

Team Registration

- All Teams must be GMB sanctioned to be eligible to participate in our 2017 Greater Midwest Baseball Tournaments
- All Teams **must** submit their team roster online at www.greatermidwestbaseball.com and submit a printed copy with parent signatures at tournament checkin
- All GMB Tournaments will follow the Major League Baseball Rulebook (except as noted)

Check-in

- Please check-in 30 minutes prior to your first game
(Checkin Information Is Located At The End Of This Document)
- A GMB Representative will be at each ball park to facilitate team checkin
- Tournament Brackets will be posted at all weekend tournament locations
 - Official brackets and game times are posted on our website

Greater Midwest Baseball Must Have a Copy of the Following Items Before Play Starts

- 1) Paper copy of your GMB Tournament Roster with Parent Signatures
 - 2) Rosters / Waivers can be loaded at www.gretermidwestbaseball.com
 - 3) Secondary Team Insurance Certificate
 - 4) Birth Certificates for each player if challenged by opposing team
 - No gate fees or additional charges are collected by GMB
 - Some facilities may charge gate/parking fees – GMB does not charge gate fees
- Any Tournament Fees That Are Paid Less Than Two Weeks Prior To Start Date Will Be Assessed a \$50.00 Late Charge Fee and Promotional Discounts Do Not Apply

Tournament Withdrawal Policy

- Greater Midwest Baseball will provide a full refund minus a \$150 withdrawal fee for any team withdrawing from tournaments up to 21 days prior to the scheduled start of the event
- Tournament Withdrawals Inside of 21 Days From Start Date Forfeit All Tournament Fees
- GMB Does, If Needed Mix Ages/Divisions To Form Brackets – Tournaments Are 4 Teams
 - No Withdrawal Refunds Are Eligible @ GMB- Etown, GMB World and The Nationals

Rainout Policy

0 games played= full refund minus \$50 of tournament fees
1 game played= 50% refund

2 Games Played = full tournament - all tournaments. No additional refunds.

All Refunds (Withdrawal and Rainout) Take 6 to 8 Weeks To Process

In The Event of Rain and Cancellations, Trophies and Plaques Are Awarded Only If Championship Game Teams Have Been Established, Awards Are Only Awarded@Park

Greater Midwest Baseball

2017 Baseball Rules

The Following GMB Rules Apply, All Other Rules Follow Major League Baseball

- In pool play, a coin flip will determine the home team.
- The coin flip will be conducted by the umpiring crew at ground rules.
- During the bracket play in all games, the higher seeded team will be the home team
- Time limits are: 1:40 for all ages 10U and above, 1:30 for 9U & 8U Pitch and 1:10 for 8UM
- Inclement weather could force GMB to modify these established tournament game times.
- Three baseballs per game provided – each team should provide one slightly used ball at ground rules. All teams should chase foul balls or provide replacement baseballs
- Both teams should keep score books and should report the game score to the home plate umpire between innings. Umpire will maintain official game card all games.
- Home team will maintain official game book and start time. Game start time will be announced immediately after ground rules and confirmed with Home team scorebook.

Coaches Have The Following Lineup Batting Options

- 1) Bat the Roster and be allowed free defensive substitutions
- 2) Play 9 Bat 9 or Play 9 Bat 10 with Free Defensive Rotations with these 9/10 Players
- 3) Play 9 with DH for any Defensive Player Position

Starters in Options 2 and may re-enter one time in their **ORIGINAL batting position**.

Substitutes removed from a game are ineligible to return. Teams should report all substitutions to the home plate umpire and opposing score keeper.

If At Anytime A Player Does Not Make His Turn At Bat Due To Injury, Sickness and No Sub Is Available, That Turn At Bat is Recorded As An Out. Opposing Coach May Waive This Rule

Teams May Play A Game With 7 Players – The 8th and 9th Batters In The Order Would Be Recorded As An Out With Each Flip Of The Lineup

- Courtesy Runner at anytime for Pitcher and Catcher. Must be sub if batting 9 or 10 or last batted out if batting roster

Greater Midwest Baseball 2017 Baseball Rules

Game Procedures – Pool and Championship Play

- Pool games will end in ties after allotted time has expired.
- If elimination games are tied after time expires, GMB Tie-Breaker Rules Are Played
 - Each team will start with the previous innings last batted on 2nd base with one out
- The following Pool Play Tie Breakers will be used for seeding in the championship rounds
 - 1) Head to Head Play
(If Only Two Teams With Same Record)
 - 2) Total Runs Allowed
(Used When More Than 2 Teams Have Same Record)
(There Is No Head To Head At This Point)
 - 3) Total Runs Scored
 - 4) Coin Flip

