

2025 Father's Day Tournament

Format

The Father's Day Tournament is played with a **Pool Play** format for the age divisions 9U-11U with a final and consolation game. There will be 4 teams entered to play at each age level. All teams will be scheduled to play a total of 4 games, weather permitting. The field of teams will get to play each team once totaling 3 games.

The two top teams (as determined by the teams' overall win/loss record) will advance to the championship game. The bottom two teams (as determined by the teams' overall win/loss record) will advance to a consolation game.

In the case of a tie between two or more teams, the following tie breaker rules shall apply in this order:

- Head to head win/loss record (when two teams tie)
- Run differential (in first 3 games when 3 or more teams are tied)
- Least number of runs allowed (in first 3 games when 3 or more teams are tied)
- Most runs scored (in first 3 games)
- Coin toss

The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter or change the schedule or field assignments at any time prior to, or during the tournament dates.

9U: will be playing at Leduc Field (40/60)

10U: will be playing at MartinAngelo Field (40/60)

11U: will be playing at Langelier Field (50/70)

*****We will also have access to a Turf Field in Marlboro to help manage any wet field conditions *****

Leduc, MartinAngelo, and Langelier are all located at 177 Williams St, Marlboro. The Red Softball Turf Field is located on Poirier Rd in Marlborough (behind Navin Rink and across the street from The Branches of Marlboro Senior Living).

Game time limits will be imposed during pool play:

9U – 11U: No new inning can start after 2 hours. We will be leaving 2 ¼ hours between games to allow for pace of play.

- The time of the game will start with the first pitched ball of the game. Home plate umpire will keep the time.
- With 10 minutes left in the game, the home plate umpire will notify both coaches of the time remaining.
- The next inning starts as soon as the third out has been made in the previous

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inning, not when the teams have re-taken the field.

- Pool play games may end in a tie.
- There is no time limit for Championship and consolation games since they cannot end in a tie.

Pitching – All Divisions

Innings tracking sheets will be issued to each team. At the end of each game, each team's innings tracking sheet must be signed by the opposing manager. All entries must be in ink and if an error was made, do not attempt to fix by writing over the incorrect number. You must bring your Innings Tracking Sheet to the Tournament Director for correction.

At the start of every new game, opposing Managers must exchange Innings tracking sheets to verify pitching eligibility.

- A **second trip** by the Manager or a Coach to the same pitcher in the same inning requires removal as a pitcher from that game.
- **Please note:** if a Coach/Manager gives instruction to his catcher and without a pitch being thrown the catcher visits the pitcher, this will be considered a trip to the mound.
- **Manager/Coach who gives pitch type/location** must provide these signals to the catcher. Giving these directly to the pitcher is considered a trip to the mound.
- A **pitcher must be removed** from the position if three batters are hit in one inning. If starter, he cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher.

In the event an **illegal pitcher is used** during a game (a pitcher that has used all available innings in a game or the tournament) the end result will be a **forfeit**, 6 – 0. Any pitcher's innings pitched in a forfeit game do count as innings pitched.

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Pitcher Warm-ups

For all age groups, to keep tournament games on time, between innings all pitchers will have **five** warm-ups pitches or 90 seconds, whichever comes first,. A pitcher that comes in during an inning, for any reason, will receive **ten** warm-up pitches.

Pitching

Normal Cal Ripken tournament pitching rules are in effect. The official scorekeeper will be responsible for the tournament official pitch count. Coaches should consult with the scorekeeper for official pitch count at the end of each half inning. A Pitch Count sheet will be turned in and signed by the official scorekeeper for each game played.

PLEASE CONSULT THE OFFICIAL PITCH COUNT SHEET BEFORE IT IS TURNED IN TO REVIEW ANY DISCREPANCIES. ONCE TURNED IN, PITCH COUNT NUMBERS ARE OFFICIAL.

