



## KINGSTON THUNDER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

### MOSQUITO TOURNAMENT

June 24/25/26 at Woodbine Community Park

Kingston Thunder Baseball is pleased to be hosting a MOSQUITO baseball tournament on the weekend of June 24/25/26, 2016. The tournament is open to all Ontario Baseball Association MIDGET teams. To be accepted into this tournament, written permission from the O.B.A. Affiliated Association in which the team plays, must accompany the tournament entry application.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$450.00 per team. Champions will receive awards.

The playing rules of the tournament will be "Baseball Canada's Official Rules of Baseball" and "Baseball Ontario's Playing Rules & Regulations", unless amended by the following tournament regulations.

We will do our best to guarantee four games. The tournament rules and schedule will be forwarded to you by email, fax and mail - please provide us with the correct information.

Teams should register at the tournament office at least one hour prior to their first game. Each team is required to provide their approved O.B.A. roster and all players and coaches must sign in.

All participants in the tournament are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner both on and off the field. Any verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated and could result in suspension from further play in the tournament.

Protests are to be handled on the field in an effort to keep the tournament on time. Protests should immediately be brought to the attention of the home plate umpire who will summon a convener to make a ruling. A protest fee of \$40 must be remitted to the convener on site before a protest will be heard. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. Rulings of the tournament conveners are final.

The home team in each game will supply the official score keeper if one is not provided by the tournament officials.

All games will be 7 innings. All games except the semi-finals and finals will have the following curfew in place; No new inning may start after 2 hours from the official starting time of the game. All innings started must be completed.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes to the tournament schedule in the event of any unforeseen delays in an effort to complete the tournament in the time allotted.

Kingston Thunder Baseball Association accepts no responsibility for accidents or injuries to any tournament participants or spectators.

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**KINGSTON THUNDER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**MOSQUITO TOURNAMENT**  
at Woodbine Community Park

**- TOURNAMENT ENTRY APPLICATION -**

Team name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell - \_\_\_\_\_  
Business - \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the completed application along with written permission to attend this tournament from the O.B.A. Affiliated Association in which your team plays, and a cheque in the amount of \$450.00 made payable to Kingston Thunder Baseball Association to:

Kingston Thunder Baseball Association  
c/o Carol Steele  
1042 Hudson Drive  
Kingston, Ontario  
K7M 5K8

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### 1. OFFICIAL RULES

The playing rules shall be "Baseball Canada's Official Rules of Baseball" and the "O.B.A. Playing Rules & Regulations" governing open, invitational, and international tournaments unless superseded by the following rules,

### 2. TEAM SIGN-IN

Teams should be at the park one hour prior to their first game to sign-in. An approved team roster must be available to the tournament convener if requested. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL OBA TEAMS MUST HAVE THEIR TEAM OBA ASSIGNED NUMBER FOR SIGN IN.**

### 3. PRE-GAME WARM-UP

No infield warm-up will be allowed. Pre-game warm-ups may take place on the out field grass if it is available or at another safe and appropriate location.

### 4. GAME LENGTH & CURFEW

Games will be 7 innings. No new inning shall start after 2 hours from the official start time. The official start time is to be determined by the home plate umpire and reported to the official scorekeeper. Ties are allowed.

Championship games are not subject to the time curfew. A complete game is to be played to determine a winner except where the mercy rule applies.

### 5. OFFICIAL GAME & DELAY DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

A game will be considered official after 5 innings or when it has reached its curfew time.

In the event of a delay due to rain, lightning, darkness, etc. ..., prior to the game becoming official, the game will be suspended unless "Time Restraints" are imposed ( section 6. ). The game will be resumed from the point of suspension. The defensive team must assume the same positions being played at the point of suspension except the defensive team may make a pitching change noting that all rules governing pitchers still apply.

### 6. TIME RESTRAINTS

The tournament convener reserves the right to make any changes necessary to ensure the completion of the tournament in the allotted time.

### 7. MERCY RULE

If the home team has a lead of 10 runs or more at the completion of 4 ½ innings, or at any time beyond this point, the home team will be declared the winner. If the visiting team has a lead of 10 runs or more at the completion of 5 or more innings, the visiting team will be declared the winner. (OR 18 RUNS AFTER 3)

8. **HOME TEAM & OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER**

The home team will be decided by coin toss during round robin play. The team traveling the farthest will make the call. For elimination round play, the team finishing higher in their group during round robin play will be the home team. If both teams finished the round robin in the same position in their respective groups then a coin toss will determine the home team. Unless supplied by the tournament committee, the home team will supply the official scorekeeper.

9. **CONDUCT**

All participants in the tournament are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Coaches, players, and parents are reminded that all umpires have the authority to call a game in forfeiture if orderly completion is unlikely.

Verbal or physical abuse of umpires will not be tolerated.

Any verbal abuse of an umpire will result in ejection from the game.

Any deliberate physical contact between a player or coach and an umpire will result in suspension from the remainder of the tournament.

10. **EJECTIONS**

Should a player or coach be ejected from a game, that individual must leave the playing field and dugout and no longer be involved with the game.

Anyone ejected from a game is automatically suspended from participating in the next scheduled game.

The tournament convener will review all ejections for possible additional suspensions.

11. **CONTACT RULE**

Any contact between runners and fielders must be minimized. O.B.A. "Contact Rule" will apply.

12. **PROTESTS**

Protests are to be handled on the field in an effort to keep the tournament on time. Protests should immediately be brought to the attention of the home plate umpire who will summon a convener to make a ruling. A protest fee of \$40 must be remitted to the convener on site before a protest will be heard. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. Game delays due to protests do not invalidate the curfew rule (the clock keeps ticking). Rulings of the tournament conveners are final.

**JUDGEMENT CALLS BY UMPIRES ARE NOT GROUNDS FOR PROTEST.**

13. **FORFEITED GAMES**

The score of a game forfeited for any reason will be 7 to 0.

14. **TIE BREAKERS**

The breakers used to determine round robin standings will be those listed on the tournament schedule.

15. **PITCH COUNT:**

The Home Team will supply an official Pitch counter, and forms will be supplied. **IT IS IMPERATIVE** that at the end of each inning/game that the visiting team and home team **INITIALS** the number of pitches

completed by each pitcher. Please note that these Pitching sheets will be available prior to the commencement of each game for each team to view. Should a discrepancy arise concerning Pitch Count, the Tournament convener is to be notified IMMEDIATELY, complaining after a game is not accepted. Once a game is completed and the game sheets handed in with the Pitch Count sheets, the PITCH COUNT WILL NOT BE AMENDED. The Home Team is responsible for handing these sheets in with the completed game sheet AFTER EACH GAME. Pitchers will be charged with what is on the Pitch Count Sheet.

#### TIE BREAKING RULES

In tournaments where tie breaking rules are required, the following tie breaking rules will be used for each placement independently:

- i. head to head record among tied teams;
- ii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
- iii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games;
- iv. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
- v. team with the highest runs for ratio ( runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games;
- vi. coin toss

Coming from Toronto - please exit on Highway No. 38/Gardiners Road exit and go south on Gardiners Road until Princess Street (Canadian Tire Store on left). Turn right on Princess Street and continue West on Princess Street until Bayridge Drive - turn left and IMMEDIATELY turn Right on Woodbine Road which is first right exit and travel west on Woodbine Road, past Holy Cross High School which is on left hand side and the park is on your right hand side - All diamonds are located at Woodbine Park.

