

2018
Mosquito House Championship
Sept 4th – 13th

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2018 Mosquito House Tournament– Divisions

Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three
Nationals	D'backs	Rangers
Rays	Pirates	Cardinals
Blue Jays	Dodgers	Astros
Angels	Tigers	Padres

Round Robin – Tier One

Date	Game	Team A	Team B	Time	Field
Tuesday, Sept 4 th	1	Nationals	Rays	5:30 PM	Little St. Pat's
Tuesday, Sept 4 th	2	Blue Jays	Angels	7:30 PM	Little St. Pat's
Thursday, Sept 6th	3	Rays	Angels	5:30 PM	Terra Nova
Thursday, Sept 6th	4	Nationals	Blue Jays	5:30 PM	Wyatt Park
Saturday, Sept 8 th	5	Rays	Blue Jays	9:00 AM	Little St. Pat's
Saturday, Sept 8 th	6	Nationals	Angels	11:00 AM	Little St. Pat's

Round Robin – Tier Two

Date	Game	Team A	Team B	Time	Field
Tuesday, Sept 4 th	1	D'backs	Pirates	5:30 PM	Kilbride
Tuesday, Sept 4 th	2	Dodgers	Tigers	5:30 PM	Terra Nova
Thursday, Sept 6th	3	Pirates	Tigers	5:30 PM	Little St. Pat's
Thursday, Sept 6th	4	D'backs	Dodgers	7:30 PM	Little St. Pat's
Saturday, Sept 8 th	5	Pirates	Dodgers	1:00 PM	Little St. Pat's
Saturday, Sept 8 th	6	D'backs	Tigers	3:00 PM	Little St. Pat's

Round Robin – Tier Three

Date	Game	Team A	Team B	Time	Field
Tuesday, Sept 4 th	1	Rangers	Cardinals	5:30 PM	Kitty Gaul
Tuesday, Sept 4 th	2	Astros	Padres	5:30 PM	Wyatt Park
Thursday, Sept 6th	3	Cardinals	Padres	5:30 PM	Kilbride
Thursday, Sept 6th	4	Rangers	Astros	5:30 PM	Kitty Gaul
Saturday, Sept 8 th	5	Cardinals	Astros	5:00 PM	Little St. Pat's
Saturday, Sept 8 th	6	Rangers	Padres	7:00 PM	Little St. Pat's

Medal Games

Date	Game	Team A	Team B	Time	Field
Tuesday, Sept 11 th	Tier 1 Bronze	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5:30 PM	Little St. Pat's
Tuesday, Sept 11 th	Tier 2 Bronze	3 rd Place	4 th Place	7:30 PM	Little St. Pat's
Tuesday, Sept 11 th	Tier 3 Bronze	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5:30 PM	Wyatt Park
Thursday, Sep 13 th	Tier 1 Gold	1 st Place	2 nd Place	5:30 PM	Little St. Pat's
Thursday, Sep 13 ^h	Tier 2 Gold	1 st Place	2 nd Place	7:30 PM	Little St. Pat's
Thursday, Sep 13 th	Tier 3 Gold	1 st Place	2 nd Place	5:30 PM	Wyatt Park

Rules of Play

Field Dimensions

- The distance between the bases shall be 60 feet.
- The distance from the point of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber shall be 44 feet.

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- All games shall be played in accordance with regular baseball rules as contained in the Official Rules of Baseball published by Baseball Canada except where modified by the rules detailed in this document.
- House League games will start when each team has a minimum of 8 players. If a team cannot field 8 players by the scheduled start time, then the umpire will declare a default. If numbers warrant, please divide the players into 2 teams and play a 3-4 inning game.

Duration of Game

- No new inning shall start after 1 hour and forty-five minutes from the scheduled start time.
- Home team will be decided by a coin toss prior to the game during the regular season.
- If, after the fifth inning (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead), one team leads by 10 runs or more, that team will be awarded the game. The game may be continued at the discretion of the coaches, but the result will be official after the 10-run rule is registered.

