

2023 ISLAND CITY CLASSIC

APBA TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT RULES #1 (7.14.23)

TIME & PLACE

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Fortress of Solitude at 116 E Bridge St, Plainwell, MI 49080

Doors Open at 8:30 AM, with games to start by 9:00 AM.

TOURNAMENT BASICS

***Theme: Redemption!** Any APBA-issued team that appeared in the World Series but lost, excluding 2020.

*The basic game using 2011 or later result boards will apply except as noted.

*Teams may have a 25-man roster, but no XCs.

*The **DH** will be used.

***Team fielding** will be used.

*There will be **no injuries, ejections, or rainouts.**

*Teams will announce a **4-man pitching rotation** at the start of division play.

*Official tournament dice will be provided and must be used with a dice cup or tower. There will be no hand rolling.

TEAM SELECTION DRAFT

*Tournament sign-ups are open now.

*Every manager must provide an email address and phone number.

*Team selection will be by an advance random draft beginning Friday, August 25 at 6 pm Eastern time..

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

What you need to bring:

*Your team

*Result Boards from 2011 or later.

*Score sheets.

*Roster sheet with stats for your team. See www.baseball-reference.com.

*\$20 Entry Fee.

What we will provide:

*Official tournament dice, and cups (if needed).

*Box for dice rolling (if needed).

*A good time with good people.

GAME DAY SCHEDULE:

8:30 AM – Doors open.
8:50 AM – Introductions
9:00 AM - Games begin.
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. Lunch.
1:15 PM - Game 6 begins.
2:45 PM - Playoffs begin.
4:00 PM – Championship game
5:00 PM - Tournament complete & trophies awarded.

PACE OF PLAY

In order to ensure that the schedule is completed in a timely manner, please play at least 5 games before leaving for lunch. Game 6 begins at 1:15 PM.

POSITION PLAYER AND PITCHER QUALIFICATIONS

***Players** may only appear in a game at a position for which they are graded. This also means that a non-pitcher may not be used as a pitcher.

***Non-pitcher position players** must have had at least 100 ABs in the selected MLB season to start the game. Position players with fewer than 100 ABs may pinch hit or pinch run at any time. Position players with fewer than 100 ABs may enter and remain in the game to replace a position player only after the 6th inning. They may not be used as a pitcher in extra-inning games. No pitcher may pinch hit.

***Starting Pitchers** in the four-man rotation must be declared at the beginning of the tournament, must have at least 10 starts in the selected MLB season, and must pitch at least 5 innings in a start unless they allow 5 or more runs (earned or unearned) before the beginning of the 6th inning of that start. Teams must maintain the order of their starting rotations throughout division play. Starters in the rotation may not relieve.

***Pitchers appearing in relief** are limited as follows: 1 inning or 3 outs per game by an A; 2 innings or 6 outs per game by a B or C; no limit for a D. Exception: If a team is using its last available pitcher, he may continue to pitch but as a straight D. Any relief pitcher is advanced one letter grade, but not beyond grade A, for the first batter faced in the middle of any inning before the 11th.

***Extra innings:** All pitchers are straight Ds starting in the 11th inning. There are no mid-inning grade advances.

BASE RUNNING

Base running will be controlled by the play boards unless the manager elects to hold a runner/play it safe, in which case the identified base runner will only advance as far as the batter. Pickoffs, balks and wild pitches may still occur.

DIVISION PLAY

*Teams will be placed into two divisions. While the schedule and divisions are subject to change based on the number of participants, the present plan is that each team will play 1 game against each team in the opposite division prior to the playoffs.

*A schedule will be provided in advance with the home/away matchups and the order for the pitching rotations.

PLAYOFFS

*At least the top two teams in each division will advance to the single elimination playoffs and may receive a bye into the second round; wild cards may be added as deemed appropriate.

*Tie-breakers in a division begin with division play run differential, then total runs scored in division play.

*Tie-breakers to determine wild cards begin with division play run differential, then total runs scored in division play.

*Home field will be determined by division record, then division play run differential, then total runs scored in division play.

*The pitching rotation may be reset for the playoffs.

SIGN UP OR QUESTIONS

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