Dear Parents/Guardians/Coaches,   August 9, 2018

As noted at the end of each schedule that was sent to everyone in May, ***our annual End-of-Season Tournament will begin on Tuesday September 4th for teams in the mosquito, peewee, bantam and midget divisions.*** We're sending this to explain the tournament to those of you who are new to our league and remind the rest of you how it works.

The schedules for the mosquito, peewee, bantam and midget divisions will be sent by the evening of Friday August 31st. When you receive the schedule please print it off and make careful note of the games that involve your child(ren). The tournament rules sheets will also be sent out with the schedules. Please take the time to read them and let your coach know if you have any questions.

1. **Please note that during the tournament we're no longer following a standard division night schedule…games can be any night and also throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. When you receive the schedule please read it carefully to see when your team plays.** Each mosquito, peewee, bantam and midget team will play round robin games during the week of Tues. Sept. 4th to Fri. Sept. 7th, and on the weekend of Sat. Sept. 8th and Sun. Sept. 9th. The elimination games in each division will start during the weekend and, depending upon the division, will continue into the week of September 10th.

2. There is a lot of baseball taking place over the first two weeks and weekend after Labour Day in September…this is so the players get the chance to play as much baseball as possible before we have to pack it all up again until next year. **Although we're keeping standings during the round-robin schedule, the emphasis during the tournament is still on having fun, building skills, and being good sports, and we ask you to help with this by being good role models for the players.**

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE NOTE:
- *ALL* **games WILL start at the scheduled time, regardless of how many players are there**. Defensive teams will have to start the game fielding with as many players as they have (up to 9 of course!).
- Please arrive as close to **one half hour before game time** **as possible** to allow coaches to make lineups.
- Full uniforms (houseleague hat, houseleague jersey, houseleague pants) are to be worn.
- Decisions regarding rain outs will be placed on the website/Twitter/hotline **1 hour prior to game time.** If games are cancelled due to weather, the tournament will run longer than indicated on the schedule. **Please note however that during the tournament we will play through light rain because of the need to get the games completed, so players and parents should dress for the weather.**

Players, coaches, and umpires will receive a **free lunch** from the **BBQ on the weekend of Saturday September 8th and Sunday September 9th**. We will also be selling lunch from the BBQ on both of those days from approximately 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. We **require some volunteers to help run the BBQ,** so if you could be available for an hour or two on either Saturday or Sunday, please let me know by return e-mail as soon as possible. We greatly appreciate any help that you can provide.

We will also have our photographer at Christie Pits on Sept. 8th and 9th taking individual pictures of players who didn't make it out on the day their team's photos were taken.

Updated scores, standings, pictures and other news will be available daily on the Toronto Playgrounds Houseleague website (www.tpbaseball.ca) and on Twitter (@TPbaseballnews) throughout the tournament. Remember to check the website, Twitter, or the hotline (416) 392-1914 if the weather is suspect.

Finally, let's keep our actions and our comments positive, and help the players and coaches be good sports. Thanks for your participation and on-going support of our league!

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