Tim Lally Memorial Diamond League Tournament

Saturday begins the 14th Annual Tim Lally Memorial Diamond League Tournament. The brackets are on the Diamond League website and I will do my best to keep them updated with scores

Unfortunately this year with the Covid 19, we have not been able to hire an intern. Therefore I will be at games, but we will need as much help from coaches as possible.   If there is no field manager, you will need to report the score into me a.s.a.p.

The tournament will be played with Diamond League game rules.  Both teams will pay one umpire ($60 for 18u and 16u) ($55 for 15u) and both teams will provide two new Diamond League baseballs before each pool play game.  For the finals, the Diamond League will pay for the umpires and provide the baseballs. It is important to bring some good used baseballs to throw in if needed. The baseball must always come from the team in the field. Umpires do not handle the baseballs or take lineup cards!

In addition, here are the Diamond League Tournament rules:
1)  You will play the same rules as the regular season with the following exceptions:

2)  Teams may use the speedup rule for both pitcher and catcher.  This rule has also been adopted for league play. The player must not be in the lineup.

3) A coin flip determines the home team.

4)  Time for infield/outfield must be split evenly.  Teams get a maximum of 15 minutes each for IF/OF.

5)  Time limit (if no rain)-no inning can start 2 hrs from start time of game (for pool play only) If a the time limit is up and teams are tied, the game will end in a tie. If darkness/weather occurs before time limit is up, the game is over if 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is winning) are completed.

-- If there is rain, the time limit may be adjusted.  For the finals, there is no time limit (only darkness).

6) Tournament standings are kept by tournament points:  +1pt  for a win
                                                                                     0 pt for a tie
                                                                                    -1 pt for a loss

7)  Tiebreakers:  a) overall record by tournament points
                         b) head to head only if all tied teams played each other c                       c) average runs allowed
                         d) run differential

 \*\*\* If a team forfeits a game, they automatically lose all tiebreakers!

8) All age levels use BBCOR -3 bats. No wood bats allowed! We eliminated wood bats because players are not allowed to share equipment. Usually when a player breaks a wood bat, he borrows someone elses. This will eliminate this possibility.

 --It is extremely important that everyone follows the Ohio Dept. of Health requirements and goes over them with their players and coaches. It is extremely important that those are followed.

--In case of rain, we will do our best to get information out to you**.   We will do our best to get the pool play games played.**  Please remember that these also count as league games in the standings.  If need be, we will move the game times back as far as possible to get the games in.  Also if we need to adjust the schedule so everybody gets the pool play games in, we will do so.

--Please make sure that parents and players are aware of the rules for each facility.

--Please remember no spitting, no sunflower seeds, etc. Also pitchers no licking of hands/fingers! The penalty will be the umpire will call a ball. Also that baseball will have to be taken out of action by the team in the field and disinfected.

--Coaches, please make sure the dugouts are cleaned up properly after your game is finished.  We want to make sure we take proper care of the field and leave a good impression as we want the opportunity to use the field in the future.