

Norris Beavers LL All-Stars Invitational Tournament

LL BB age 9-12 year old Tournament

Proposed: July 21st – August 4th, 2018

Proposed Tournament Rules and Guidelines (Updated: 04 July 2018)

Purpose and Goal

The Norris Beavers Little League All-Stars Invitational Tournament is designed to provide an opportunity for players on invited teams to play additional All-Star baseball games beyond those that are a part of the Little League International tournament. Specifically, this tournament will enable players who invested weeks of practice and effort in preparation for the District tournament to have opportunity to play additional games, regardless of their performance in the District tournament.

General Tournament Guidelines

Eligible Teams

- 9-11 yr old teams that played in their respective District LL 9-11 yr old All-Star tournament
- 10-12 yr old teams that played in their respective District LL 10-12 yr old All-Star tournament
- Teams must register for the tournament by contacting the ULLL President (president@ulll.org) and ULLL Vice President (vicepresident@ulll.org) by 5 PM on Tuesday, 17 July
- Schedules for the tournament will be produced by Wednesday, 18 July
- First Game will be scheduled for Saturday, 21 July

Mandatory Documents

1. Signed Tournament Roster (Must include Full Player Names and Jersey # along with a certification documenting eligibility for participation by each player)
2. Medical Release Form - signed for each player and coach/manager (http://www.littleleague.org/assets/forms_pubs/asap/Medical_Release_Form.pdf)

Rosters

All teams will be required to roster between 12 players and 16 active players identified at the time of registration in the tournament. All players shall be the appropriate league age for the tournament as defined by the 2018 Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules.

Scorebooks and Scorekeepers

Each team is asked to provide a scorekeeper for their game. The home team will be assigned the official scorebook. The visiting team will be responsible for keeping the pitch count for both teams and will verify counts with the home team scorekeeper at the end of each half inning and at the end of game. Pitching and catching affidavits will be completed out by each scorekeeper and signed by each manager at the conclusion of each game; the information must be reported to the tournament director via email with 24 hrs of the conclusion of the game.

Structure of the Tournament

Tournament Format

The tournament will include two parts — pool play and bracket play. The pool play portion will consist of either one or two pools (depending on the number of tournament registrants). Teams will play at least three games within their respective pools. After completion of pool play, the teams will be reseeded based on a point system and seeding criteria (see below). Then, there will be a single elimination tournament with consolation games to end the tournament. Note: Depending on the number of teams that register, we may have a separate 9-11 and 10-12 division... but it depends on the number of teams that are interested.

Point System

During pool play, points shall be awarded after each game based on the following: Win = 2 pts, Tie = 1 pt, Loss = 0 pts

Seeding Criteria

To determine seeding after pool play, the following criteria will be used:

1. Highest point total in Pool Play
2. Most wins in Pool Play
3. Head to Head Record (only when tie is between two teams)
4. Fewest Total Runs Allowed in Pool Play
5. Highest Total Run Differential (Total Runs Scored less Total Runs Allowed) in Pool Play
6. Random Draw (flip of a coin by Tournament Director)

Note: If more than two teams are tied for determining a seed, once a single team has been determined with the criteria above, the procedure will start over with Criteria 1 for the remaining tied teams.

Tournament Schedule

Games are planned for two nights each week (primarily on Monday / Tuesday and Wednesday / Thursday and Saturday, Rain Date Friday). Pool play games will be completed from 21 July to 28 July. Bracket play games are projected for the week of July 29, with the championship game scheduled (tentatively) for 4 August.

Game Administration

Pre-Game

Home / Away Teams

Teams will be assigned as the Home and Away team in the pool play round. In the playoff round, the higher seeded team will be assigned as the home team. The home team will always occupy the 1B dugout throughout the tournament.

Warm Up

These batting cages / field warm-up will be as follows:

- Each team will have 25 mins to use the batting cage:
 - The home team will have access to the batting cage from 60 mins before game time until 35 mins before game time
 - The away team will have access to the batting cage from 35 mins before game time to 10 mins before game time
- Each team will have the field for 25 mins before the game:
 - The away team will have access to the field from 60 mins before game time to 35 mins before game time
 - The home team will have access to the batting cage from 35 mins before game time until 10 mins before game time
- 10 mins before the game both teams must exit the field so that the pre-game plate meeting can occur and ensure that the game starts on time.

General Playing Rules

Official Rules

All play will follow the 2018 Tournament Rules and Guidelines for Little League Baseball as found in the 2018 Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, modified as shown below.

Time Limit and Complete Games

Pool Play and Consolation games:

1. No new inning shall begin after two (2) hours from the official start time as kept by the official scorekeeper and plate umpire. A new inning is considered to start when the 3rd out is recorded for the bottom half of the previous inning.
2. Pool play and Consolation games may end in a tie.

Semi-Final and Championship Games

1. There will be no time limit for the games in the semi-finals or for the Championship games.
2. Semi Final and Championship games cannot end in a tie.

Batting Order

A continuous batting order of all players present will be used for the game.

Mandatory Minimum Play

All players must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs during each game. Free substitutions are made at the manager's discretion, and must be tracked by and announced to each team's scorekeeper at the time of the substitution.

Manager/Coach(es)

Each team can have more than three rostered coaches on their team at the start of the tournament, but only one adult manager and up to two adult coaches shall be designated prior to the game and permitted in the dugout during the game. All rostered coaches shall be league volunteers who have approved 2018 LL background checks. If a team has less than three manager/coaches, a player may act as a first base coach and he/she must wear a protective batting helmet while on the field. One adult must be present in the dugout at all times.

Cost for Entry: \$250 per participating team

Location for the Tournament:

- During both Pool Play and the initial rounds of bracket play, the home team has the options of playing the game locally (i.e., at their home field). If teams play at their home field, they will be responsible for finding an umpire and preparing the field for the game.
- Otherwise, games will be scheduled at fields in the Upper Loudoun area at one of the following fields:
 - Franklin Park #3 Field (Purcellville)
 - Haske Field (Purcellville)
 - Hamilton Elem Field #1 (Hamilton)
 - Round Hill Center Field #1 (Round Hill)

Umpires will be provided at these fields and these fields will be prepared for each game of the tournament.

Awards: Awards will be provided to the 1st and 2nd Place teams