



Coaches and Managers,

We look forward to hosting your team at All-Tournament Players Park. Included in this coach's packet are our game rules and park policies. If you have questions regarding anything you cannot find on the website please let us know. All coaches need to be familiar with the following tournament rules. We take the rules seriously; they will be enforced for the benefit of the players.

If there is weather that causes a change in the schedule please check the website. Click on the red box that says "Game Delay". We will post updates on the site, this is the quickest way to get the news out. Please do not call the park.

You may also find discounts on our website for conveniently located hotels. All-Tournament Players Park's location provides an endless number of restaurant choices, a mall, bowling, movies, etc. If you have any questions about any of these while attending the tournament please contact us or ask someone on site.

Below is also a handy check-list to assure you have completed all the required steps for entry into the tournament.

Please be sure you have taken care of the following:

- **Register:** On-line Registration completed (provides us with necessary contact information to keep you up-to-date.)
- **Payment:** Entry fee paid on-line by Visa or MasterCard or calling in your credit card information to the park. You may also pay by check at the park. Fee must be paid to hold tournament spot.
- **Waiver:** Please complete the waiver form in this packet and bring it with you to the park before your first game. It is required for your team to begin play. (It will be placed on file for the season.)
- **Roster:** Please complete the All-Tournament Players Park roster form. Teams will not be allowed to play without a completed roster turned into the park.
- **Notebook:** Have completed notebook providing player documentation available for check at tournament.
- **Team Insurance:** All teams must have proof of insurance and provide insurance number on website registration or on waiver form. It is required for your team to begin play.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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2011 All-Tournament Players Park Baseball Tournament Rules

All coaches need to be familiar with the following tournament rules. Playing rules are governed by The Official Rules of Baseball, published by Major League Baseball (www.MLB.com) with the exception of rules specifically outlined here. We take the rules seriously; they will be enforced for the benefit of the players.

.....**GATE:** The gate will open for players and fans 1 hour before game.

.....**COACH ENTRY:** Teams will receive free entry for 4 coaches. Coaches will be required to sign in at the entrance.

.....**TEAM CERTIFICATION:** Coaches should be prepared to show proof of age for each player (birth certificate or passport). Should there be a challenge against a player's proof of age. Inability to provide appropriate certification of age will disqualify a player from continuing in the tournament from that point on. Challenges can only be made by opposing coaches.

.....**UNIFORMS:**

1. No metal cleats permitted in park.
2. All players must be fully uniformed, which includes: pants, socks, caps and team shirt with numbers that are more than 3" in height and visible at all times when on the playing field.
3. Appropriate batting helmets are to be worn on deck, at bat, and on the bases.
4. Managers and coaches must wear a baseball cap with team insignia and should be appropriately dressed in athletic attire and appropriate shoe wear. No flip-flops, crocks, slides, etc., are permitted.
5. Protests on uniforms will not be allowed. This will be the tournament director's responsibility.
6. Catchers must wear protective gear: mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup, catcher's helmet and throat guard (if protection is not provided by the helmet style).

.....**WARM-UPS:**

1. No infield warm-up. Coaches may use the area outside of the baselines in front of the dugouts to hit ground balls.
2. Warm-up area between the fields is limited to players and coaches. No siblings or parents allowed in this area.

.....**LINEUPS & SUBSTITUTIONS:**

1. All teams will be required to provide both the official scorekeeper and opposing team with a lineup card in batting order containing batters first name, last name, number, starting position and the same of substitutes.
2. Each team will complete the official scorecard for the umpire prior to the game start.
3. Teams have the following options for batting order: 9 player line-up, EH for 10 player line-up or continuous batting order for all players. Free substitution is permitted for continuous batting order. Option must be declared at the start of the game.
Continuous batting order: Coaches should be aware that if a player is injured and must leave the game the players batting position will be a designated out. Also, if a game is interrupted and started at a later time the batting order must remain the same. Any player not available will be an out. No new players may be added to the lineup.
4. Games may start with eight players. The 9th batting position will be an automatic out. A player arriving late may enter the game immediately in the 9th position.
5. Teams will have the option of designating a 10th batter as an Extra Hitter (EH). If a team starts with 10 they must finish with 10. AAU Tournaments: Teams will have the option of an Extra Hitter (EH) and/or a Designated Hitter (DH). Refer to AAU rules.

