



BC BASEBALL



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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Field Information: BC Baseball has owned the Twin Oaks Complex for four years. Many improvements have been made over the past three years and, if this is a return visit to one of BC Baseball's Twin Oaks Tournaments, you will see some of the improvements since which have been made such as a public address system, concession stand amenities and a check-in/souvenir area under the shelter. Some of the improvements for 2008 are more subtle (such as reworking grass areas along foul lines on Fields 2, 3 and 4) and will happen as the year progresses. However, we also want everyone to know that we are still in an improvement phase, as not all planned work has been completed. We appreciate your understanding of this and would be more than happy to answer any questions about our future plans.

Field Restrictions: The BC Baseball League has maintained the policy of NOT allowing any outside food or drink to be brought into the Twin Oaks Complex. We do not allow any bottles, cans, jugs or coolers to be brought into the complex. We have a full-service concession stand on the premises (although it is not entirely completed, it is fully functional). We also are not allowing any food to be cooked in the parking lot area for safety and health code reasons. We appreciate your cooperation; however, we also reserve the right to inspect bags, etc. which are brought into the complex. **If food or drink (which includes bottled water, sports water or drinks and/or any Gatorade type products) are brought into the complex, it will be confiscated. Review this information with your parents and players so we DO NOT have to interrupt you and/or interrupt your coaching to deal with this!** Water coolers will be provided in each team's dugout throughout the tournament. We also ask that you not bring pets into the complex – nor scooters, skate boards, etc.

Field Notes: Games will be played at the Twin Oaks Complex. Please note information listed below in regards to each of the facilities being used.

Twin Oaks Complex: There are four agri-lime fields at this complex, utilizing portable mounds. The new outdoor batting nets have arrived and are hung and usable. All players must wear helmets when in the batting cages. NOTE: The area to the east of the batting cages may be used for warming up, although it still is a bit rough. We are continuing to work through a drainage issue which causes some erosion and some of the roughness.

Twin Oaks Complex Directions: From the west, proceed east on I-70 to Exit 133 (second exit east of Columbia at Route Z); turn right at top of exit ramp; take a left on southeast outer road; proceed east on this road 2.4 miles; this road curves sharply to the right; the Twin Oaks entrance is on the right side of the road. You should drive by four houses and turn right onto a tree-lined gravel road that will bring you to the ballpark. The old entrance, ***no longer open***, is a road that goes between the first two houses. From the east -- proceed west on I-70 to Exit 133; turn left at top of exit ramp and follow directions as listed above. From the north or south using Highway 63, take I-70 east (towards St. Louis) and follow directions as listed above.

Gate Fees: The Twin Oaks Sports Complex and other complexes utilized by BC Baseball for tournaments are not equipped to handle gate fees. We have adopted a system whereby a team admission charge is assessed separate from the tournament entry fee. After much research, the BC Baseball League is charging an admission fee of \$175 per team at its Columbia area tournaments. We are asking the coach to collect this admission fee and pay it in one payment at check-in. Should inclement weather affect the play of this tournament, gate fees will be refund in proportion to the number of games played. (NOTE: See Refund Policy included later in this flyer.)

Tourney Shirts: A tournament T-Shirt will be available for \$16 each. Teams will be able to purchase shirts at a team rate of \$13 each; however, there must be a purchase of 6 or more shirts. Also, check out our BC Baseball Hoodies and discount batting gloves!

Check-in Procedures: Check-in will begin at 5:00 PM on Thursday and at 5:30 PM on Friday at the Twin Oaks Complex (under the pavilion). We are asking teams which are scheduled for their first game at Albert-Oakland Complex or Legion Field to make arrangements for a team representative to do their check-in at Twin Oaks prior to their first game, if at all possible. If teams are unable to do this prior to their first game on Thursday or Friday, they should do this immediately following their game (do not wait until your next game to do this). Also, teams with a 7:00 PM, 7:30PM or 8:00 game MUST check-in prior to their first game. During check-in, each team will be asked to provide the following:

1. Printed Version of the USSSA On-Line Roster (NOTE: It does not need to be signed!)
NOTE: *Team must have an on-line roster for tournament play.*
2. Copies of Birth Certificates or USSSA ID Cards for all players on Roster Form
3. Team's USSSA Sanction Number
4. Gate Fees
5. Team T-Shirt Order Payment -- If Ordering 6 Or More As A Team

Refund Policy: A team will be charged a \$50 cancellation fee in the event it cancels at least two weeks prior to the tournament. If a team does not give a two-week notice, it will forfeit its entire entry fee. If inclement weather should limit the number of games played, refunds will be issued as follows:

1. No games started or completed: Full Refund minus \$50 Administrative fee and refund of entire gate fee.
2. One (1) game started or completed: 50% refund of entry fee and gate fee
3. Two (2) games started or completed: **No Refund**
4. Tournament refunds will be issued as follows: March, April, May tournaments will be issued during the 1st week in June; June and July tournaments will be issued during the last week in July.

