



BEAR CLAW HOME RUN DERBY Rules

Player Eligibility:

- All eligible participants must be registered on a team playing in the Bear Claw.
- Each player can only enter the contest 1 time & only in the bracket they are competing in (Minor Player =Minor Bracket)
- Each player must provide their own pitcher. Pitchers must be 18 years or older. All pitchers throwing to batters do so at their own risk.
- Each group of participants will hit on a field with dimensions suitable for their age group at Staples (ST) Park.
 - 8 year olds (Tyro) will hit at ST #4
 - 9 & 10 year olds (Minor) will hit at ST #2
 - 11 and 12 year olds (Major) will hit at ST #1
 - 13 & 14 year olds (Pony) will hit at ST #5

Contestant Rules (Please note rule variance – in RED -- for 8U players):

- Bats being used must be game approved for each level (including, appropriate stamps). A contestant found to be using an ineligible bat will be disqualified.
- **8-year-old players will get only 6 pitches. This adjustment is needed due to the high number of players we anticipate participating at this level. The most Home Runs accumulated in those 6 pitches will be the winner. Should there be a tie there will be a 3-pitch show down between hitters.**
- 9U -13/14U participants will get 5 outs.
- The pitcher can either throw from mound distance (does not have to be on the rubber, but should be in the vicinity) or soft toss (under hand toss from either side of the batter's box) to the batter.
- An out is registered when a player swings at a pitch (a miss, foul or fair ball that does not clear the fence) and does not hit a home run.
- A ball hit over the fence must be fair to count as a Home Run.
- Since a Home Run does not count as an out, an infinite number of home runs is possible.
- Once a player registers their 5th out, their turn is over.

Contest Winners (applies to all age groups: 8U – 13/14U):

- As the fields where the Home Run Derby is taking place are appropriate for each age group, there will be 1 player crowned as Champion for each level (8U-Tyro, 9/10U-Minor, 11/12U-Major, 13/14U-Pony).
- After all the contestants have batted in each group, the winner will be the player that has accumulated the most Home Runs.
- If there is a tie between contestants there will be a Showdown round. The Tiebreaker rules are:
 - The contest will move to an elimination round format
 - Hitting order should be maintained for all extra rounds
 - Each contestant will get 3 outs
- At the end of the round the player with the most Home Runs will be the winner. Should there be another tie, players with the most HRs move on, with the other player(s) eliminated.
- If after 2 Showdown Rounds no champion is crowned, Contestants will move to a one pitch sudden death round. The extra innings Showdown will continue until one player is left.
- Contestants will bat in the same order during the extra innings round(s)
- Each Player will get one swing. If one player hits a Home Run and the others don't, that player will be crowned as Champion. If they all make an out, the competition continues.

Disclaimer & Perspective Clause: As the LZBSA Home Run Derby is for entertainment purposes we're hopeful that all participants, parents and fans will embrace the event and enjoy the competition. Should there be questions about the competition or disputes, these will be resolved solely at the discretion of the LZBSA Tournament Committee.

Please also keep in mind that the Home Run Derby is a tournament Bonus. Should weather become a factor in our weekend schedule tournament games will take priority over this competition.