.....**SUBSTITUTION RULES:**

1. ALL SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE MADE BY THE HEAD COACH TO THE UMPIRE. (All substitutions must be reported on the field not by bookkeepers.) The umpire will only then assure the scorekeeper and the opposing team is informed. Substitutions not reported by the head coach are not official substitutions and are not recorded on the books in the event of a challenge by the opposing team.

2. ALL LINE-UP SUBSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OR AT BAT MUST BE REPORTED TO THE UMPIRE AT THE TIME OF THE CHANGE.

.....**COURTESY RUNNER:** A courtesy runner is permitted for the pitcher and catcher. Courtesy runner must not be in the line-up at the time. If no substitute player is available the last player out will become the courtesy runner. Should that player be the catcher or pitcher the courtesy runner will be the previous runner out. If it is determined the courtesy runner is incorrect the runner will be replaced by the correct runner without penalty.

.....**PITCHING RECORDS:**

1. Each team will be required to complete the official score card for the umpire prior to the game. The official scorekeeper and/or the umpire will record pitching changes. (Last names and numbers must be put on card.)
2. Each team will be required to sign the scorecard at the end of the game making the pitching record final and official.
3. Any scorecard not signed by the coach will **become official 1 hour after the end of the game and cannot be changed.**

.....**PITCHING RULES:**

One day maximum to pitch the next day 3 innings
One day maximum 6 innings
Tournament maximum 8 innings

1. Inning pitched are recorded by thirds (1/3rd). One out constitutes 1/3rd of an inning. If a pitcher does not retire a batter and is replaced he will record no innings pitched.
2. Starting pitcher must pitch to at least one batter for a full at bat.
3. Pitcher may not re-enter game.

.....**PITCHING VIOLATIONS:**

1. Challenges regarding pitching eligibility are the responsibility of the head coach and must be brought to the attention of the plate umpire only **after** the pitcher records **one** pitch after reaching the pitching limit.
2. A pitching violation will result in the team manager/coach and the pitcher being ejected from the game and game will continue. Coach and player may return to play the next game unless behavior warrants application of the ATPP ejection rules.

.....**VISITS:** Two visits to the pitcher. Pitcher must be removed at the second visit. Coach cannot visit pitcher twice during the same batter.

.....**HOME TEAM:**

1. Pool play home team will be determined by coin flip.
2. Bracket play home team will be determined by higher seed.
3. During bracket play home team will be in the first base dugout.

.....**TIE GAMES:** No games will end in a tie. Tie games will be completed under the California rule.

CALIFORNIA RULE: If game is tied at the end of 6 innings or at the end of official game time, each team will place the player with the last out on second base and play the game from that point under normal rules. Play will continue until a winner is declared.

.....**SEEDING:** Seeding will be posted on the website and the bulletin board.

- Win/Loss Record
- Runs Allowed (based on actual score against all teams played)
- Run differential +/-8
- Head to Head (if two teams tied)
- Coin Flip

.....**REGULATION GAME:**

1. Three full innings constitutes a complete game. If home team is ahead then 2 ½ innings constitutes a

complete game. If score is tied the determination of a winner is made by reverting back to the previous inning. If all innings are tied a winner will be determined by a coin flip.

2. Incomplete games will be rescheduled and begin at the point the game was interrupted.

.....**MERCY RULE:**

RUNS		INNINGS
15	after	3
10	after	4
8	after	5

.....**FIELD SIZE:**

AGE	BASES	MOUND
6u	55'	
7u	60'	40'
8u	60'	40'
9u	65'	44'
10U	65'	46'
11u	70'	50'
12u	70'	50'

.....**INTENTIONAL WALK:** Intentional walk may be declared (does not require ball to be pitched).

.....**TAG:** Runners must slide or make an intentional effort to avoid contact with the player of the opposing team. Malicious contact is determined by the umpire and supersedes obstruction.