Rest Days for Pitching (9U – 10U)

Required Rest for number of pitches:

1-40	0 days
41-65	1 days
66-75	2 days

***Maximum number of pitches thrown in any given day is 75 plus any additional pitches to finish the current batter. For example, current 9U or 10U pitcher on the mound has a pitch count of 71 when new batter gets up. Pitcher throws 3 balls and 1 strike...total of 75 pitches; he may EXCEED the pitch limit to FINISH the batter before he retires from the mound for 2 days rest.

Rest Days for Pitching (11U)

Required Rest for number of pitches:

1-40	0 days
41-65	1 days
66-85	2 days

***Maximum number of pitches thrown in any given day is 85 plus any additional pitches to finish the current batter. For example, current 11U pitcher on the mound has a pitch count of 81 when new batter gets up. Pitcher throws 3 balls and 1 strike...total of 85 pitches; he may EXCEED the pitch limit to FINISH the batter before he retires from the mound for 2 days rest.

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Batting (9U – 11U):

You have two choices on how you can set a batting order prior to the start of each game.

1. Continuous Batting Order:

- Free substitution of field players throughout the game.
- All rostered players must play a minimum of 2 innings and bat at least once

Any player who is injured during the game the player cannot return at any point in the game – his/her spot in the line-up is skipped over and the team is not penalized with an “out” or “forfeit”.

2. Extra Hitter:

- The extra hitter will be considered the **tenth player** and the EH can freely be moved to play the field and can be substituted for once he has recorded three consecutive defensive outs and one at bat. The defensive player that is replaced then becomes the EH. The batting order does not change.
- Failure to maintain a 10 player line-up or illegal substitution will result in a forfeit, 6 – 0.
- All rostered players, **including the EH**, must play a minimum of 2 innings and bat at least once

Note: If your team has only 10 players and you select this method to bat and a player is injured and can no longer play, it will result in a forfeit, 6 – 0.

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Baseball Bats

9U – 11U Only approved “USA Certified” bats may be used. Penalty for using an illegal bat is the batter is out and runners must return to their previous base. The illegal bat will be removed from the game.

- 1) If a tampered or altered USA Bat is found to be used during the game, the game will be immediately forfeited assigning a 0-6 loss to the offending team, the bat will be confiscated, and the offending player / parents will be asked to leave the complex. Local Cal Ripken / Little League Officials will be notified after the tournament as to avoid any issues at future tournaments.

Batting Practice will only be taken in the batting cages which are available on a first come, first serve basis. Teams will use one cage only and will limit their time to 30 minutes.

Bunting

9U – 11U age groups does not allow “Slash bunting”. If attempted, or executed, the ball is dead, the batter is out and no runner may be advanced.

Stealing

9U - 10U: Base stealing is unlimited to all bases.

- Runners may leave the base once the ball **passes home plate**
- Runners may advance, including to home, at own risk on overthrows to a base or to the pitcher. *An overthrow to the pitcher is a ball that goes behind the pitching rubber.*

Note: Once the catcher attempts to throw out a runner at any base, or any overthrow back to the pitcher, base runner at third may attempt to score regardless of whether the offensive team has already had an earlier attempt in the same inning.

11U:

- Open Bases

Dropped 3rd Strike

Dropped 3rd Strike is in effect for 11U only.

The batter becomes a runner when the third strike called by an umpire is not **legally** caught, providing (1) first base is unoccupied or (2) first base is occupied with two outs.

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Courtesy runners:

- A courtesy runner will not be allowed
- In the event of an injured base runner, a player who has not played must replace the injured player (allowed once per game). This will be treated as a substitution. The injured player can re-enter the game after the substitute has completed their minimum playing requirements. If all substitutes have played (or batting continuous order), then the player who made the last out will replace the injured player.

Sliding

“Slide or Avoid Rule” for ages 9U – 11U. When a defensive player is at a base or at home plate and a play is about to develop, the runner must slide or veer out. If contact occurs between the runner and the fielder, failure to slide is an out. This is a judgment call by the umpire (all may be subject to a warning first, at the umpires' sole discretion).

Head-first sliding is not allowed when progressing on bases. A head first slide is allowed when trying to return to a base.