RAIN POLICY NOTE: Teams should be aware of this policy and should plan accordingly as the tournament proceeds. There are times when weather will cause pool games to be cancelled, first – round championship bracket games, consolation games and/or entire consolation brackets to be dropped. The goal of all BC Baseball tournaments is to determine a champion of each age group the best possible way, as determined by the tournament director(s) with all weather factors considered. We have heard comments such as, "I would have handled my pitching differently if I had know that you would/might drop bracket games and/or consolation games." Coaches should plan to win every game, as the goal of the BC Baseball tournaments is to get every team three games (if at all possible) and determine a champion, even if it means only two teams are picked to play for a championship should weather cause this.

Friday Time Schedule Note: We are using a tight time schedule for this weekend's games. Teams playing at 7:45 PM on Friday night should be prepared to warm-up throwing for fielders and warm-up the starting pitcher as soon as the previous game ends. (It would be wise to dress the catcher who will be working with the starting pitcher before the previous game ends as to help the starting pitcher get enough warm-up time.) Once teams take the field, there will be no ground balls or fly balls on Friday night for the 7:45 PM games only. Also, we will start the 7:45 PM game early, if possible.

WEATHER NOTE: The forecast is such that teams are instructed to check the web site on Friday (and every day) for an updated schedule. Should weather present a problem for Thursday night games, most likely these games would be moved to Friday or Saturday. Some games could be moved to 5:45 PM on Friday. Teams should plan accordingly.

Saturday and Sunday Time Schedule Note: We are using a tight time schedule for the Saturday and Sunday games. Teams should note that we are playing with a 1 hour, 40 minute time limit on a 1 hour, 55 minute schedule. Teams should be prepared to warm-up throwing for fielders and warm-up the starting pitcher as soon as the previous game ends. (It would be wise to dress the catcher who will be working with the starting pitcher before the previous game ends as to help the starting pitcher get enough warm-up time.) Once teams take the field, ground balls and fly balls will be allowed **ONLY AS TIME PERMITS**. **Also, we will start all games as much as 20-25 minutes early, if the previous game is completed early.**

Tournament Format Note: The tournament will be conducted under a pool play onto a championship and/or consolation bracket format (depends upon number of teams entered in the age group whether or not there is a consolation bracket or consolation game). Pool play schedules and advancement criteria will be finalized on the Monday prior to the tournaments. The tournament schedule will be posted on the BC Baseball web site (www.bcbaseball.org) no later than Tuesday of the tournament week.

Tournament Awards: Team and individual trophies will be given for first place and second place in all divisions. Awards will be given to teams winning a consolation bracket, provided there is a full bracket and not just a consolation game.

Weather Phone Number: Schedule changes will be updated on the BC Baseball Hotline Number during the tournament. That phone number is (573) 442-3693. This hotline/information line can be overloaded during rain delays. We recommend that teams use one person to check for updates and then communicate this information to everyone on the team.

Tournament Rules: The tournament will be conducted under the rules of the USSSA, as published in the USSSA Baseball National By-Laws. All coaches are reminded and recommended to review all items under **ARTICLE VIII: USSSA BASEBALL PLAYING RULES**, most particularly **ITEM IV: GAME RULES**, which contains information on run rules, courtesy runner, re-entry, extra hitter, pitching limitations and pool-play advancement. Coaches also should review the USSSA sportsmanship rules for coaches, players and parents, as these will be followed and enforced. Coaches also should review the USSSA Sportsmanship & BC Baseball Fan Conduct Rule in the below paragraph. If you do not have a USSSA rule book, these rules can be referenced at www.USSSABaseball.org.

USSSA Sportsmanship & BC Baseball Fan Conduct Rule: The USSSA takes the matter of proper sportsmanship seriously. The Head Coach of each team is responsible for the behavior of his assistant coaches, parents, fans and players. Should the umpires have any issue in regards to improper conduct with assistant coaches, parents or players, the Head Coach will be held responsible. BC Baseball has one simple rule, which will be in effect for all tournaments it administers, "If a parent or fan is ejected from the park, the Head Coach will be ejected as well and will be required to escort that parent or fan to the parking lot immediately."

Game Procedures: The following procedures will be used for BC Baseball Tournaments:

1. A coin flip will determine home team, in all pool games. In bracket play, the higher seeded team will be the home team until the championship game, at which time a coin flip will determine the home team. Coaches from both teams should report to the Headquarters Table (under the shelter between Fields 2 and 3) approximately 45 minutes prior to their game for the coin toss. (Coin toss may be done on the field prior to the game for games away from the Twin Oaks Complex.)