.....**SPORTSMANSHIP AND EJECTIONS:**

1. **Criticism of referees, coaches, and players by your fans may result in the ejection of the head coach of your team.**

Please encourage your fans to exhibit good sportsmanship appropriate to youth sports.

2. **Inappropriate language** will not be tolerated on or off the field.

3. **Throwing equipment** is an automatic ejection.

4. Anyone ejected must leave the property including the parking lot. Should ejected individual(s) not leave immediately, game will be declared a forfeit.

5. Umpire may end a game and declare forfeit if he deems necessary.

.....**EJECTION POLICY:**

1. An umpire may opt to remove a coach from coaching and instruct him to remain in the dugout quietly for the remainder of the game. If he cannot remain quiet he will be ejected, once ejected he cannot coach the next game.

2. A coach who is unable to remain calm and display good sportsmanship may be ejected from the baseball facility for the remainder of the game. This coach may not coach the next game.

3. A coach or fan who threatens an umpire or anyone in the facility is ejected from the park and may not return for the remainder of the tournament.

.....**UMPIRES:** We make every effort to provide professional, experienced, well trained umpires that are regularly reviewed.

1. Umpires at All-Tournament Players Park are in charge on the field. **The tournament director does not participate in rulings made during a game.**

2. Umpires request **head coaches** handle questions on the field by calmly calling time and meeting with the umpire to resolve issues or answer questions. Coaches should handle umpire conversations in an adult manner with calm and with respect. Umpires are expected to do the same.

3. Umpires are expected to work as a team. Once the umpire team makes a ruling, play will begin without

undue delay.

4. Umpires will enforce all rules that apply to the game, uniforms, equipment, pitching, etc. without prejudice or favoritism.
5. Continuous conflict and/or delay of game caused by a coach may result in a coach being ejected from the game. An umpire's warning should be taken seriously.

.....**SCOREKEEPERS:** All-Tournament Players Park may provide scorekeepers for games or the home team may be asked to keep the official book in the scorer's box.

1. Scorekeepers (including volunteers) are a part of the umpire team.
2. Line-up changes can only be made on the book by scorekeepers when reported by a coach to the umpire on the field.
3. Scorekeepers do not point out batting out of order, etc. unless it is challenged by a coach to the umpire. Only then will the scorekeeper be asked to participate in the umpire's ruling.
4. Coaching and cheering are not permitted in the scorekeeper's box.

.....**RAIN POLICY:** All-Tournament is committed to playing games if at all possible. We appreciate your patience in advance for making this happen. We will make every effort to keep you informed.

1. Games affected by rain will be rescheduled. Games not affected by rain will be played as scheduled.
2. Rain delays will be posted on the website as soon as possible. Go to your tournament page and tournament updates will be listed under the News section.
3. Every effort will be made to contact effected coaches but coaches should rely on the website for the most up-to-date information.

.....**GAME BALLS:** Teams will supply two new balls for each game unless the tournament page on the website indicates teams provide a box of balls or that game balls will be supplied. Please check website.

.....**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. **No non-players or non-coaches in dugouts, warm-up area or on fields at any time.** This will be enforced.
2. Criticism of referees, coaches, and players by your fans *may result in the ejection of the head coach* of your team. Please encourage your fans to exhibit good sportsmanship appropriate to youth sports.
3. No soft toss hitting, pepper or throwing against any fences
4. Please help by picking up trash in dugouts after your game.

WEATHER POLICIES

.....**RAIN CHECK POLICY**

- Rain delays require teams to wait up to 1 hour on site or until site director declares fields closed.
- Rescheduling updates will be posted on the website under the Red GAME DELAY as soon as a new schedule is determined.
- For rained out games in progress 30 rain check tickets will be issued to the head coach for attending fans. Tickets may only be used for entry during the completion of the game. Tickets will be invalid as soon as the delayed game is completed.
- Individuals entering the park early for the next game enter at their own risk and will not receive rain check tickets unless their team has entered the dugout/field.

