

2012 GREAT LAKES BASEBALL LEAGUE
[GLBL]
www.glbl.org

Great Baseball Close to Home!

22U TRAVEL LEAGUE
20U TRAVEL LEAGUE
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9U TRAVEL LEAGUE
8U TRAVEL LEAGUE

* OBJECTIVE: To play competitive travel league baseball, while limiting the travel area.
... League Games Scheduled Tuesdays & Thursdays – Preferred!

* REQUIREMENTS:

- Have a Team
- Have a Field
- Furnish/Pay Umpire[s] [50%-50%]
- Furnish/Pay Own Insurance [Included in GLBL League Fee]

* ENTRY FEE: \$595.00 [ALL LEAGUES]

- \$125.00/Nations Baseball Team Registration/Insurance [ALL AGES]
 - * **Insurance Coverage 1/1/2011 thru 7/31/2011**
- \$ 80.00/ 2 Dozen Balls [Rawlings or Equivalent – Additional \$40.00 per Dozen]
- \$ 50.00/ Trophies/All-Star Awards
- \$ 50.00/Umpire Deposit Fee: Paid Thru League Office [Refundable]
- \$ 50.00/Umpires/Field Rental [Opening Day Preview]
 - [*15U & Above Opening Day Fee applied to All-Star Game]
- \$ 50.00/All-Star Game
 - [*15U & Above to Play at Lake County Captains Stadium]
- \$ 30.00/GLBL Program Book
- \$ 30.00/Web-Site Development
- \$ 30.00/Administrative
- \$ 30.00/Printing/Meeting Room Expense
- \$ 25.00/CABA Sanction Fee
- \$ 25.00/GLBL Patches [Iron On - Additional GLBL Patches \$25.00 Pack of 15]
- \$ 10.00/GLBL Scorebook [Additional GLBL Scorebooks at \$10.00 Each]
- \$ 10.00/High School Rule Book

Option # 2:

* **\$525.00/No Insurance Purchased/Your Insurance Validated by Nations Baseball**

Option # 3:

* **\$610.00/Insurance Coverage for 12 Months ... 1/1/2012 thru 12/31/2012**

* TEAM REGISTRATION FORMS: [must be completed]

- Managers/Coaches - Contact Information
- Map/Directions [must be provided]
- Birth Certificates [Managers to provide upon request]
- Nations Baseball Team Registration Form [must be completed]
- Nations Baseball Team Insurance Form [optional]

* ROSTERS:

- Age Cutoff is May 1st – No Exceptions [Must Be of Age on April 30th]
- Rosters to be confirmed and will be frozen on or before **4.14.12** [Opening Day]
- A Player may change GLBL Teams before **4.14.12** [Opening Day in the 9U – 14U Leagues] and **6.1.12** [in the 15U – 22U Leagues]
- **All Rosters must be inputted at www.nations-baseball.com**
- **Birth Certificate may be scanned and uploaded at the web-site, or faxed to Nations National Office [review Nations Baseball Rules]**
- A Player may only be on **ONE [1] GLBL** Team's Roster for League Play, regardless of age.
- Additions may be made up to **6.07.12** [excludes current GLBL players]
- * Please observe a **NO TAMPERING RULE** during the season [baseball protocol] *

* RULES:

- 7 Inning Games [**Modified High School Rules**]
- Pitching:
 - 3 Innings per game [8U/9U/10U]
 - 4 Innings per game [11U/12U]
 - 5 Innings per game [13U/14U]
 - * No Restrictions per game – [15U & Above]
 - * 10 Innings per 3 Day Period – [OHSAA Rule]

