

## **Rules and information for the: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual District 28 Pre-Season Tournament**

- 1) Have fun, pray for good weather and thanks for participating in this year's event. Also, please provide your player's parents with the website for updates during the tournament, [www.kcknothole.org](http://www.kcknothole.org).
- 2) **ALL GAME DATES AND TIMES WILL BE POSTED** on the website **ONLY** [www.kcknothole.org](http://www.kcknothole.org), it is the responsibility of each coach to update the team on game schedules, no phone calls will be made to communicate schedules at any time once the tournament starts. The website will be the sole means of checking schedules.
- 3) **WEATHER:** Always a concern in late March and early April, therefore, any rain outs especially on the weekend will force me to schedule games during the weekday's and games may start as early as 5:45pm and as late as 8pm. Please prepare your parents for this possibility and I will try to limit this as much as possible to ensure teams do not have to play more than one late (7:30 or 8pm) game a week especially with school in session.
- 4) Brackets will be handed out at your first game and will also be posted with results of each game at the Complex's Concession Stand. The Concession Stand and Restrooms will be open during the entire tournament. Also, for teams traveling from OHIO there are several fast food locations in the area.
- 5) Home team will be determined by a **coin toss** by the coaches before game time.
- 6) **No Infield practice** is permitted to ensure all games start on time and there are no back logs of games. Please utilize any open spaces at the Complex to warm up your starting pitcher prior to your game start time.
- 7) There will be a **2 hour time limit** per game, **NO EXCEPTIONS**; no "new inning" may start after the 1:50 mark. Games are OFFICIAL either at completion of *regularly scheduled innings, the 10 run rule, or at the enforcement of the 1:50 new inning mark* to ensure games do not get backlogged and teams aren't sitting around waiting to play their game past the scheduled time; this will be strictly enforced by each umpire & we ask for your cooperation in enforcing it as well. It will be discussed in ground rules.
- 8) **In the event of a tie** at the 2 hr mark, the teams will be permitted to play one extra inning to determine the winner. If still tied after the extra inning, a coin toss by the umpire will determine the winner. This keeps all games on track and it is just a Pre-Season Tourney. This rule doesn't apply to the Championship Game.
- 9) Pitching Rules: **Common Sense**, this is a pre-season tournament, don't push any kid too hard and get them hurt. A pitcher CAN NOT throw more than 5-6 innings over a two day period and then have a couple nights rest.
- 10) **D and C** will play 5 innings with **10 run rule in effect after 3 innings**. **A and B** will play 6 innings with **an 8 run rule after 4 innings**. Both teams may continue to play if time is not a factor.

- 11) All team **MUST** roster bat their entire lineup, including A league. This allows ALL players to participate as well as unlimited defensive line up changes.
- 12) No PROTESTS, please monitor the behavior of your players, coaches and parents, **the game is for the kids**. Please call or e-mail me (Dave Epplen) with any issues, 859-581-7510 or [david.epplen@fmr.com](mailto:david.epplen@fmr.com). This is “pre-season” for the kids, the coaches and the umpires.
- 13) The \$125 fee covers cost of field maintenance, trophies and t-shirts for the first place team and t-shirts for second place team as well as the umpire fees.
- 14) Each team is **required to provide bases (home team) and a new ball** for their games.
- 15) Directions to the Covington Complex are available on the website, [www.kcknothole.org](http://www.kcknothole.org) by clicking on “fields/directions” and then choosing the field from the drop down. *They are also at the bottom of this e-mail.*
- 16) \*\*\*\*\***MOST IMPORTANT**: ALL GAMES and TIMES will be posted on the website, [www.kcknothole.org](http://www.kcknothole.org). Coaches are responsible for checking the website for their team’s information. Coaches should provide me with scores each day at 859-581-7510 so that we can continue to update the results on-line. Because of weather related cancellations and field limitations, any coach that fails to make a scheduled game will have to forfeit that game.
- 17) **RAIN OUTS, the website will be updated by 7am on weekends and 4:30pm on weekdays**. Coach’s can call either Dave Epplen (junior or senior) listed below but we ask you to be considerate of the time of morning you call during weekends since our spouses may not have the most updated info while we are either checking the fields or working on them.
- 18) **D-1 ONLY**, the dropped third strike will **NOT** be enforced and teams are **NOT** permitted to steal or advance on passed balls.
- 19) **D-2 and D-1**, the first 4 innings are limited to 4 runs or 3 outs which ever occurs first. The 5th inning allows for unlimited runs being scored until 3 outs are recorded.

**All teams will be guaranteed 2 games regardless of weather conditions over the three weeks of the tournament, if weather becomes a major factor the loser’s bracket will be stopped to ensure the winner’s bracket is completed by 4/20.**

**Thanks again for participating; one or both of us will be at the field’s everyday, feel free to provide us with any suggestions and concerns during the tournament. We want everyone involved to enjoy the experience and to have FUN!!!**

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Directions to the Covington Sports Complex (aka: Cappel Fields):

**43rd & Decoursey Latonia, KY.**

**From 275** take the Taylor Mill/Covington Exit.

Turn **left** at the light from [275 East](#) and **right** at the light from [275 West](#).

Turn right on 42nd Street. (Car Dealership and Value City are across the street)

Turn Right on DeCoursey.

Turn right on 43rd St.

Travel about 25 yards on 43rd St and turn left into the Covington Complex