

# Tom Kerrigan Memorial Baseball Tournament

## Tournament By-Laws

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the tournament is to promote greater interest in amateur baseball, to develop a keen spirit of interregional rivalry and to afford outstanding performers the opportunity to compete with others of the same caliber under the scrutiny of interested observers.
2. **TYPE OF TOURNAMENT:** Pool Play – Seeded single elimination bracket
3. **OFFICIATING:** At least two (2) umpires are instructed to keep the game moving as fast as possible. Speed-up rules may be invoked if necessary. Everyone concerned with the tournament will be well informed as to the speed up rules.
4. **OFFICIAL SCORERS:** There will be an official scorer at each game. Opposing teams will provide a scorer. The scorekeeper, representing the home team will be designated as the official scorer. It will be the responsibility of the winning team to submit a completed composite score sheet.
  - A. The winning team, if they do not have to travel, will submit said score sheet to the field manager within 20 minutes after the completion of the game.
  - B. The winning team, which must travel to a different field to face a new opponent, will submit the score sheet to the field manager at that field.

The above mentioned score sheet must be completely filled out and submitted before that succeeding game begins. The score sheets, which are forwarded to the headquarters field, are helpful to the Tournament Judging Committee in the selection of the Most Valuable Player and Most Outstanding Pitcher.
5. **PROTECTION:** Each team will be responsible for their own accident or other necessary insurance and will hold safe and harmless all parties directly or indirectly connected with this tournament.
6. **BASEBALLS:** The best available. Teams are requested and required to return all balls to their field managers after each game.
7. **EQUIPMENT:**
  1. For tournament play, you must use WOOD BATS. No ceramic, bamboo or composite bats are permitted
  2. Helmets must have ONE ear flap
8. **TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS:** Mt Wolf odd years, Manchester even years.
9. **ROSTERS:** The teams entered in the tournament will be allowed a roster of thirty (30) players.
10. **.PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**
  1. All players must enjoy amateur status. Players are considered professional if signed to a bonafied contract.
  2. Players who have been signed to a professional club must be released or be on the voluntary retired list before being eligible for participation in this tournament.
  3. Any player who does not comply with tournament regulations or conducts himself in an unsportsmanlike manner may be banished from the tournament, along with this team, and his team's entry fee will be forfeited.

11. SCHEDULE: The tournament committee will adopt a playing schedule which will accommodate the teams involved: the committee reserves the right to alter or change the schedule when, at its discretion, unforeseen or emergency circumstances dictate such action. Games which become suspended because of inclement weather or darkness will be resumed from the point in which play was suspended. This includes unofficial games.
12. ENTRANCE FEE: Annually, the directors of the sponsoring Central York County Baseball League will set the amount. Entrance fee for this year's tournament is \$500.00.
13. PLAYING RULES: All games shall be played under OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES as published by the Sporting News, current year, except special amendments adopted for this tournament will govern.
  - A. Umpires and/or field managers will give the ground rules prior to each game.
  - B. Game starting times will be determined by the committee when the playing schedule is adopted.
  - C. Managers will present starting line-up cards to the umpire, opposing team manager, and official scorer five (5) minutes prior to game time.
  - D. Home team will be decided by a flip of a coin prior to the game time.
  - E. Unsuitable persons, except duly authorized tournament officials, will not be permitted on the playing field or in the dugouts.
  - F. The game shall end when the visiting team is behind ten(10) or more runs after 4 ½ innings, or after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, if either team is 10 or more runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat.
  - G. Stalling or delaying of games will not be tolerated. Umpires will take necessary steps to expedite the playing and completion of all games in a reasonable amount of time
  - H. In cases of accidents or other unforeseen circumstance involving a traveling team, additional time may be granted by the tournament committee through its agent in charge of each game.
  - I. Game starting times are listed on the playing schedule; Teams are expected to fully cooperate as to their responsibility in this very important matter. Field managers will be urged to use good judgment in any allowances made for a tardy start of a scheduled game.
  - J. If time permits, each team will be allowed the field for a maximum of ten (10) minutes prior to a game. Preference will be given to the preparation of the field for the next game. It is preferred that players warm up on the sidelines.
14. OFFICIAL PLAYER ROSTERS: When a team plays its first tournament game the team's roster will become closed. Before a team participates in a tournament game, the official roster of said team will be presented to the tournament official in attendance for his approval and signature. A team's initial game can not begin until its roster has been approved. Team rosters, once properly signed, will become official and then forwarded to tournament headquarters where said roster will be available for inspection by any participating team in order that opposing teams will be able to make an on the spot check of team rosters.
15. GAME PROTEST DECISIONS: Before a protest is made, managers should take into consideration the following:
  - A. Does the protest have a direct bearing on the outcome or score of a game?
  - B. No protest will ever be permitted on judgment decisions of an umpire
16. GAME PROTEST PROCEDURE:
  1. The manager of the protesting team will notify the umpire in chief at the time of the protested play and prior to the following play or pitch that the game is played under protest.
  2. The protesting manager will, when the protest is made, post a fifty dollar \$50.00 protest fee in cash with the field manager together with the article and section of the rules allegedly violated. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee will be retained by the sponsoring Central York County Baseball League.
  3. When a protest is made, it must be resolved before play can be resumed. No game will be played under protest

TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE ABOVE... A member of the protest committee is always present at each field during every game. All field managers are considered members of the protest committee. He may, at his discretion, call for additional assistance from the league officers.

17. SPECIAL TOURNAMENT RULES: The tournament committee will rule on any point not specially covered by the tournament rules. Such decision or ruling will be final. (See below: Special tournament rules adopted March 1993).

18. AWARDS: TBD at a later date.

**SPECIAL TOURNAMENT RULES  
ADOPTED MARCH 1993**

**RAINOOTS/INCLEMENT WATHER/REVISED SCHEDULES**

In the event of inclement weather, severe enough to cancel games at any time during the tournament, team's representatives will be advised to call tournament headquarters to determine the playing schedule for that day. Under penalty of forfeit, no team will leave the area until it has been advised by the TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR that they may do so. Once a revised schedule is devised, games will be played at available fields in such a way as to reduce the number of teams having to return to York the next weekend. Therefore, losing bracket teams will always play ahead of winning bracket teams and York County teams will be expected to take a back seat until out of town teams have been taken care of.

**RULES FOR THE TOURNAMENT:**

1. All tournament games will be seven innings.
2. Once a player's name appears on a respective roster and his team is eliminated from the tournament; he then becomes ineligible to play with any other team participating in the tournament. Penalty for violation of this roster rule is immediate suspension from the tournament for the offending player and expulsion from the tournament the following year for both the individual player and the offending team.

**DEAD BALL AREA RULE:**

It is a good catch if the fielder has secure possession of the ball before entering dead ball territory. So long as both feet are in the live ball territory, or touching the lines, or one foot may be in live ball territory and one foot in air so long as it was in live ball territory, this would be a good catch. (See definition of catch)

Also a fielder may dive or make a good catch and run into dead ball territory, so long as he left from live ball territory. If he dives into dead ball territory, he must have left from live ball territory and his body may not touch the ground in dead ball territory until he has secured a good catch (see definition of catch)

However, with runners on base and the fielder carrying the ball into dead ball territory, the ball would become dead and all runners would advance one (1) base.