**1 Pitch = 1 Inning
No Pitcher Re-Entry
Pitch Counts Should Be Monitored by Each Team**

- Mercy Rule [**12 runs after 5 Innings**]
- Catcher/Run Rule - Optional [must use Player not in game, if none: last batted out]
- Additional Hitter [AH] - Optional [All Leagues]
- Designated Hitter [DH] - Optional [15U & Above]
- **14U +** [60' Pitching - 90' Bases]
- 13U [54' Pitching - 80' Bases]
- 11U/12U [50' Pitching - 70' Bases]
- 9U/10U [46' Pitching - 65' Bases]
- Slide Rule [High School Rules]
- **No Bat Restrictions [exception: 14U Only - 5
15U & above –3 BBCOR Requirements]**
- No Metal Cleats [exception: 13U & above]

8U/9U/10U Amendment:

- Must Slide [close plays] – Umpire Discretion
- Stealing/Lead-Offs – Modified Balk Rules [Exception: 8U – Instructional]

***** NO FORFEITS *****

- * **Rain-Outs** [calls to be made by 3:00 PM Weekdays & Managers to reschedule]

* REGULAR SEASON:

- **Start/Finish [4/14/2012 thru 07/01/2012 -11 weeks] - 8U – 14U**
- **Start/Finish [6/01/2012 thru 07/15/2012 - 6 weeks] – 15U & Above**

ALL TEAMS MUST make a concerted effort to play ALL their Scheduled Games.

*** GLBL SPECIAL RULE:**

Can Two [2] GLBL Teams use Tournament Games as a League Game?

YES ... with conditions.

Reasoning: Occasionally 2 GLBL Teams find themselves playing each other in a Tournament. If the 2 Coaches discuss and agree that they would like to count this as a League Game these Provisions must be met:

1. They **MUST** use their GLBL LEAGUE ROSTER exclusively - NO EXCEPTIONS
2. They **MUST** alert the LEAGUE OFFICE and/or their AGE COMMISSIONER before the Game - by phone and/or preferably by email.
3. They **MUST** reflect this as a LEAGUE GAME on their Schedule on the Web-Site.
4. It Counts as One { 1 } Game ... Win or Lose
5. Teams to receive 3 Points for a Win ... 1 Point for a Loss

*** POST SEASON:**

- **Point System: 3 Points for a WIN – 2 Points for a TIE - 1 Point for a LOSS**
- 9U–14U Play-Off Teams Established at 11:00 PM on Sunday, 7/1/2012 – All Results need to be posted on the web-site on/before this day & time.
- 9U–14U Playoffs Week of 7/2/2012:
 - Semi Finals scheduled between 7/2/2012 - 7/6/2012 & Championship Game Week of 7/09/2012 on/before 07/15/2012
- 15U & Above Play-Off Teams Established at 11:00 PM on Sunday, 7/15/2012 – All Results need to be posted on the web-site on/before this day & time.
- 15U & Above Playoffs week of 7/16/2012:
 - Semi Finals scheduled on/before 7/17/2012 & Championship Game on/before 7/22/2012.
- Commissioner and/or League Office reserves the right to modify Play-Off Format & Dates.
- **Commissioner and/or League Office reserves the right to offer/schedule a Play-In Game to determine Play-Off Teams.**
- Playoffs - [#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed & #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed]

*** OPENING DAY PREVIEW:**

- Sat, 4/14/2012 [all eligible teams/all fields]
- Host Euclid Memorial Park & Painesville Twp. Park [Schedule TBA]

*** OFFICIAL GAME:**

- High School Rules [modified]
- **Complete Game: Our desire is to finish ALL GAMES, but due to many circumstances, that is not always possible. If it is a Legally Completed Game, and 1 Coach does not or can not Finish, it will be recorded as a Completed Game.**

*** TIE BREAKERS:**

- Head to Head [2 Teams Only]
- Least Runs Allowed
- Total Runs Scored [max 8 per game played]
- Run Differential
- Coin Toss

*** ALL-STAR GAME {S}:**

- Painesville Twp. Park & Willoughby Todd Field and Other Sites to Host [week of 7/9/2012]
- 15U & above to Play at Captains Stadium on Sat, 7/21/2012 [Rain Date Sun, 7/22/2012]

