

RULES 8U MACHINE PITCH TOURNAMENT

- 1) MOST TOURNAMENTS AT LENZ FIELD & SPORTS COMPLEX CHARGE ADMISSION TO ENTER THE FACILITIES.
- 2) THERE IS **NO CHEWING GUM OR SUN FLOWER SEEDS** ON THE FIELD. NO TABACO PRODUCT ALLOWED IN THE PARK AT ANY TIME BY PLAYERS, COACHES OR UMPIRES
- 2) SHOES: NO METAL SPIKES. BASEBALL RUBBER CLEATS WORK THE BEST ON LENZ FIELD. NO SUN FLOWER SEEDS ALLOWED ON FIELD.
- 3) BATTING ORDER: ALL PLAYERS MAY HIT IN THE BATTING ORDER. THERE IS OPEN SUBSTITUTION FOR THIS TOURNAMENT AT ALL POSITIONS. NINE PLAYERS WILL PLAY THE FIELD FOR THIS TOURNAMENT. THE PITCHER MUST STAND WITH AT LEAST ONE FOOT IN THE BROWN PITCHING CIRCLE WHEN BALL IS HIT.
- 4) 6 INNING GAME OR TIME LIMIT. NO INNING MAY START AFTER 1:15 MINUTES. NO TIME LIMIT IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. POOL PLAY GAMES MAY END IN TIE. RUN RULE: 20 AFTER 3, 15 AFTER 4, 10 AFTER 5. INNING: AN INNING IS 3 OUTS OR 8 RUNS MAX PER TEAM PER INNING
- 5) BUNTING IS ALLOWED
- 6) BATS: THERE IS NO BAT RESTRICTIONS FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.
- 7) PLAYER GETS 5 GOOD PITCHES TO HIT. IF THEY MISS OR TAKE 5 STRIKES THAN THAT COUNTS AS A STRIKE OUT. IF THEY SWING AT A BAD PITCH THAT COUNTS AS A STRIKE. IF THEY DO NOT SWING AT A BAD PITCH THEN THAT PITCH DOES NOT COUNT. PITCHING DISTANCE IS 42FT AND 40 MPH. IF PLAYER FOULS OFF THE LAST PITCH THEY GET ANOTHER PITCH. IF THE CATCHER CATCHES A FOUL TIP ON THE FIFTH STRIKE THE BATTER IS OUT.
- 8) NO STEALING. NO LEADING OFF UNTIL BALL IS HIT.
- 9) YOU CAN ADVANCE ON OVER THROWS. THE BALL WILL BE CONSIDERED DEAD, AND PLAYERS CAN NOT ADVANCE AFTER THE BALL IS SECURED BY AN INFIELDER INSIDE THE BROWN INFIELD AREA. IF THE BALL IS HIT TO THE OUTFIELD, THEN THROWN BACK TO AN INFIELDER IN THE BROWN AREA THE BALL IS DEAD AT THAT POINT, AND PLAYERS CAN NO LONGER ADVANCE UNLESS A PLAY IS MADE ON A RUNNER.
- 10) HOME TEAM: COIN TOSS FOR POOL PLAY GAMES, HIGHER SEED FOR SEEDED GAMES. CRITERIA FOR SEEDING TEAMS:
 - 1) Best record
 - 2) Head to head
 - 3) Least runs allowed
 - 4) Run differential (max 20)
 - 5) Coin toss
- 11) AWARDS: AWARDS FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE ONLY. NO AWARDS FOR CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP.
- 12) PLAYER/COACH EJECTIONS: IF UMPIRE EJECTS ANY COACH OR PLAYER THEY MUST IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE GROUNDS AT LENZ SALES & DIST.,INC. DETERMINATION OF FUTURE GAME SUSPENSIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR BEFORE THE NEXT SCHEDULE GAME.
- 13) PROTESTS: NO PROTEST ALLOWED. UMPIRES CALLS ARE FINAL. SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.
- 14) BASE LENGHTS: 60 FEET
- 15) \$1 DONATION FOR LIGHTS: ALL COACHES SHOULD ENCOURAGED PARENTS TO MAKE A MINIMUM \$1 DONATION TO THE DONATION BOXES LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE GATES FOR ALL NIGHT GAMES. 50-50 DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD TO HELP PAY FOR COST OF UMPIRES AND GENERAL MAINTENACE TO LENZ FIELD. PLEASE ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO PARTICIPATE.

