

2016 23th Anniversary Al Leonard Tournament
June 10th 2016
Mitchell Park Bethel CT

Greetings,

We are going to make this year's tournament as Fun, Entertaining and Competitive as possible. Enclosed you will find what we are expecting this year and some basic house rules:

1. We will be sending out the roster shortly. Please fill it out and email it back to sfawc@aol.com. Final rosters will be due June 3rd.
2. No "Elite" Teams or AAU teams. This is a pre districts tournament for Cal Ripken chartered teams or Little League chartered teams with proper waivers.
3. You must have at least 12 kids on each roster form (standard CR rule).
4. Coaches do not need to be in uniform but dressed similarly to team colors is strongly encouraged.
5. Scott Fawcett, Kurt Dyer, Mark Foster or assigned designee will have final say on all discrepancies. Each team is required to have a rulebook. We will have field directors for each game. Please be prepared to have a protest person ready before each game.
6. Cal Ripken rulebook applies.
7. We know winning is a lot of fun. We encourage Good Sportsmanship, Teamwork, in a fun and competitive arena while honoring Al Leonard and supporting the Jimmy Fund. Please try to remember these at all times.
8. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Scott Fawcett at 203-942-1209, Mark Foster at 203-770-1148 or Kurt Dyer at 203-501-7078
9. We will be sending out a nightly update on who is playing where on the following day.
10. We will be updating the website on a daily basis <http://www.bethel-baseball.com/alt2016>
11. We will be providing T-shirts again (for purchase) for the tournament. Proceeds will benefit the Jimmy Fund.
12. On weekends Mitchell Park Opens at 8:00 AM. Please do not plan on starting any earlier than that time.
13. Home team is Top 1/2 of bracket and in 1st base dugout.
14. Pitching summaries will be handed out. Please fill out as soon as game is over and return to snack shed or Scott Fawcett. Pitching limitations are 6 innings in 2 consecutive games.

15. Only one manager and 2 coaches on the field/dugout during the game. If the scorekeeper is another coach or parent they must be outside the fence area.
16. The manager is the only person allowed to question a specific rule. (You must have the rule book pointing out the rule you are questioning) Please do not allow your assistants to question calls made on the field.
17. Conduct- BBA has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy. There will be NO profanity, inappropriate gestures or loss of control by coaches or players. This will result in automatic ejection and the player or coach will also be suspended for the next game. If you show respect you will receive respect in return.
18. Please have your parents and supporters understand that abuse of another teams coaches, players or umpires will not be tolerated. If this happens they may be asked to leave the grounds.
19. There will be 9 defensive players at each age level.
 - a) Free substitution at the 9 year old level including running batting order. If a child is present, dressed and physically able to play he/ she will be in the lineup.
20. A game is official at 6 innings unless the home team is ahead after 5 1/2 innings.
 - a) there will be a 10 run mercy rule after 3 1/2 or 4 innings
21. NO Slash Bunting PERIOD. If you do not know what this is we will be happy to clarify this rule for you and your team.
22. Slide or avoid. No intentional running over a player or attempting to injure another player.
23. Balks will be called at the 11 and 12 70 ft level. This will happen from pitch #1.
24. Dropped 3rd strike at 11 and 12/ 70 levels.
25. Pitchers that hit 2 batters will be warned and the 3rd will be required to be relieved. They may play another position but not pitch in that game again.
26. No game will start without a protest committee.
27. WARMUPS: Please refer to detailed "Pre Game Procedures" found on <http://www.bethel-baseball.com/page/show/1862074-mitchell-park>
28. Anything not specifically covered in this list. Please refer to rule book. If you still do not get an answer fee free to contact a BBA official.
29. Game Change requests. Organizing and running a Volunteer Tournament is time consuming and challenging. The ALT committee will consider game change requests under these conditions: One, Written notice 24 hours in advance of Date and time change request to Director or Designee. Two, opposing teams' written agreement of time and or date change. Three, a \$120.00 Change fee. Tournament Director or Designee will

have final say on granting request.

30. EH – Extra Hitter rule. A team may elect to add a tenth hitter to the batting order. Prior to the beginning of the game, this player will be indicated in the line-up as “EH”. The “EH” will be treated as any other starter, and cannot be eliminated during the course of the game. Note: If a team’s line up starts with 10 players, the team must finish with 10 players. Penalty will be a forfeit. Refer to CRBR 2013 Rulebook Page 20 Extra Hitter. However, in case of injury, an exception can be made if the opposing team agrees. No penalty to be incurred when batter’s turn comes up.
31. In the case of weather and a tight schedule, The Tournament committee reserves the right to modify or shorten the 2016 Tournament.

MITCHELL PARK DOES NOT OPEN BEFORE 8AM ON WEEKENDS. OUT OF COURTESY FOR OUR NEIGHBORS, NO BATTING PRACTICE OR WARMING UP OF ANY KIND WILL BE PERMITTED BEFORE 8AM.

Finally, and as a repeat: THIS IS A CHARITY TOURNAMENT that should be used as a warm up for your districts. Enjoy your time and have fun. We want you to ROOT for your team. Do not make this a hostile environment for the kids. We, as parents, NEED to set the example of appropriate behavior.

Thank You,

Kurt Dyer – BBA President

Scott Fawcett – Tournament Director