

WILLIE PUTNAM 2017 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules used for the Tournament will be those of Little League baseball unless otherwise noted.

IF PLAYING AT CAPE VINCENT, REPORT TO THE PAVILION (next to FIELD #1 – lighted) TO SIGN-IN AND PICK UP GAME BALLS AND MVP AWARDS.

REMINDER: A player may only play for one (1) team. Ages: Any player turning 13 prior to May 1, 2017 is ineligible to play. Any player turning 11 prior to May 1, 2017 may not play 10U.

Pitchers may only pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game. One pitch thrown in an inning counts as a FULL inning pitched.

Pitchers may reenter to pitch in the same game provided they don't pitch in more than three (3) innings. Pitch counts will not be kept due to runs limit and innings limit.

The batter is OUT on a dropped third strike. However, base runners may advance at own risk.

Only Little League approved bats may be used. No barrel may be greater than 2 ¼ in.

It is recommended that each player play at least 2 innings in the field and bat at least once in each game played. In 10U games, an extra fielder may be used (four outfielders).

Each of the teams entered in this year's Tournament will play in a 4-team or 3-team bracket. If you are in a 4-team bracket, you will play three games (one vs. each other team in the bracket) in a round-robin format. If a 3-team bracket, you will play two games (one vs. each other team in the bracket). Team trophies will be awarded to FIRST and SECOND place teams within each bracket. In case of a TIE, the following TIEBREAKERS will be used: FOR 2 teams tied: HEAD to HEAD. FOR 3 teams tied all either 2-1 or 1-2), total runs allowed in the FIRST INNING of ALL GAMES will be used. If still TIED, go to SECOND INNING, then THIRD, etc. until TIE is broken. A coin flip will decide HOME TEAM for each game. No EXTRA INNINGS will be played. Therefore, it is possible games may end up with a TIE score. Any games RAINED OUT will not be made up. If your FINAL GAME is rained out, come to the SITE of your final game to pick up your awards. Bracket awards will be figured using above.

It is imperative that every effort is made to follow the schedule. Teams are asked to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to starting time of game. There will be NO pregame warm-ups allowed. Also, a 10-run rule will be in effect. As soon as the trailing team completes four full innings of at bats and is trailing by 10 or more runs, the game shall end at that point. No exceptions please! A 5-run per inning rule will be in effect. The maximum number of runs a team can score in one inning is five for each of the first five innings. There is NO LIMIT to how many runs a team can score in the sixth inning. This should help keep the games more competitive. Also, extra innings will not be played. It is possible for games to end in a TIE.

At the conclusion of each game, a player will be selected from each team to receive an M.V.P. award. This player shall be selected by the opposing team. It is important to consult following each game to ensure that no player receive more than ONE M.V.P. award.

GAME BALLS for each game will be provided.

A player from each team will be selected to win a bicycle/helmet donated by area businesses, organizations and individuals. Also, a player from each team will be selected to win a souvenir bat from RBI Bats in New Bremen.

It is nearly impossible to furnish umpires for this tournament. Each team is asked to bring one (1) umpire to each game. Umpires may work behind pitcher or home plate. Also, please bring your own umpire's gear.

Following your **LAST GAME**, go to the following sites for awards:

If you finish in CHAUMONT (MORRIS TRACT or THREE MILE BAY-12E), go to MORRIS TRACT Field for awards.

If you finish in CAPE VINCENT, go to the Pavilion next to the lighted field.

THE WILLIE PUTNAM MEMORIAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT relies greatly on its volunteers. UMPIRES, COACHES and others involved with the Tournament donate their time. So, let's be sure to keep this in perspective. We are here for the KIDS. Let's make sure they have FUN and make the Tournament experience a rewarding one, a moment in time each will remember and cherish. THANKS! Alert spectators that although there is seating at most sites they may wish to bring their own. Also, concessions are available at most sites. Please support these folks!

A raffle may be held to offset some of the costs of the tournament. We need your support by either buying or helping us sell some tickets.