



2026 Mid-Season Classic Tournament Format & Regulations

Scoreboards:

- For ALL Tournament Play, the HOME team will be required to operate the Scoreboard when volunteers are not available.
- Teams will also use their scorebooks.
- 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.
- If the issue can't be resolved by the teams and/or a member of the Executive- the Home team's score will be deemed official.

Pre-Game:

- Each team pays the Umpire \$17.50 prior to the start of their game.
- Home Team must provide a New Ball.
- Visitors must provide either a good conditioned used ball approved by the Umpire.

Round Robin:

- **Time Limit: 1:10 (70 minutes), No inning after 1:00 (60-minutes)**
 - **Teams are encouraged to hustle on and off the field to maximize playing time**
- Mercy Rule: 12-run lead after 5 innings.
- Home team does not bat if ahead by 12-runs or more.
- **Higher Ranked Team in the Regular Season Standings selects Home or Away.**
- 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. If played, the runs will NOT count.
- **The winning Team** is required to report score to Tournament Organizers at the tournament board immediately following conclusion of their game.

- Scores for Friday Night Games or off-site games need to be reported on the League Site.
- All 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) Win/Loss Record
 - 2) Head-to-Head record in tournament play
 - 3) Tournament Run differential
 - 4) Runs Against (Fewer)
 - 5) Regular Season standings
- There is no cap on run differential.

Single Elimination Playoffs:

- **Time Limit: 1:30 (90 minutes), No inning after 1:20 (80 minutes)**
- All teams will advance to Playoffs (Sunday)
- Playoff Matchups will be decided by the Round Robin standings.
- Winning Teams will advance through the bracket.
- Home team will be the higher seed in all playoff games.
- If the event that 2 equally seeded teams (A1 vs B1) meet in the playoffs: tournament record, points, and run differential will determine the home team. If there is still a tie, the higher ranked team in the Regular Season standings will be the Home team.
- Mercy Rule: 12-run lead after 5 innings. Home team does not bat if ahead by 12-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.
- **Tie Breaker Rule:** At the beginning of each team's inning the last batter from the previous inning will start 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 MSC Division Tier A or B Winner.
- In the event the tournament is impacted by weather, the Executive will determine the best course of action. This may included a shortened tournament or possible reschedule of the remaining games.

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!