2023 OHIO STATE & REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOURNAMENT PACKET

JUNE 16 – 19th

8U Coach Pitch
Berliner Park, Columbus OH

9U Open
Mound City, Newark, OH

10U D3/Open
Berliner Park, Columbus OH

11U D3/Open
Berliner Park, Columbus OH

12U D3/Open
Canton – Jackson Township Fields

13U D3/Open

Berliner Park, Columbus OH

14U D3/Open
Berliner Park, Columbus OH

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WELCOME TO THE 2023 OHIO STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is our 24th year of hosting one of the largest youth baseball events in the country. Our Directors have worked yearlong to assure you the best tournament experience to create incredible memories that these players will look back on. We have done our best to validate every team's classification in order to compile comparable competition. We hope you enjoy your experience playing in this event and Good Luck to All the Teams in the 2023 State Championships

NUMBER OF GAMES

D3: Will use the "3 Game Seed" format for all divisions advancing to Gold and Silver Single Elimination Championship brackets. The exact schedule, format, bracket structure will be finalized by the Tournament Directors and Committee after the tournament field is finalized.

Open Division: Will use a "3 Game Seed" format with all divisions advancing to Gold Single Elimination Championship brackets. The exact schedule, format, bracket structure will be finalized by the Tournament Directors and Committee after the tournament field is finalized.

Participating teams should have already entered our event using our online registration system and fulfilled our participation requirements to enter this event.

THE PARKS

Every effort will be made to make sure the facilities are clean, and the fields are groomed. If you have a concern during your stay regarding the facility, please discuss with the Tournament Site Director for the event.

THE PLAYERS

All teams must have their roster entered on their on-line tournament roster.

- **Teams may add up to 3 same age and same team division (ie: D3) (2 days prior to the start date of the event).**
- **No roster moves, or additions may take place during the event or after the above deadline.**
- **Roster additions will not be permitted at the manager meeting or check in regardless of your situation.**

If a player is not on your official roster (printed 2 days prior to the even start date) then they will not be allowed to participate and will be considered an illegal player.

If a player is on two different age level rosters, then that player must choose which team they will participate during the event (not both – even if a team is eliminated). Please take the time to review the player and classification guidelines pages in the Five Tool Youth Baseball guidelines manual.

All players participating in the State tournament shall have photocopies of their original birth certificates in the possession of their team manager. Failure to comply with one or the other regarding birth certificates will result in the offending team losing the game, being ejected from the tournament, being placed last in the standings, and forfeiting all awards, sponsors travel money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.

In age divisions 14 and below, the player's age on April 30th determines the player's eligible age division for the current season that includes April 30th. School Grade exceptions will be permitted with proper documentation. Players can play up an age division but can never play down an age.

Players are not permitted to wear jewelry of any kind.

RULE REMINDERS AND AMMENDMENTS

Review Rule Reference Sheet

COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS

- **COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS: Issues will only be discussed with the listed manager or assistant coach. Managers: Take ownership for your team and parents - We will not discuss matters with any parent or player, including scheduling/brackets, game times, etc.**

- **Protests: Make sure you stop the game with the proper protest fee. Do not rely on your parents or tournament help to determine whether or not something is a valid protest. KNOW THE RULES and the PROTEST PROCESS. If a team protests, the manager must immediately notify the home plate umpire and the umpire will immediately notify both managers at what time the clock has stopped and summons a tournament director to the field to address the protest. The protest fee is $100.00 in cash. The fee is returned if the protest is ruled in favor of the protesting team. Judgment calls cannot be protested**. ** No protests will be allowed after the next legal pitch is made or after a game is completed, scorecards are signed and the umpires have left the field of play* Do not come to tournament headquarters to try to file a protest or complaint after everyone has left the field of play, game is recorded and or the event is completed, it is your duty and responsibility as a manager to know the rules and to file a correct protest (especially pitching infractions).* ***UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND PROCESS – DO NOT PLACE BLAME ON THE TOURNAMENT AND OR DIRECTORS IF YOU MISS SOMETHING. IT IS NOT OUR DUTY TO NOTIFY YOU AND YOUR PARENTS OF ANY VIOLATION OR INFRACTION DURING A GAME.***

THE GAMES

All teams must be prepared to start play at 8:00 am on the designated event start date. All teams and managers must be at the field at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled start time. Time Limits will be used.

START OF NEW GAMES, SUSPENDED GAMES, WEATHER AND DARKNESS

See Reference Sheet.

We will make every effort possible to complete the event, however, based on field availability and weather conditions, the event may or could be changed and or cancelled at any time.

THE SCHEDULES

The schedules will be posted online. One (1) week prior to the event start date. If schedules are completed prior to the published deadlines: Managers will be notified. Published schedules will not be changed unless an error has been discovered or a team has dropped. Please communicate with your parents regarding this. Bracketing for the tournament will not be COMPLETED/POSTED until Saturday, prior to the event start date.

