



Toronto Playgrounds Houseleague Baseball

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It's hard to believe that it's already time for it, but our end-of-year tournament is almost upon us. **The tournament will begin on Tuesday September 6th...schedules for the mosquito, peewee, and bantam divisions will be sent by the evening of Wednesday 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 on Wednesday with the schedules. Please take the time to read them and let your coach know if you have any questions.

However, before sending those materials out on Wednesday we'd like to highlight a few things.

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 on Wednesday please read it carefully to see when your team plays. Each mosquito, peewee and bantam team will play four round robin games - two during the week of Tues. Sept. 6th to Fri. Sept. 9th, and two more round-robin games on Sat. Sept. 10th. The elimination games in all divisions will begin on Sun. Sept. 11th...we plan on holding the semi-final and championship games in the bantam division on Sun. Sept. 11th. The elimination games in the Mosquito and Peewee divisions will continue into the week of Monday Sept. 12th.

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 all of you to help with this by being good role models for all of 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 **Saturday September 10th**. We will also be selling lunch from the BBQ on both Saturday Sept. 10th and Sunday Sept. 11th 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. Thanks in advance!

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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