Uniforms/Equipment

- Players should wear full uniform, which includes grey or white baseball pants.
- Catchers must wear a protective cup; we advise all players to wear one.

- Metal cleats are not allowed in House League play.
- All batters must wear helmets when on-deck and at bat.
- SJMBA supplies bats and helmets; however, players are allowed to use personal equipment that meets all safety and regulatory criteria. For hygiene reasons, SJMBA recommends that players wear their own batting helmets. Personal bats (composite and wood) are allowed; bats must have a Maximum 2 3/4" barrel and Maximum weight/length differential of -13. Players must have their own gloves; recommended glove sizes can be found on our web site in the 'Bulletin Board' section.

At Bat

- All players are in the batting lineup at all times. At the conclusion of a game, the coach will note the last out. The next game will start with the next hitter in the lineup. The Coach will only change the batting lineup if the game ends with the last batter in the order making the last out in the previous game. If a player is absent, his name is simply deleted from his/her spot in the batting order.
- Bunting is not permitted.
- There is no Infield Fly Rule in Mosquito.
- If the catcher misses the ball on a third strike, the batter is out.
- We will not be using a batting tee. Prior to the game, the umpires and coaches will meet to decide who will pitch from the mound (batter's coach or umpire) after a called ball four (a walk). When the umpire calls ball 4, then the batter will have three over hand strikes (called or swinging) to put the ball in play. If the batter fails to do so, he/she is called out. If the batter hits the ball, the ball will be live and runners will advance as far as they can.
- A maximum of 3 runs may be scored in any one inning, with the exception of the last inning which shall be open.

The home plate umpire will inform the two coaches if the last inning comes before the 6th.

Base Stealing

- There is no base stealing permitted in Mosquito House.
- Runners can only advance one base per overthrow.
- Lead offs are only permitted once the ball has crossed the plate.
- Collision Avoidance Rule - If a base runner is running to home plate and is halfway or closer to home plate, a force out situation is now created. The catcher, having possession of the ball, may touch home plate and the runner will be called "out" by the umpire.
- Runners may tag and advance on a fly ball that is caught at their own risk.
- All players should slide on a close play at the plate.

Pitching

- Pitchers may only pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game. After 2 innings a pitcher is not allowed to catch; however, a catcher can catch and then pitch 2 innings. Once removed from the mound, a pitcher cannot return even if he/she has not completed 2 innings.
- **Pitchers cannot pitch 3 days in a row**
- If two batters are hit in one inning the umpires, in consultation with the two coaches, will determine if the pitcher should continue on the mound. If the decision is to remove the pitcher, he/she may remain in the game and can play another position.

Defense

- 10 defensive players are permitted on the field. The tenth player must be a fourth outfielder.
- Players shall run on and off the field. We urge each coach to instill this in his/her players. It benefits everyone.
- Coaches must rotate their players throughout the defensive line-up to ensure fair play. Note: If a coach feels that a player may suffer physically or psychologically by playing a certain position (specifically pitcher or 1st base) then he/she will discuss this with the player's parents/guardians before making this decision.
- Coaches will ensure that no player sits out more than 2 defensive innings per game whenever possible.
- All players must maintain normal baseball positions. Shifts will be allowed. When the tee is being used, the catcher and pitcher will maintain their normal positions.

Tournament Details

- Scores should be confirmed by the winning team after each game. Please email or text them to Andrew Paul (avalon_celtics@yahoo.com or 682-6160)
- It's essential to communicate scores in a timely manner so we can have placings done by 2 pm on Saturday. This will be communicated through the website.
- Each team will have 2 random games followed by a semi final and medal game. Each team is guaranteed 4 games
- Tiebreaking formula will follow BNL's tiebreaking rules. Tiebreakers will go in order of:

- Record
- Defensive runs allowed per inning played
- Offensive runs allowed per inning played

- There will be a tournament specific page where all the standings and results can be found. It will be on the top side menu.