.....**LIGHTNING**

- All-Tournament Players Park is equipped with a lightning detector and will determine return to play based on it's indication of distance to lightning as recommended by FEMA.
- Keep all players in the dugouts away from fences until play continues. Move dugout benches away from walls or fences.
- Advise coaches to stay off the fields for their safety. (They are adults and take their own risk.)
- Fans should be encouraged to sit in cars during extreme weather conditions. Fans are not permitted in the concession building, dugouts or gym during rain delays.

ENTRY FEE REFUNDS

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- Tournaments that do not make will be refunded completely. Four teams or more are a tournament.
- Tournaments canceled before play begins, due to weather, will be refunded completely.
- One game started or completed will result in entry refund minus a \$50 expense fee.
- Two games completed will qualify as a complete tournament. No refund.
- Withdrawals
 - Teams withdrawing up to 10 days prior to the tournament will receive their entry fee minus a \$20 administration fee.
 - Teams withdrawing after 10 days prior to the tournament will receive their entry fee minus a \$150 administration fee.
 - Teams withdrawing after the schedule is posted will not receive any refund.
- Entry fees will be refunded within 30 days of event.

.....**INCOMPLETE TOURNAMENT PLAY**

If tournament is canceled due to weather, prior to the end of the tournament, a champion will be declared based on pool rankings or last complete round of play.

ATPP CHECK POLICY

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Make checks payable to All-Tournament Players Park or ATPP. In doing so, you expressly authorize ATPP and its representatives, if your check is returned for any reason, to electronically process your check. In the event that your check is returned unpaid for insufficient or uncollected funds, we may present your check electronically. In the ordinary course of business, your check will not be provided to you with your bank statement but a copy can be retrieved by other means. Additionally, we will electronically assess the maximum returned check fee allowed in the state of Georgia (GA) against your account for each returned check.

All-Tournament Players Park reserved the right to refuse to accept a check from any business, team or individual who has previously presented a misrepresented check or other payment that required additional processing due to insufficient funds, uncollected funds, stopped payment or any other like reason.

.....**GATE FEES**

Cash only for gate fees and concessions

SCORES, UPDATES & FACEBOOK

.....**SCHEDULES, SCORES & TOURNAMENT UPDATES**

Scores are posted on www.alltournamentplayerspark.com regularly during the tournament day.

- Place pointer on - The Diamonds: Tournaments
- Click on your tournament's name

.....**FACEBOOK "The Diamonds at All-Tournament Players Park"**

Please join us on FACEBOOK at "The Diamonds" for tournament photos, tournament winners, last minute information, camps, clinics, events, along with Baseball Smarts".



Park Policies

Please share these with your fans.

- NO COOLERS. Players & fans may carry in a drink in hand.
- NO TEAM MEALS inside the baseball area.
- Fans enter at their own risk. Please be mindful of foul balls.
- Please leave dogs and **pets** of any size at home. They will be asked to leave park property. Pets cannot be left in cars.
- No **heelies**, bikes, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, etc.
- This is a no tolerance park. No alcohol, tobacco, chew or drugs. No weapons.
- Artificial **noisemakers**, air horns or boom boxes are not allowed.
- **Coolers** are not allowed.
- Children under the age of **16** must be accompanied by an adult.
- Inappropriate **language** will result in a warning or ejection from the park.
- Please do not climb on fences.
- Criticism of referees, coaches, players and park employees may result in **your ejection** from the park in addition to the **ejection of the head coach** of your team.
- Please report any damaged equipment or property to a park employee.
- Any person finding it necessary to vandalize park property will be prosecuted.
- No non-players or non-coaches in dugouts or on fields at any time during games.
- No photographers allowed in dugouts or on fields.

All-Tournament Players Park

WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of the PARTICIPANT'S registration with All-Tournament Players Park, LLC, its affiliates, and any local sponsoring association and member teams (hereafter collectively referred to as "ALL-TOURNAMENT" and PARTICIPANT'S being allowed to participate in the "ALL-TOURNAMENT" events and activities, PARTICIPANT or PARTICIPANT's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) on behalf of PARTICIPANT (if PARTICIPANT is a minor or has a legal guardian) relinquishes and waives any and all claims and causes of events, wherever and however such personal injuries, property damage or wrongful death occur. In the language which follows, any reference to a PARTICIPANT's parent(s) or guardian(s) signing on behalf of such PARTICIPANT and "ALL-TOURNAMENT" means any All-Tournament Players Park, LLC events and activities.