2. Both teams are to provide scorekeepers, who will be required to report runs scored to the home plate umpire at each half inning. Teams will be required to obtain an official Two-Team Line-Up Card from the headquarters table at each location prior to each game. One team should obtain the card, complete it and pass it on to the opposing team for completion. During the game, the umpire will use this card to keep official score, substitutions and pitching records. Each coach will be required to sign this card at the end of each game to verify its accuracy.
4. ***SOFT TOSS INTO THE FENCE ON ANY FIELD IS NOT ALLOWED.***
5. Once teams take the field, all throwing warm-up should be held in the outfield grass area until all field prep and maintenance (batter's box and pitching plate work and field lining) has been completed. Once this has been completed, teams may take ground balls before games by splitting the field; however, ***no full infield will be allowed.***

WARM-UP NOTE (FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY): *The time schedule for Friday, Saturday and Sunday has been shortened between games. Teams should be prepared to warm-up (throwing for fielders and pitchers) and start games without fly balls and ground balls, unless time permits. Any time a field is behind schedule, games will start without teams being allowed to hit ground balls and fly balls.*

6. Pitchers are to warm-up in the outfield foul area prior to the game and during the game. The pitcher is to throw towards the outfield fence parallel to the foul line. During the game, when a pitcher is being warmed up, a protector (a coach or player with a glove) is to accompany the pitcher and warm-up catcher with the protector to be stationed facing the batter's box.
7. The ***team batting is required to chase foul balls***, unless by prior agreement between coaches (and told to the umpire at the pre-game meeting) one team retrieves foul balls on its side of the field and the other team retrieves foul balls on the other side. ***Please note:*** *The BC Baseball League tournament games start with two new baseballs and two used baseballs; with the teams help, this is all that is needed. If teams do not chase and retrieve foul balls, the umpire may require teams to purchase additional baseballs from the Tournament Headquarters Table at \$5 per ball. The time limit will continue to run while additional balls are being purchased, unless it is being used as a stall tactic by one team at which time the umpire has the discretionary power to suspend the clock and/or add minutes to the time limit. ***So, please retrieve foul balls with enthusiasm!****
8. In pool games, if the game is tied at the end of the regulation number of innings or at the end of time limit, a Tiebreaker will be used. Teams will start all extra innings or innings after the time limit with one out and their last two ***batters*** from the previous inning on second and third base.
9. Base runner distraction of pitcher (clapping hands, yelling) will not be tolerated and considered to be unsportsmanlike behavior. Defensive distraction of the batter, as in organized chanting, will not be tolerated and considered to be unsportsmanlike behavior.
10. All games in the tournament will be conducted with a time limit. Inclement weather could force time limits to be modified. For purposes of interpreting the time limit, the next inning will begin when the third out of the previous inning is recorded. Thus, if there is any time remaining when the third out of the previous inning is recorded, the next inning will be started and completed in its entirety.

Time Limits: Ages 9U-14U: 1 hour, 40 minutes



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TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN FORM

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Along with this form, you will need the following:

- 1 Printed Version USSSA On-Line Roster Form
- 2 Copies of Birth Certificates or ID Cards for all players on Roster Form
- 3 Team's USSSA Sanction Number
- 4 Gate Fees ... \$175 per team
- 5 Team T-Shirt Order Payment -- If Ordering 6 Or More As A Team

TEAM NAME: _____

USSSA Team Sanction Number: _____

HEAD COACH: _____

Age Group (Circle One)	14U	13U	12U	11U	10U	9U	8U
USSSA CLASS: (Circle One)	MAJOR	AAA	AA	A			

Do You Have A State Tournament Berth?	Yes	No
Will You Accept A State Tournament Berth If Awarded?	Yes	No

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any BC Baseball League tournament, 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 coach or supervisor of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.

B. Acknowledge and fully understand that the participant 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. Further that there may be other risks not known to or is not reasonably foreseen at this time.

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 BC Baseball League, 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 a

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

_____	_____	_____
Signature of Manager	Date	Printed Name of Manager

INFORMATION FOR TOURNAMENT WEEKEND

Please complete the following information to assist us in administering the tournament in case of inclement weather or a need arises to contact you. This information also helps us work with the local convention and business bureau in determining the number of rooms and visitors for the weekend.

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

CONTACT CELL: (Include Area Code) _____

HOTEL: _____

HOTEL PHONE: _____

ROOMS: _____ **ROOM NUMBERS:** _____

This form and requested information to be turned in at Check-In



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SOUVENIR T-SHIRT TEAM ORDER FORM

This form is being provided for teams to order their Souvenir Tournament T-Shirts in advance. This order will be packaged for pick-up at Check-In, at which time payment is due for the shirts. Shirts are priced at \$13 each (instead of \$16 each), if teams order at least 6 shirts. Single purchase shirts also will be available at the tournament site for those teams not ordering as a team.

