

3rd Annual Berlin Youth Baseball and Softball Riverside Classic

Berlin, WI 54923

Boys Baseball Ages: 11U, 9U, 8U

NEW THIS YEAR => "Early Season Scrimmage Tournament"

"Focused on Youth Skill Development"

"Youth Fundraiser with a Family Atmosphere"

DATE/TIME: Friday May 17th through Sunday May 19th 2024

LOCATION: Berlin Riverside Park - South Diamond is located behind the Methodist Church (178 W Cumberland). Klein field is about .3 miles north of South diamond and North Diamond is right north of Klein. Concessions will be available.

ELIGIBILITY:

11U B Level Teams - NO ALL STAR TEAMS (Ages 11 & under as of 4/30/24)

9U B Level Teams - NO ALL STAR TEAMS (Ages 9 & under as of 4/30/24)

8U B Level Teams - NO ALL STAR TEAMS (Ages 8 & under as of 4/30/24)

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TEAMS IN A BRACKET:

11U, 9U, 8U – Four (4) teams

SCRIMMAGE FORMAT: Round-robin, all games have pre-determined start times. No brackets. No Playoffs.

SCHEDULE: TBD. Schedules will be emailed to coaches at least 1 week prior to the tournament.

11U – Games will be on a single day, 3 game minimum.

9U – Games will be on a single day, 3 game minimum.

8U – Games will be on a single day, 3 game minimum.

COST: 11U = \$250, 9U = \$225, 8U = \$200 (free parking, free admission, affordable concessions, playgrounds, walking trails, & restrooms included)

TOURNAMENT ATMOSPHERE: This tournament is unique in that it's designed to be an early season scrimmage tournament, to give tournament teams practice prior to their summer tournaments. This tournament will be focused on skill development, not competition, thus you'll see that reflected in the rules and coaches are encouraged to try players at different positions. This will be a family friendly environment and a fundraiser for the youth program in Berlin.

SPECIAL RULES TO NOTE: Since this is a scrimmage tournament encouraging practice & skill development please be aware of the following rules which may be different than other summer tournaments

- Every player on the roster must bat
- Every player on the roster must play 2 inning (6 outs) on defense
- Players can only play the same defensive position for 2 consecutive innings, then they must switch
- Pitchers are limited to pitching 3 outs per game, so expect to give lots of youth a chance to pitch
- 6 run limit per inning
- No run rule, the game will either end after 6 innings or the time limit
- If a player is injured you will just skip their spot in the batting order (no out is recorded)
- 11U, 9U, 8U: Defensive timeouts (up to 2) will be allowed by coaches to briefly pause & explain a situation to the players such as what to do next, what happened on the previous play, or explain the rules
- 9U: No walks, ball 4 will lead to a coach pitching to keep the ball in play and the game lively.
- 8U: A defensive coach will be encouraged to stand out on the field (behind the players) and regularly explain the rules and situations.

FULL RULES: A full list of rule adaptations will be emailed to team coaches prior to the tournament. When no rule is specifically specified, this tournament will use standard USA baseball little league rules.

UMPIRES: 11U and 9U will have two umpires for each game. 8U will have 1 umpire behind home plate. This is a scrimmage tournament so expect youth umpires (high school age) with a large strike zone that are encouraging players to swing instead of walk.

ALCOHOL POLICY: This is a youth fundraiser and a family friendly early season scrimmage tournament, thus there will be a **zero alcohol tolerance**. If any fan, coach, or family member from any team has alcohol on premise, the coach of the responsible team will be given a single warning. If the person refuses to remove the alcohol or a 2nd incident occurs for the same team, **the responsible team will immediately forfeit their current game**. If the situation occurs between games, it will result in the immediate forfeit of the teams upcoming next game. Coaches will be responsible for making their fans, coaches, and family members aware of this policy and the impact it will have on the team's ability to play.

SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY: This is a family friendly early season scrimmage tournament focused on skill development, not competition, thus there will be a **zero tolerance for arguing or disparaging umpires**. If any fan, coach, or family member from any team is yelling inappropriate comments directed towards any umpire, player, opposing coach, or opposing fan

the coach of the responsible team will be given a single warning. If the person continues to make a scene or a 2nd incident occurs in relation to the same team, **the responsible team will immediately forfeit their current game**. If the situation occurs between games, it will result in the immediate forfeit of the teams upcoming next game. Coaches will be responsible for making their fans, coaches, and family members aware of this policy and the impact it will have on the team's ability to play.

CARRY-IN POLICY: Teams are reminded that a fully stocked and affordable concession stand will be available for the duration of the tournament. Please limit carry-ins to water and/or sports drinks for players to stay hydrated, as well as any dietary restrictions. Remember this is a fundraiser for the Berlin youth program, thus there will be a **zero tolerance for large coolers or tables of carry-in food**. If any fan, coach, or family member from any team brings in large coolers full of drinks (other than water), food, or sets up tables or spreads of carry-in food, the coach of the responsible team will be given a single warning. If the person refuses to remove the carry-ins or a 2nd incident occurs for the same team, **the responsible team will immediately forfeit their current game**. If the situation occurs between games, it will result in the immediate forfeit of the team's upcoming next game. Coaches will be responsible for making their fans, coaches, and family members aware of this policy and the impact it will have on the team's ability to play. Please support the Berlin youth by using the concession stands.

REFUND POLICY: Full refunds will be given if the tournament is canceled prior to the start of the tournament. No refunds will be given in the event of severe weather or field conditions that force the Tournament Coordinator to cancel the remainder of a tournament that has already started. No refund will be given for any forfeiture situations such as player ineligibility, lack of liability waivers, or violation of any tournament rules such as "No Alcohol", "No Carry-ins", and "No arguing or Disparaging Umpires".

WITHDRAWAL POLICY: Full refund will be given to any team that needs to withdraw prior to 30 days before the tournament. No refund will be given for withdrawal with less than 30 days before the tournament.

AWARDS: This is an early season scrimmage tournament that will encourage skill development over competition, therefore no medals will be awarded.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS: Coaches will need to complete the roster form which includes birth dates and turn it into to a BYBS board member or the concession stand prior to playing their 1st game. Birth certificates will not be checked, however teams must be prepared to show the Tournament Coordinator legal birth certificates for all their players if requested. This will only occur if there are legitimate concerns that players are over the maximum age limit.

LIABILITY WAIVER REQUIREMENTS: All player guardians and coaches must sign a waiver prior to attending the tournament. Coaches will receive more information after registering for the tournament.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Interested teams can contact Berlin Youth Baseball & Softball at berlinyouthbaseballsoftball@gmail.com. There is no online registration form. Payment will be submitted via check, and can be mailed (address provided after receiving registration) or dropped off in Berlin. Your spot is saved as soon as payment is received on a first come first serve basis.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR TOURNAMENT!

For questions, contact berlinyouthbaseballsoftball@gmail.com or one of the contacts below:

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