THE AWARDS

In each division, there will be 1st and 2nd team trophies. In each division, there will be 1st and 2nd individual trophies. Depending on the number of teams in each age division, will determine the award package.

THE REFUND POLICY

***THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS TO TEAMS WITHDRAWING AFTER JUNE 1st, 2022*.**

A. 100% of Entry fee if team drops out prior to the established cutoff date of June 1ST, 2022. An email must be sent to the TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR LISTED (NOT FIVE TOOL NATIONAL OFFICE OR INFO AT FIVE TOOL) If you do NOT get an email verification from the tournament director of your removal, then we did NOT receive your request. If you do not get verification from the state office, then we did NOT receive your email or request.

B. 50% of Entry Fee if weather cancels or postpones event and no games are played or if a team only plays one game and the event cannot continue.

C. No refund of Entry fee if tournament is or is not rescheduled and team plays in two or more games and cannot continue.

D. If a team does not finish the tournament and elects to drop out: That team may be suspended from future events and or leagues.

THE ITINERARY

MANAGERS MEETING AND CHECK IN–SCHEDULED THE EVENING PIOR TO THE AGE SPECIFIC START DATE OF THE TOURNAMENT - Visit the Tournament web site for Date, Time, Location, Details. Players are not required to check in.

Mangers must present a copy of the players birth certificates to verify age. Players that do not have an approved birth certificate or are not checked off at the managers check in will be considered an illegal player regardless if they are on the team's roster.

Teams that do not have approved insurance will be provided weekend insurance at a charge of $25. This can be purchased online. NO EXCEPTIONS

THE WEATHER/COMMUNICATION

Updates to schedules and communication for this event will be provided in the following ways:

- **Phone Call system – you will not receive the call unless your cell number is listed on the managers profile at Managers can input this by going to the site – login – visit My Profile link in the upper right-hand corner.**
- **Email system.**

- **Text Messaging**
- **Any Schedule updates will be made at the age specific dedicated tournament pages and tournament headquarters. If you have any questions, visit the tournament headquarters at your respective location.**

VENDORS

If available: Vendors will be located near the tournament headquarters or in various areas of the park. Vendors are independent from Five Tool, Five Tool Ohio Baseball, Participating Cities and Recreation Departments as well as tournament host organizations including all tournament officials, volunteers, directors, employees, etc. Any issues with vendors need to be discussed with the vendors at the site.

TOURNAMENT REAL TIME/AGE WEB PAGE

Visit Fivetoolyouth.org **for age specific Tourney pages for real time scores, updates and complete information/details on this event.**

Nations Ohio Baseball Tournament Association

RULES OF CONDUCT

It is the purpose of the Nations Ohio Baseball Tournament Association to conduct the best possible Tournaments from all aspects. To achieve this objective, Nations Ohio Baseball must have the cooperation of each player, manager, coach, and sponsor.

We are guests in the city that the tournament is conducted, and nothing should occur that would reflect adversely on your team, players, our host city, or Nations Ohio Baseball. Therefore, it is required that all teams in the tournament comply with the following rules:

1. **Team managers must have full control of their parents and players at all times. This means "on" and "off" the field.**
2. **In case of disputed play or decision: Team managers may consult the game officials. The other players, coaches, parents or sponsors are to be kept out of the discussion.**
3. **Managers, coaches, and players are not to argue with spectators while participating in an event.**
4. **At no time will any participants be allowed to smoke while participating in any Nations Ohio Baseball event.**
5. **At no time will participants be allowed to drink or have in their possession any alcoholic beverage while participating in any Nations Ohio Baseball event.**
6. **Managers are to report any un-sportsmanlike or derogatory acts by players, parents or spectators to the tournament officials or director. The purpose here is to prevent any serious situation developing that would be harmful to the tournament or its participants.**

7. **Managers, coaches, players, parents, spectators, sponsors, and teams are liable for suspension by not adhering to the tournament rules in effect. This could mean suspension for a game, games, tournament or a longer duration depending on the act of violation.**
8. **A player, coach, manager, parent, spectator or sponsor may be suspended for fighting, abusive tactics or unbecoming acts that are detrimental and not in the best interest of Nations and Nations Ohio Baseball (This includes any actions prior and or after completion of any Nations sanctioned event).**
9. **Be careful of your conduct. Be sure that no action occurs that could reflect adversely on your sponsor, team or division during and after the event is completed. Remember that the wrong actions of even one player or parent can reflect upon your entire team and the various sporting programs they participate.**
10. **Any report by the hotel or motel management of destruction of property or abuse of hotel or motel property will be dealt with very sternly. Team managers and sponsors will not be warned other than through this notice. Failure to pay hotel or motel bills can result in team disbarment from future Nations Ohio Baseball play.**
11. **Any teams submitting bad checks to Nations Ohio Baseball will be subject to disbarment.**