



**WEST MILTON FIRECRACKER TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM**

**\$325 ENTRY – 8U – 10U – 12U**

JULY 5th THRU JULY 7th, 2024

LOWRY FIELDS - WEST MILTON, OH 45383

**REC ALL STAR TEAMS ONLY – NO SELECT/TRAVELING TEAMS ALLOWED.  
ALL PLAYERS MUST PARTICIPATE IN THEIR LOCAL RECREATIONAL LEAGUE.**

NO UMPIRE FEES - BALLS ARE PROVIDED  
ALL 2 1/4, 2 1/2, AND 2 5/8 BATS ARE ALLOWED  
AGE CUT OFF IS JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2024  
MAX 8 TEAMS PER DIVISION  
(RULES ATTACHED)

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TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
COACH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COACH CELL: \_\_\_\_\_  
COACH EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER CONTACTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**AGE GROUP**  
(CIRCLE ONE)

**8U**

**10U**

**12U**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MURA  
SEND COMPLETED FORM AND REMITTANCE TO:**

MURA Baseball  
PO Box 183  
West Milton OH 45383

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Erik at the information below.

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## INTRODUCTION

This event has been running for over 60 years and has supplied West Milton and other local communities with great memories that are often handed down to the next generation. I trust that we can all do our part on this great weekend to provide a fun experience for everyone involved.

As you probably know, the shortage of umpires has placed recreational level baseball and small-town tournaments in grave danger. As the head coach, **YOU** are responsible for enforcing good sportsmanship with your team and fans. If poor sportsmanship from a coach, player or a fan causes disruption in any game, that individual may be asked to leave the ballpark for the remainder of the game. A second infraction will result in removal from the ballpark for the balance of the tournament.

Remember, it will be hot out. Be patient with umpires as they will need to re-hydrate after every game. They will also need to stop and eat at some point.

### **We must show respect to the remaining umpires!**

We will make every attempt to work with teams on scheduling. Sometimes, some requests will not be able to be filled due to the timing and integrity of the tournament. Tournament director will do their best to not allow select teams into the tourney. If a team plays in rec ball and select ball, there is nothing we can do as we are unable to fully investigate every team.

We will give a 10-minute courtesy time after game time for team to show. After 10 minutes results in forfeit. We will try to use common sense on this rule. Our game times are scheduled aggressively. You may have to wait a few minutes to start your game after the previous games finish. We will try to rake and re-line fields after every game, but we may not get to it promptly. **We have 6 fields to maintain.** We will attempt to limit teams to only playing 3 games per day as much as possible.

**Each team is required to keep score of the game. Scoring conflicts must be resolved immediately. Team score keeper is encouraged to compare books with opposing team at every half inning. Home team is official book. If handshake occurs, the game is done. Home team is official book.**

**The tournament will not be played any later than Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup>.** In case of weather, we will move things back as much as possible, but starting July 4th our facility is booked with other events.

**Remember, it's for the kids, we're here to have fun!**

**PLEASE SUBMIT A PAPER ROSTER THRU EMAIL OR IN PERSON NO LATER THAN 1 HOUR BEFORE START TIME OF THE FIRST SCHEDULED GAME. HAVE BIRTH CERTIFICATES READILY AVAILABLE. AGE VERIFICATIONS WILL ONLY BE PERFORMED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.**





## **8U TOURNAMENT RULES**

**All players must be 8 years old or under as of January 1, 2024. Teams will field 10 players.**

**Any 2 1/4" 2 1/2" and 2 5/8" bat can be used.**

Straight batting order will be used (roster bat). You may have up to 15 players on your roster, but only 15 trophies will be supplied. All games will consist of 5 innings. **Maximum number of runs per inning will be 8.** Run Rule will be 10 after 4 innings, or 3.5 if home team is winning. 5th inning will be open scoring. Extra innings are open. Coin toss by the umpire will determine home team, except in Championship game where winner's bracket will be home.

**Due to umpire shortages, it is UNLIKELY that we will be able to provide certified umps for this age group.**

**All games will be held to a 1 hour and 15-minute time limit.** No new innings will be started after the time limit and if the 4<sup>th</sup> inning starts after 1 hour has passed, it will become the last inning and will be open scoring. Semifinal and Championship games will be played to completion (no time limit). Extra innings are open, if needed.

We will use a 3-game guarantee bracket (attached).

**Weather delays will be 30 minutes each thunder or lightning event. Games will be considered complete after 4 full innings, or 3.5 if home team is winning in case of weather.**

**All O.H.S.A.A. rules will apply except for the following:**

No infield fly rule.

Base runners may not leave the base until the ball is hit. 1st violation is a warning to the offensive team. 2nd violation will result in a delayed dead ball. The defense will have the option to take the resulting play or the out called on the runner. Thrown bats will result in the same penalties.

**Base paths will be 60 feet and coaches will pitch from 35 feet.**

Coaches will pitch with at least one foot on 35' marker on diamond. Coaches must make every effort to get off diamond when ball is hit. If coach is hit by batted ball, ball will be dead, and the pitch will not count. Coaches may not call for the ball until the play is considered dead by the ump. Result of ball thrown to a coach, or a coach baiting a throw to him will be dead ball, and runners to back to previous base if they advanced on the throw.