½ Point Rule Established Ro Ties In Pool Play

9U Pitch Rules

- Dropped 3rd Strike Rule Does Not Apply
- No Stealing Or Advancing To Home On Past Ball By Catcher
- 3rd Base Runner Can Advance To Home If Play Is Made At Any Base
- 5 Runs / Inning – Unlimited In 6th Inning

8U Machine

- Max 5 Runs / Inning / Innings 1 thru 5
 - Max 10 Runs / 6th Inning
- 5 Pitches max to each batter unless umpire deems pitch as not hittable – 3 strikes and out
- No stealing and no lead offs until ball is hit by batter into play – the runner can leave the base once the ball is hit by the batter
- Runners can advance on live ball until one infielder has control of baseball inside of dirt infield area within the playing field. Runners Awarded Closet Base On Umpires Judgment
 - Pitchers must start to side of machine or coach and prior to pitch
 - 8UM - 9 Fielders Including Pitcher / 8U Coach Pitch 10 Fielders (4 Outfielders)
- In 8U Machine, Batted balls that hit machine are ruled as a dead ball with each runner, including batter, advancing one base
 - No Dropped 3rd Strike / No Infield Fly Rule / No Bunting Allowed
 - Bases 60 ft – Mound 40 ft / 6 Inning Game / 1 Hour 15 Minute Time Limit
- Innings Will Still Be Played If Time Allows Even If One Team Can Not Match Runs Allowed
 - Run Rule – 20 After 4 Innings / 15 After 5 Innings

8U Coach Pitch

- Max 7 Runs / Inning / Innings
- max to each batter unless umpire deems 6th pitch as not
- 3 Strikes and Out

- No stealing and no lead offs until ball is hit by batter into play – the runner can leave the base once the ball is hit by the batter
- Runners can advance on live ball until one infielder has control of baseball inside of dirt infield area within the playing field. Runners Awarded Closet Base On Umpires Judgment
 - Pitchers must start to side of coach and prior to pitch
 - 8U Coach Pitch 10 Fielders (4 Outfielders)
 - No Dropped 3rd Strike / No Infield Fly Rule / No Bunting Allowed
 - Bases 60 ft – Mound 40 ft / 6 Inning Game / 1 Hour 10 Minute Time Limit
- Coach must maintain 1 foot inside pitchers circle (8 ft around rubber) and must leave field of play once ball is hit by batter
 - GMB - Diamond Logo Baseball or Equivalent To Be Used
- Innings Will Still Be Played If Time Allows Even If One Team Can Not Match Runs Allowed
 - Run Rule – 20 After 4 Innings / 15 After 5 Innings

8U Kid Pitch Rules

- Maximum of 5 runs scored per inning
- No Lead offs until ball crosses plate or is hit by batter into play
- No stealing home – Stealing To 2nd and 3rd After Ball Crosses Plate
- Runners can advance on live ball until one infielder has control of baseball inside of dirt infield area within the playing field
 - No Dropped 3rd Strike / No Infield Fly Rule / No Bat Restrictions
 - Bases 60 ft – Mound 40 ft / 6 Inning Game / 1 Hour 30 Minute Time Limit
 - GMB – Diamond Baseball or Equivalent To be Used

Balks and Intentional Walks

In 8U and 9U, one warning per pitcher will be given before a balk is called.

In 10U-18U all balks will be called. All balks will be called according to Major League Rules.

Intentional Walk's Will Follow MLB Rules and Policies

Schedule Game Time Starts

All Teams Should Be Prepared To Start Games 30 Minutes Prior To Scheduled Start Time As This Allows GMB To Keep Pace With The Over All Scheduled Tournament

Mercy Game Run Rules

- 20 After 1 Inning
- 15 After 2 Innings
- 12 After 3 Innings
- 10 After 4 Innings
- 8 After 5 Innings

Complete Game Rain Rules, All Games Complete After

- 6 Inning Games – 2 ½ Innings If Home Team In Lead
- 7 Inning Games – 3 ½ Innings If Home Team In Lead
- No new inning may start after the time limit has elapsed. A new inning automatically begins after the 3rd out is recorded in the bottom half of the previous inning.
- The official game time starts after Ground Rules Are Completed – Umpires Will Confirm Official Game Start Time With Home Book ScoreKeeper
- Championship games have a 2 Hour time if last game of day - run rules are still in effect.

