROP DEAD TIME FOR POOL PLAY ONLY, and only if declared:** when the time expires, **the game ends**. If the home team is ahead, they WIN, if the visitor is ahead at that time, reverts back to the previous completed inning.

- **Bracket Play is No New Inning: game will finish after home team has batted unless winning after Visiting team's at bat.**

- **No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes.**

- **Pool Play: Each team will play 2 games of pool play and be seeded for elimination games. Seeding will be determined by the number of wins then the following criteria will be used.**
  - Runs Allowed
  - Runs Scored
  - Head-to-head (if only two teams have same record and they played each other)
  - Coin Toss

- **Round-Robin: Tiebreaking procedure:**
  - Head-to-Head
  - Run Differential
  - Runs Allowed
  - Runs Scored

- Coin Toss

*Depending on the number of teams in a division, some teams may play a consolation game only as their 3rd game.

PARK RULES/EJECTIONS:

- A player and or coach that is ejected from a game must sit out the next game.
- A player ejected may remain in the dugout but cannot return to the field of play until after the game has been concluded or at the coach's discretion the player is sent off the field.
- If a coach or player is ejected a second time, they must leave the tournament area.
- All ejections will be reported to the tournament director or Stonewall Ball Club official that is available. If the offense involves violence towards a player, official, or opposing coach the player or coach may be removed from the tournament regardless of first or second offense.
- The same rules that apply to coaches and players apply to fans. If a fan is using inappropriate language or threatening an official such as an umpire, they will be removed from the park.
- Per Frederick County Parks and Recreation posted rules and Frederick County ordinance, all smoking, vaping, and alcohol use is prohibited at Stonewall Park.
- All posted rules of Stonewall Park are to be followed.

WEATHER/REIMBURSEMENTS:

We hope that the weather is in our favor, but if not, the following will apply.

- If rain causes cancellation of games the following will base any reimbursement of entry fees.
    - 0 games played = Full reimbursement
    - 1 game played = 50% reimbursement
    - 2 or more games played 0% reimbursement.

- Stonewall Ball Club will do everything in its power to work with the park to open or keep open fields. However, the ultimate decision on field openings and closings is the decision of the Frederick County Parks and Rec.

- The tournament director and/or Stonewall Ball Club official will make an official announcement to the teams involved when weather impacts cause closures.

- PLEASE WAIT TO BE CONTACTED, DO NOT REACH OUT FOR UPDATES