

**TIPP CITY JR. BASEBALL**  
**JIM MOHR MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT RULES**  
**GENERAL RULES**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- A) Age cutoff for all Divisions is **April 1st.**
- B) A player's age on April 1st of the current year will determine eligibility to play in a division
- C) With the prior approval of the tournament Director, a player may play up one division.
- D) Players **WILL NOT** be allowed to play down in a younger division.
- E) A player **CANNOT** be on more than one roster in the tournament.
- F) Violation of the Eligibility Rules may result in the player being disqualified, and the forfeiture of games played, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- G) With the prior approval of the Tournament Director, an exemption may be granted for players with special needs.

**MANAGERS & COACHES:**

- Teams will be limited to one (1) manager and two (2) coaches.

**TEAM ROSTER:**

- Each team will be limited to a maximum of 15 players. Roster is due prior to the draw and must include birth dates.

**\*\* All-Star Rosters must be signed by a league official confirming All-Star status**

- A) No player may be added to the roster after the tournament starts.
- B) Players can only be on one team roster in the tournament.
- C) No alternates may be listed on the roster.

**TROPHIES:**

- Individual trophies will be awarded to the players on the first and second place team in each division. Fifteen (15) trophies per team
- A Team Trophy will be awarded to the Champion in **Select Divisions**

**GENERAL RULES OF PLAY:**

- A) It will be at the discretion of the managers as to who will coach bases: coaches, players or both.
- B) Only the manager, coaches, players and the batboy/girl are allowed in the dugout during a game. All players must remain in the dugout.
- C) Only the manager, or acting manager, will be allowed on the playing field to discuss a decision with the umpire. Any others will be ejected from the park.
- D) If a team fails to field 9 eligible uniformed players by game time, the umpire-in-chief will declare a game forfeited in favor of the opposing team. There will be NO grace period.
- E) All catchers must wear a face mask when warming up the pitchers.
- F) Free substitution will apply to "G", "F-Minor", "F-Major".
- G) The batting order **will be continuous in "G", "F-Minor" and "F-Major"** and consist of all players present and eligible to play.
- H) Re-entry Rule will apply to "E-Minor and E-Major."
- I) Runners must slide to avoid malicious contact on all close plays. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out. Flagrant violations will result in the ejection of the runner from the game. **"NO WARNING WILL BE GIVEN."**

- J) **No Infield Practice** will be permitted.
- K) Batters will not throw the bat. After one team warning, any batter throwing his/her bat will be called out.
- L) All equipment must be kept in the dugouts.
- M) An inning pitched shall be counted against a pitcher when he/she delivers one or more pitches to a batter during a half inning.

### **RULES OF CONDUCT:**

- A) The umpire-in-chief has complete authority over the game being played.
- B) Any player, manager, or coach that exhibits gross misconduct, poor sportsmanship or abusive language shall be removed from the game and field, preferably by the manager, or by the umpire-in-chief, immediately. Refusal to comply will hold his team subject to forfeiture.
- C) Any Coach, Manager or Fan ejected from a game **twice during the tournament** will not be able to return for the balance of the tournament.
- D) No shouting at or baiting of any player or umpire by an opposing coach, player or spectator will be allowed. The umpire will issue only one (1) warning and upon the second offense the person doing such will be removed from the game and the park. Refusal to comply will hold his team subject to forfeiture. This also includes **chatter** on the field.
- E) The team manager has the ultimate responsibility for the actions of his coaches, players & fans.
- F) Spectators will not be allowed on the playing field, in the dugouts, or to stand behind the backstop while the game is in progress.
- G) No use of tobacco or tobacco products will be allowed on the playing field or in the dugout at any time.
- H) No protest allowed. **THE UMPIRES DECISION IS FINAL.**

### **SAFETY PROTECTION:**

- A) No steel spikes will be permitted in the "G" & "F" divisions. Rubber spikes will be allowed, tennis shoes are required as a minimum.
- B) All batters and runners are required to wear protective helmets with ear protection on both sides. Runners intentionally losing their helmets, in the umpires opinion, will be called out.
- C) All helmets used in the "G" division must have chin straps, the straps must be fastened when the player is wearing the helmet.
- D) All batboys/batgirls and base coaches under the age of eighteen (18) must wear a protective helmet during the game.
- E) All catchers must wear full gear including protective helmet, mask with throat protector, shin guards, chest protection and athletic supporter with a protective cup.

### **SCORES:**

- A) Home team will be determined by the tossing of a coin prior to the game.
- B) Home team will be the official scorekeeper.
- C) Home team will fill out score card and return to the Umpire in Charge
- D) Umpire in Charge will turn in Score Card to Tournament Director or Other League Official