2017 GMB

Pitch Limits and Recommendations

<http://m.mlb.com/pitchsmart/>

GMB Tournament Directors will not be involved in counting pitches or innings pitched during GMB Tournaments and Events.

The responsibility of managing pitch counts and innings rests with each team's Head Coach.

GMB endorses the Pitch Smart program, developed by USA Baseball and Major League Baseball. This program is a series of practical, age appropriate guidelines to help parents, players and coaches avoid overuse.

USA Pitch Smart						
Age	Daily Max	Recommended Rest				
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
7U - 8U	50	1 to 20	21 to 35	36 to 50		
9U - 10U	75	1 to 20	21 to 35	36 to 50	51 to 65	66 Plus
11U - 12U	85	1 to 20	21 to 35	36 to 50	51 to 65	66 Plus
13U - 14U	95	1 to 20	21 to 35	36 to 50	51 to 65	66 Plus
15U - 16U	95	1 to 20	31 to 45	46 to 60	61 to 75	76 Plus
17U - 18U	105	1 to 20	31 to 45	46 to 60	61 to 75	76 Plus

Pitch Smart

“Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the coach, parent and the athlete to ensure that the player follows the guidelines for his age group over the course of a year”

Greater Midwest Baseball 2017 Baseball Rules

CLEATS

- Metal cleats are allowed in the 13U-18U divisions - No metal cleats on portable mounds.

LINE-UP CARDS

- Each team should prepare a written line-up, listing first and last names and numbers of all players/subs prior to each game. Line-ups must be given to the plate umpire at ground rules. Line-up cards will be provided to each team at check-in.

Slide Rules

- GMB does not enforce a Mandatory Slide Rule at any base. If a player does not slide to avoid contact and if it is determined by an umpire that the play is ruled malicious with the intent to hurt, the player will be ruled out and ejected for the game in progress

2017 Bat Restrictions

- 13U & Under must be stamped 1.15 BPF, or BBCOR or WOOD
 - 14U Must Use -5 Stamped Bats – BBCOR Bats Are Allowed
 - 15U and Above Must Use BBCOR or Wood Bats with -3 Drop Ratio
- 14U Teams Must Use BBCOR -3 when playing up at 14U/15U Mixed Brackets

Game and Roster Protest

- Protests shall follow major league procedures on the field and stop play to file a protest
- No protest of a judgment call or game outcome, and only an incorrect rule interpretation can be protested that impacts the natural course of the game.
- Umpire must sign both scorebooks and site the game situation. The manager then has 5 minutes to present his protest, citing the specific baseball or GMB rule to justify his protest to the Tournament Director along with submission of a \$200 forfeit fee - cash. If the manager does not file his protest within the 5 Minute time frame, the protest will be considered as dropped and no action will be taken by GMB or the GMB Site Director.
 - If the protest is won, the Protest Fee is returned.
 - If the protest is lost, the fee will be forfeited.
 - Game clock does not stop during protest situations
- Each Team Should Maintain A Copy of their GMB Roster in addition to turning one in at tournament checkin – each weekend. Teams must first present a copy of their signed team roster prior to protesting an game opponent's roster. Non roster players are considered ineligible. Any team using an ineligible player will be assessed a 7-0 forfeit for game in question when roster is protested

Greater Midwest Baseball 2017 Baseball Rules

2017 Age Chart - PROOF OF AGE

GMB Does Not Collect Birth Certificates Prior To Tournament Events

- It is the Managers responsibility to have his players birth certificates or accepted proof of age identification in the case of any question regarding the age of his players
 - Failure to produce birth certificates will result in a forfeit.
- At times and at certain parks, GMB will adjust base distances to adapt to park setups

Age	Birth Date	Field	Game Time	Innings	Max Runs Per Inning
19U	Born On or After Jan 1st, 1997	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minutes	7 Innings	Unlimited
18U	Born On or After May 1st, 1998	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minutes	7 Innings	Unlimited
17U	Born On or After May 1st, 1999	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minutes	7 Innings	Unlimited
16U	Born On or After May 1st, 2000	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minutes	7 Innings	Unlimited
15U	Born On or After May 1st, 2001	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minutes	7 Innings	Unlimited
14U	Born On or After May 1st, 2002	60'-6" x 90'	1 Hour 40 Minutes	7 Innings	Unlimited
13U	Born On or After May 1st, 2003	54' x 80'	1 Hour 40 Minutes	7 Innings	Unlimited
12U	Born On or After May 1st, 2004	50' x 70'	1 Hour 40 Minutes	6 Innings	Unlimited
11U	Born On or After May 1st, 2005	50' x 70'	1 Hour 40 Minutes	6 Innings	Unlimited
10U	Born On or After May 1st, 2006	46' x 65'	1 Hour 40 Minutes	6 Innings	Unlimited
9U	Born On or After May 1st, 2007	46' x 65'	1 Hour 30 Minutes	6 Innings	See Rules Section
8U Pitch / Machine	Born On or After May 1st, 2008	40' x 60'	1 Hour 10 Minutes	6 Innings	See Rules Section
7U Machine	Born On or After May 1st, 2009	40' x 60'	1 Hour 10 Minutes	6 Innings	See Rules Section

