****

**2019 Mid-Season Classic Format & Regulations**

**DIVISION 1, 2 & 5**

**Format:** 8-Team Round Robin (Saturday) and Single Elimination Playoff (Sunday)

**Tournament Scoreboards:**

* For ALL Tournament Play, teams will be required to update the Flip Scoreboards located behind the backstop.
* Teams will also use their scorebooks.
* Home & Away Teams are clearly indicated.
* The Scorekeeper or a player/ fan can be sent to update their score.
* The Away Team must update their score at the end of each at-bat.
* The Home Team must update their score and the inning at the end of each at-bat.
* When you update your score, please confirm the score listed on the scoreboard with your scorekeeper.
* If there is a discrepancy in scoring, the scorekeepers need to get together to resolve the issue *immediately*.
* Any and all *unresolved* scoring issues must be brought to the attention of a member of the Executive immediately.

**Round Robin:**

* 8 teams divided into 2 Groups (Group A & B) based on the regular season standings
* Group A: 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th Group B: 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th,
* Your team will play each team in your group once = 3 round robin games
* Time Limit: 1:15 (75 minutes), No inning after 1:05 (65 minutes)
  + Teams are encouraged to hustle on and off the field to maximize playing time
  + Arriving early to games also helps to keep the tournament running smoothly
* Mercy Rule: 10-run lead after 5 innings. Home team does not bat if ahead by 10-runs or more.
* Home team will be decided by a coin toss
* No Extra-Innings in Round Robin Play
* If the Home team is ahead after the top of the final inning, the game is complete. The bottom of the inning is not to be played.
* Winning Team is required to report score to Tournament Organizers immediately following conclusion of their game.
* Scores from games played at Gorman Rupp/ Burwell must be reported on the Facebook post and double checked by winning team upon arrival at the Complex.
* All other games not reported by the end of the final games on Saturday night will be recorded as a tie.
* Win = 2 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points
* Ties in the standings will be decided by:
  + 1) Head to Head record in tournament play
  + 2) Tournament Run differential
  + 3) Head to Head regular season play
  + 4) Regular Season standings
  + 5) Regular Season Run differential
* The Round Robin will be completed by Saturday night

**Single Elimination Playoffs:**

* All teams will advance to Playoffs (Sunday)
* Playoff Matchups will be decided by standings
* Teams will crossover to face an opponent from the other group in the Quarter-Finals
* Quarter Finals: A1 vs B4, B2 vs A3, B1 vs A4, A2 vs B3,
* Winning teams will advance to Semi-Finals
* Winning teams in Semi-Finals will advance to the Championship game
* There is NO Consolation Game.
* Home team will be the higher seed
* In the event of an equal seeds (A1 vs B1) meeting in the finals, a coin toss will be used.
* Time Limit: 1:30, no inning starts after 1:15
* Mercy Rule: 10-run lead after 5 innings. Home team does not bat if ahead by 10-runs or more.
* In the event of a tie after 7 innings or the final inning of a time limited game is completed, the International Tie Breaker Rule will be employed for Extra inning games.
* International Tie Breaker Rule: At the beginning of each team’s at-bat the last **MALE** batter in order from the previous inning is placed on 2nd base.
* Games will continue until a team is ahead upon completion of a full inning.
* Winner of the Final Game (Single game) is declared Tournament Winner
* In the event of the Round Robin portion of the tournament not being completed due to weather we will either; a) complete the remaining round robin games on Sunday if possible or b) use a double elimination format on Sunday based on either the equal amount of completed round robin games or the regular season standings.

**DIVISION 3 & 4**

**Format:** 12-Team Round Robin (Saturday) and Single Elimination Playoff (Sunday)

**Tournament Scoreboards:** See Above.

**Round Robin:**

* 12 teams divided into 3 Groups (Group A, B, & C) based on the regular season standings
* Group A: 1East, 3West, 5E, 6W
* Group B: 1W, 3E, 5W, 6E
* Group C: 2E, 2W, 4W, 4E
* Your team will play each team in your group once = 3 round robin games
* Time Limit: 1:15 (75 minutes), No inning after 1:05 (65 minutes)
  + Teams are encouraged to hustle on and off the field to maximize playing time
  + Arriving early to games also helps to keep the tournament running smoothly
* Mercy Rule: 10-run lead after 5 innings. Home team does not bat if ahead by 10-runs or more.
* Home team will be decided by a coin toss
* No Extra-Innings in Round Robin Play
* If the Home team is ahead after the top of the final inning, the game is complete. The bottom of the inning is not to be played.
* Winning Team is required to report score to Tournament Organizers immediately following conclusion of their game.
* Scores from games played at Gorman Rupp/ Burwell must be reported on the Facebook post and double checked by winning team upon arrival at the Complex.
* All other games not reported by the end of the final games on Saturday night will be recorded as a tie.
* Win = 2 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points
* Ties in the standings will be decided by:
  + 1) Head to Head record in tournament play
  + 2) Tournament Run differential
  + 3) Head to Head regular season play
  + 4) Regular Season standings
  + 5) Regular Season Run differential
* The Round Robin will be completed by Saturday night

**Single Elimination Playoffs:**

* All teams will advance to Playoffs (Sunday)
* Playoff Matchups will be decided by standings
* 1st Place in Each Group & the next highest team (4th) will earn byes to the Quarter-Finals.
* First-placed Teams will be ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
* Remaining 8 teams will be ranked 5th to 12th and paired: 5 vs 12, 6 vs 11, 7 vs 10, 8 vs 9.
* Winning teams will advance to Quarter-Finals
* 1st vs Winner of 8/9, 2nd vs 7/10, 3rd vs 6/11, 4th vs 5/12
* Winning teams will advance to the Semi-Finals
* Winning Teams will advance to the Championship game
* There is NO Consolation Game.
* Home team will be the higher seed
* Time Limit: 1:30, no inning starts after 1:15
* Mercy Rule: 10-run lead after 5 innings. Home team does not bat if ahead by 10-runs or more.
* In the event of a tie after 7 innings or the final inning of a time limited game is completed, the International Tie Breaker Rule will be employed for Extra inning games.
* International Tie Breaker Rule: At the beginning of each team’s at-bat the last **MALE** batter in order from the previous inning is placed on 2nd base.
* Games will continue until a team is ahead upon completion of a full inning.
* Winner of the Final Game (Single game) is declared Tournament Winner
* In the event of the Round Robin portion of the tournament not being completed due to weather we will either; a) complete the remaining round robin games on Sunday if possible or b) use a double elimination format on Sunday based on either the equal amount of completed round robin games or the regular season standings.

**Any rule not listed will be treated as a regular season rule. The Executive Committee reserves the right to make adjustments if needed. Please see a member of the executive if you have any questions or need something clarified. Have a great weekend and best of luck!**

**THANK YOU TO OUR TOURNAMENT SPONSORS:**