FOR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS USE

TEAM NAME: _____

HEAD COACH: _____

PERSON HANDLING ORDER: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

T-SHIRT ORDERING INFORMATION

NOTE: At least 6 shirts must be ordered to obtain team pricing listed below.

# Shirts	Shirt Size	Total
_____	Youth Large @ \$13 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult Small @ \$13 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult Medium @ \$13 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult Large @ \$13 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult X-Large @ \$13 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult XX-Large @ \$13 each	\$ _____
NOTE: At least 6 shirts must be ordered to obtain team pricing listed above.		\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER: \$ _____

T-Shirt Design	 <p>Tournament Shirt Design Team Names On Back</p>
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Fax Completed Order To: (573) 445-8998
or: Pay/Purchase Shirts at Check-In

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14U DIVISION

TM #	Pool A	Coach	City/State
1401	Mud Dawgs	Jade Lucas	New Bloomfield
1402	Columbia Hawks	Jeff Ausmus	Columbia
1403	St Louis Aviators	John Jelovic	Town and Country
1404	River City Steelers	Jeff Babb	Wildwood
TM #	Pool B	Coach	City/State
1405	Mid-Missouri Nightmare	Denny Lavy	Auxiasse
1406	Jefferson City Barracudas	Davin Greeno	Jefferson City
1407	Starpath	Nick Schwieder	Columbia
1408	Chesterfield Hawks	David Goffstein	St Louis

Format: [Top 4 Teams Will Advance To Championship Bracket Play on Sunday](#)
[Next 4 Teams Will Advance To Consolation Bracket Play on Sunday](#)

13U DIVISION

TM #	Teams	Coach	City/State
1301	Mighty Bucks	Monte Beatty	Hallsville
1302	Columbia Cannons	Chuck Henderson	Columbia
1303	Starpath	Nick Schwieder	Columbia
1304	Marauders	Keith Bax	Bonnots Mill

Format: [All Teams Will Be Seeded to Bracket Play On Sunday Based On Pool Results](#)

12U DIVISION

TM #	Pool A	Coach	City/State
1201	Cobras	Bob Allee	Columbia
1202	Fulton Hornets	Daren Masek	Fulton
1203	Starpath	Nick Schwieder	Columbia
TM #	Pool B	Coach	City/State
1204	Show Me Lightning	Chris Cox	Centralia
1205	Moberly Bombers	Greg Connaway	Moberly
1206	Knights	Jeff Buthod	Jefferson City

Format: [Top 4 Teams Will Advance To Championship Bracket Play on Sunday](#)
[Next 2 Teams Will Advance to Consolation Game on Sunday](#)

11U DIVISION

TM #	Teams	Coach	City/State
1101	Starpath - Orange	Nick Schwieder	Columbia
1102	Starpath - Blue	Nick Schwieder	Columbia
1103	Columbia Cannons	Craig Brumfield	Columbia
1104	Mexico Thunder	Rusty Creed	Mexico

Format: [All Teams Will Be Seeded to Bracket Play On Sunday Based On Pool Results](#)

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THURSDAY	TO #1	TO #2	TO #3	TO #4
6:00 PM	1202 v 1205	1203 v 1206	XXX	XXX
7:45 PM	1301 v 1302	1401 v 1402	XXX	XXX

FRIDAY	TO #1	TO #2	TO #3	TO #4
6:00 PM	1101 v 1103	1102 v 1104	1303 v 1304	XXX
7:45 PM	1201 v 1204	1405 v 1406	1407 v 1408	1401 v 1404

SATURDAY	TO #1	TO #2	TO #3	TO #4
9:00 AM	1101 v 1102	1103 v 1104	1301 v 1303	1302 v 1304
10:55 AM	1101 v 1104	1102 v 1103	1302 v 1303	1301 v 1304
12:50 PM	1203 v 1205	1202 v 1206	1406 v 1408	1402 v 1403
2:45 PM	1203 v 1204	1201 v 1206	1405 v 1408	1402 v 1404
4:40 PM	1202 v 1204	1201 v 1205	1405 v 1407	1403 v 1404
6:35 PM	XXX	XXX	1406 v 1407	1401 v 1403
8:30 PM	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

SUNDAY	TO #1	TO #2	TO #3	TO #4
9:00 AM	11U Semi	11U Semi	14U Co. Semi	14U Co. Semi
10:55 AM	12U Semi	12U Semi	14U Semi	14U Semi
12:50 AM	11U Champ	13U Semi	13U Semi	14U Co. Champ
2:45 PM	12U Champ	13U Champ	14U Champ	13U Cons.
3:40 PM	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
5:35 PM	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

Field Legend: TO stands for Twin Oaks Complex

TOURNAMENT INFO AND WEATHER LINE: (573) 442-3693