General GMB Roster Rules

All Teams Must Provide A Sanctioned GMB Roster Prior To Game Time and At Tournament Check In. 2017 Teams Can Sanction @ www.greatermidwestbaseball.com

Teams Should Keep A Copy Of Their GMB Roster and Be Prepared To Present During Game If Opposing Coach Questions A Player. Opposing Coach Should File Official Protest Prior To With GMB Prior To Observing Roster. Play Will Not Be Stopped During Game.

Players Can Be Added and Dropped From Team to Team Thru 5/16/2017

A Player Can Not Reside on Two Different Rosters

A Player Can Not Play On Two Different Teams In Sam Tournament Regardless Of Age

Teams That Win GMB Tournaments After 5/16/2017 Will Play Under A Frozen Roster Scenario. At That Time Winning Roster Players Are Frozen To That Winning Teams. These Winning Teams May Still Add Players But Said Players Are Ineligible For Other Teams

Teams Found Using Ineligible Players Will Forfeit The Game(s) The Player Has Played In During A Given Tournament Weekend. Score Will Result In 7-0 Loss

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Rules of Conduct – Disruptive Behavior

- Greater Midwest Baseball strives to provide a great baseball and family atmosphere for its tournament participants and guests. No unsportsmanlike conduct by participants or fans will be tolerated, and penalty for such behavior will be removal from the grounds for the remainder of the tournament.
 - Coaches are responsible for themselves, their players, and families at all times. Any suspension/ejection imposed by umpires or GMB officials will be served during the game in progress and the next tournament game and/or tournament weekend.
Applies for Coaches and Parents. Players are eligible for next game.

Park Rules

- Please remove all items, including trash, from your dugout promptly at the completion of your game. Tournament schedules are always tight, so we ask that you clear the dugout first before talking with your team after the game.
 - Food and beverages cannot to be brought into any ballparks. Water coolers may be brought for your team's consumption during your game, but we ask that all other items be left at home. Coolers must be placed in team dugout.
- Failure to comply with park Food and Beverage rules may lead to games being forfeited.
- No pets of any kind are allowed in any ballpark leased by GMB regardless of park rules. Please help us insure the safety of our participants and the cleanliness of our facility by leaving your pets at home.

Directions

- * All field and park directions can be found at the following link
http://www.greatermidwestbaseball.com/field_finder.php

2017 GMB Hotel Partner Information

Travel teams that require over night stays for a GMB tournaments are required to use one our approved 2017 Hotel Partners, GMB has a great working relationship with each of our listed hotel partners and each is blocking rooms at competitive rates.

GMB Travel teams who choose not to work through this process and utilize GMB Hotel Partners will be assessed an additional \$150 fee upon tournament check in.

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Weather Information

The Greater Midwest Baseball rainout number is 314-896-2411

Hotline will be updated as conditions require and no earlier 1 and ½ hour prior to the first daily game time for each tournament day

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Greater Midwest Baseball 2017 Tournament Check In Sheet



Please complete and provide the following Tournament Team Information at Check-in Along with this completed information, you will need the following.

- 1) Completed GMB Roster / Waiver Liability Form Including Parents Signature
- 2) Copies of Birth Certificates – will only be check if challenged by opposing team
- 3) GMB Tournament Check In Sheet

Team Name _____ GMB Roster # _____

2017 Team Age: _____ Team Class: Circle One: A or AA or AAA/Major

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any GMB Tournaments, the undersigned:

- A. Agrees that prior to participating, he/she will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if he/she believes anything to be unsafe, he/she will immediately advise umpire of such conditions
- B. Acknowledge and fully understand that the team will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inaction, or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used.
- C. Assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
- D. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Greater Midwest Baseball, its affiliated clubs, respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, and other employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners, and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as “releases from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the lesser or otherwise”.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGNIT VOLUNTARILY.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Team Contact Person _____

Contact Cell _____