Batters will get 5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes. At bat cannot end on a foul ball. Batter will continue to bat until ball is fair or a swinging strike 3. **No bunting - must be a batted ball.**

All hits are live ball. Fielders must stop lead runner. Once lead runner is stopped time will be called by ump. **One** defensive coach will be allowed behind base paths only.

Player pitcher must remain within 5 feet of pitching rubber on field. Ump discretion.

If a player leaves for any reason, his batting spot will be skipped. If he returns, he will resume his original position in the lineup. If the player leaves a second time, his spot will be skipped, and he will not be permitted to return.

**Each team is required to keep score of the games. Scoring conflicts must be resolved immediately. Team score keeper is encouraged to compare score at every half inning. Home team is official book.**

Field chatter is not permitted per OHSAA rules.



## **10U TOURNAMENT RULES**

**All players must be 10 years old or under as of January 1, 2024. Teams will field 10 players.**

**Any 2 1/4" 2 1/2" and 2 5/8" bat can be used.**

Straight batting order will be used (roster bat). You may have up to 15 players on your roster, but only 15 trophies will be supplied. All games will consist of 5 innings. **Maximum number of runs per inning will be 6.** Run Rule will be 10 after 4 innings, or 3.5 if home team is winning. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> innings will be open scoring. Extra innings are open. Coin toss by the umpire will determine home team, except in Championship game where winner's bracket will be home.

**Due to umpire shortages, we will attempt to provide one certified ump for each game in this age group.**

**All games will be held to a 1 hour and 30-minute time limit.** No new innings will be started after the time limit. Semifinal and Championship games will be played to completion (no time limit). Extra innings are open, if needed.

We will be using a 3-game guarantee bracket (attached).

**Weather delays will be 30 minutes each thunder or lightning event. Games will be considered complete after 4 full innings, or 3.5 if home team is winning in case of weather.**

**All O.H.S.A.A. rules will apply except for the following:**

No infield fly rule.

Base runners may not leave the base until the ball has reached the plate. 1st violation is a warning to the offensive team. 2nd violation will result in a delayed dead ball. The defense will have the option to take the resulting play or the out called on the runner. Thrown bats will result in the same penalties. **All throws from catcher are live balls!**

**Base paths will be 60 feet and pitching distance will be 46 feet.**

On a 3<sup>rd</sup> strike the batter is out whether the catcher drops or catches the ball. Runners advance at their own risk.

If a player leaves for any reason, his batting spot will be skipped. If he returns, he will resume his original position in the lineup. If the player leaves a second time, his spot will be skipped, and he will not be permitted to return.

**Each team is required to keep score of the games. Scoring conflicts must be resolved immediately. Team score keeper is encouraged to compare score at every half inning. Home team is official book.**

A pitcher is allowed to pitch 3 innings per game. 1 pitch constitutes an inning pitched. A pitcher may re-enter 1 time during the game. No pitch counts. **It is highly suggested to monitor this situation regarding player safety.**

Field chatter is not permitted per OHSAA rules.



## **12U TOURNAMENT RULES**

**All players must be 12 years old or under as of January 1, 2024. Teams will field 9 players.**

**Any 2 1/4" 2 1/2" and 2 5/8" bat can be used.**

Straight batting order will be used (roster bat). You may have up to 15 players on your roster, but only 15 trophies will be supplied. All games will consist of **6 innings**. **Maximum number of runs per inning will be 8**. Run Rule will be 10 after 4 innings, or 3.5 if home team is winning. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> innings will be open scoring. Extra innings are open. Coin toss by the umpire will determine home team, except in Championship game where winner's bracket will be home.

**Due to umpire shortages, we will attempt to provide one certified ump for each game in this age group.**

**All games will be held to a 1 hour and 45-minute time limit.** No new innings will be started after the time limit. Semifinal and Championship games will be played to completion (no time limit). Extra innings are open, if needed.

We will be using a 3-game guarantee bracket (attached).

**Weather delays will be 30 minutes each thunder or lightning event. Games will be considered complete after 4 full innings, or 3.5 if home team is winning in case of weather.**

**All O.H.S.A.A. rules will apply except for the following:**

No infield fly rule.

**Base paths will be 75 feet and pitching distance will be 51 feet.**

No suicide squeeze. Base runners cannot steal home on a pitched ball until the ball is touched by the catcher, or a passed ball, or wild pitch. The intent of this rule is to prevent batters swinging while the runner is stealing home.

If a player leaves for any reason, his batting spot will be skipped. If he returns, he will resume his original position in the lineup. If the player leaves a second time, his spot will be skipped, and he will not be permitted to return.

**Each team is required to keep score of the games. Scoring conflicts must be resolved immediately. Team score keeper is encouraged to compare score at every half inning. Home team is official book.**

A pitcher is allowed to pitch 3 innings per game. 1 pitch constitutes an inning pitched. A pitcher may re-enter 1 time during the game. No pitch counts. **It is highly suggested to monitor this situation regarding player safety.**

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**TOURNAMENT BRACKET**

The following bracket will be used, weather pending. In the event of rain, the tournament may be adjusted, and or cancelled at the discretion of the tournament director. If no games are played, a full refund will be issued to all participants.

Winner's Bracket