*** 2012 TOURNAMENTS:**

- GLBL to Host Early Bird CABA/Nations Baseball World Series Qualifier 5/4/2012 – 5/6/2012
- GLBL to Host Memorial Day Weekend CABA/Nations Baseball NIT Qualifier 5/25/2012 – 5/28/2012
- GLBL to Host Labor Day Weekend Tournament 8/31/2012 – 9/3/2012
- 2012 Schedule of Tournaments is available on the web site ... [Work in Progress]

- * GAMES [OTHER]:
 - GBL Teams/Manager List to be shared with other Leagues
 - Other Leagues/Teams Manager List to be shared with GBL Teams

- * MEETING SCHEDULE:
 - 11/06/2011 – Pre-Winter Meeting
 - 12/11/2011 - Winter Meeting
 - 01/29/2012 - Organizational Meeting [Confirm/Add Teams]
 - 02/26/2012 - Scheduling Meeting
 - 03/25/2012 - Distribution [Not a Meeting]

- * NOTE:
 - Balls Delivered March Meeting –
 - ... Additional Baseballs for Sale @ \$40.00/Dozen
 - GBL Coaches Portfolio & Binders Delivered March Meeting

- * OTHER:
 - Winning manager to call/fax/or email News-Herald with score and 3 names per team with stats ...

1.800.947.2737 x 5
1.440.951.0000 - voice
1.440.975.6731 – fax
Scores@news-herald.com

NOTE: GBL Web-Site will automatically Email the Results, after data is inputted.

*** SPECIAL REMARKS:**

**Roster Bat ... Each Team may elect to Bat Their Entire Roster {Optional}
You must Bat 9, 10, or ALL: To Qualify As Roster Batting !
If a Player is Sick or Injured No Penalty in The Batting Order
If a Player is Ejected- You MUST Take an OUT in the Batting Order.**

- * Regarding the Additional Hitter [AH]: ALL LEAGUES

- GBL uses the AH. The AH is optional for each team in a game. Either, neither or both teams can use it. If you start a game with the AH you must finish with the AH (10 players in the batting order). If you choose to start with 9 players (no AH) you must finish with 9.

- Treat the AH like a defensive player in that you can rotate players in & out ... The AH is just like any other player in that you can rotate players in & out of a defensive position (except pitcher).

- You must maintain the batting order; a player must bat in the same spot in the batting order.

- * Regarding Substitutions:

- We do use starter -reentry (starter may re-enter for sub only, and must stay in the same spot in the original batting order).

Example: Player A starts the game and plays innings 1-3. Player B subs for player A and plays innings 4-5. Player A then re-enters the game and play innings 6-7. Player B (the sub), once removed from the game after inning 5, cannot re-enter the game. Player A and Player B occupy the same spot in the batting order when each is in the game.

- Whether substitutions or AH, the key is that a particular player must bat in the same position in the batting order the entire game. If a player bats out of order he will be called out.

* Regarding the Designated Hitter [DH]: 15U and above ONLY

- We do allow the AH & DH in the 15U Leagues and above
Please refer to the HS Rule Book or inquire

* Regarding Games Called or Suspended Due to Rain:

- Due to the bad weather we will endure, the GBLB policy regarding games called or suspended due to inclement weather...

1. You all have a HS Rule Book
2. Please reference subject matter this is right on point
3. We play using MODIFIED High School Rules...
... while embracing some common & popular Tournament Rules.

The GBLB encourages Coaches to work it out!
... So WORK IT OUT, using the HS Rule Book!

For Example:

If you can get together and have a doubleheader - do it!
If you agree to continue from the time the game was suspended - do it!
If you agree to start over because this is a single game - do it!
* [Preferably, we do not want to see 60 parents and 30 players travel 45 minutes, Pay an Umpire or Umpires \$45.00 - \$90.00 for a 1-3 Inning Game]

When you Reschedule to Finish a Game ... Play 7 Innings.

We would hope all of our coaches would exercise good judgment here !

If you need any help with this – PLEASE INQUIRE!