To the best of his or her knowledge, PARTICIPANT acknowledges, understands, has full knowledge of, and assumes all risks inherent in each and all "ALL-TOURNAMENT" activities and understands that such sports and activities involve risks to PARTICIPANT, including possible bodily injury, partial or total disability, paralysis, death and other injuries and damages which may arise there from. PARTICIPANT further acknowledges and understands (a) that such risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of others including the "RELEASEES," identified below; and (B) that there may be risks and dangers in connection with or relation to "ALL-TOURNAMENT" activities not known or reasonably foreseeable at the present time.

PARTICIPANT acknowledges, understands, and assumes the risks arising from the use of or presence in or at facilities or premises in or at which "ALL-TOURNAMENT" activities take place. PARTICIPANT further acknowledges, understands, and agrees that included within scope of this Agreement are any claims or causes of action (a) arising from the performance or failure to perform maintenance or inspection or to supervise or control such facilities or premises; (b) relating to failure to warn of dangerous conditions existing in or at such facilities or premises; (c) arising from negligent selection, appointment or retention of any RELEASEES; and (d) arising from negligent supervision or introduction of or by any RELEASEES.

PARTICIPANT UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT IS TO EXEMPT, WAVE, AND RELEASE RELEASEES FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE, INCLUDING ANY NEGLIGENCE BY ANY RELEASEES.

PARTICIPANT expressly acknowledges and agrees that the activities at the event in which he or she is participating are dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. PARTICIPANT further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, waiver, and indemnity provisions are intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the state of Georgia and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect.

"RELEASEES" means All-Tournament Players Park, LLC, and each of their respective affiliates and any sponsoring association, event hosts, and other PARTICIPANTS, coaches, officials, sponsors, advertisers, and owners and operators of facilities and premises used for "ALL-TOURNAMENT" activities, and any and all officers, directors, agents, employees and representatives of any of the foregoing.

PARTICIPANT agrees that if any claims or causes of action relating to PARTICIPANT'S personal injury or wrongful death or for property damage relating to or arising out of any "ALL-TOURNAMENT" activities is made or commenced against any RELEASEES, PARTICIPANT shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless such RELEASEES from each claims or causes of action and all damages and liabilities relating thereto, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and expenses to defend.

PARTICIPANTS AGREE THAT

1. Before participating in any "ALL-TOURNAMENT" activities, they will inspect the facilities, premises and equipment to be used, and if they believe that anything is unsafe, they will immediately advise their coaches or supervisors of such conditions and refuse to participate.
2. High School and College players must check their league/conference eligibility rules before the players or teams accept any awards, and such players understand that by accepting awards, they also accept the eligibility rulings which may be imposed.
3. It may be necessary to play games in adverse weather conditions due to the nature of the particular events.

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE OR SHE (A) HAS READ THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS; (B) HAS NOT RELIED UPON ANY REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY OF RELEASES WITHOUT REASONBLE VERIFICATION OR INQUIRY; (C) HAS TO THE BEST OF HIS OR HER KNOWLEDGE AND TO HIS OR HER SATISFACTION, BEEN FULLY ADVISED OF THE RISKS AND POTENTIAL DANGERS OF "ALL-TOURNAMENT" ACTIVITIES; AND (D) SIGNS THIS AGREEMENT VOLUNTARILY, UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR AMATEUR SPORTS EVENTS, SUCH AS THE "ALL-TOURNAMENT" ACTIVITIES TO EXIST IN THEIR PRESENT AMATEUR FORM.

Team Roster



Rosters may be faxed or turned in when checking in for first game.

TEAM NAME _____ AGE GROUP _____ DIVISION _____

COACH _____ HOME PARK _____

CELL _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ CELL _____

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