Infield Fly Rule

Infield Fly Rule will only apply for 11U age group.

Runs Per Inning

To keep games moving and competitive, a maximum runs per inning will be used, with the exception of the 6th inning or last full inning when dealing with a time limit or when a game goes to extra innings.

9U– 5 Runs

10U – 6 Runs

11U – No Maximum

Mercy Rule

9U – 11U a 12 run lead after four innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead).

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The maximum runs per Inning and 12 Run mercy rules DO apply in the championship and consolation game also.

Additionally, the maximum number for a Run Differential *per game* is 12 Runs.

Eligible Players:

Players may not exceed the age of each division they are registered to play by April 30 of the current season.

Rosters must be a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 players.

Roster sheets will be provided on which player age, jersey number, and full name will be certified by your league President or Director. This is to be presented at a future tournament meeting. A team must have 8 players present at the start of each game.

Insurance

MYBA does not provide insurance for participants. All players and Coaches **must** be covered by their own league insurance.

Dugout Duty

It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that you pick-up after yourselves when your game is finished. We appreciate the fact that you selected our tournament to play; however, we do not appreciate dugouts that are left with litter when your game is done.

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Player of the Game

At the conclusion of each game Coaches are to line-up each team starting at home plate down each base line, with players facing the pitching mound, for presentation of **game awards**.

Winning team Coaches select 1st star player.

Losing team Coaches select 2nd star player.

Each star player recognized will receive a "Free Meal w/ Treat" coupon for the snack shack and the 1st star player will also receive the game ball.

Directions

Williams Street Complex: 177 Williams St, Marlborough, MA

Red Softball Turf Field: located on Poirier Rd in Marlborough (behind Navin Rink and across the street from The Branches of Marlboro Senior Living).

Parking

There are two main parking lots at the Williams Street Complex: One behind the MartinAngelo Field and one between Langelier and Leduc Fields. Please leave the lot between Langelier and Leduc open to handicapped marked cars, umpires, coaches, and volunteer parking. Next to our complex is the St. Mary's Credit Union headquarters on Lizotte Dr. You can park in the SMCU parking lot as well as on either side of Lizotte Dr. Please do not block cars in or double park as you will be towed.

Concessions/Facilities

We are pleased to inform your league/parents that a **full service** concession stand is available at Williams Street and will be serving food all weekend long.

There are fully functioning bathroom facilities at the Williams Street complex.

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You Need To Know...

Cost of Tournament: The fee for the tournament is **\$600** and includes all umpire fees, balls for each game, and awards for each game. There will be no additional costs and every team will be guaranteed 4 games. If weather becomes an issue, we will refund \$100 for each game unable to be played due to a weather cancellation. Checks can be written to "MYBA" or Venmo payment can be made to **@MarlboroughYouthBaseball**.

Home teams will be determined as follows: For pool play the home team will be determined during the Managers pregame meeting with a coin flip at home plate by the Umpire.

The home team for the Consolation and Championship games will be the higher seed and will be in the 1st base dugout.

Any team that cannot field a team of 8 players by **15 minutes after the scheduled start** of the game will forfeit the game. The score of the forfeited game will be 6 – 0.

Lineup cards will be given to the Official Scorer at the scorer's table immediately following the Managers pregame meeting prior to the start of the game. **Lineup card must indicate who the starting pitcher will be for that game.** Violation is a forfeit, 6 – 0. Only players that are on the line up sheet at the start of the game will be eligible to play. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Coaches are allowed to coach both bases and to warm up pitchers in between innings. Players must wear helmets when coaching bases and catcher's mask if warming up pitcher.

A **maximum of four (4) Coaches** (including the scorer) is allowed in the dugout. If the scorer is outside the dugout then a maximum of 3 Coaches is allowed.

All Coaches (except base Coaches) must remain in the dugout during play.

No player may appear in the tournament semi-finals or finals unless that player appeared in at least 2 previous games and is *listed on the original roster*.

Pool Play games, **no infield practice** will be allowed for players between innings of a game.

Any **non-official game that is called by the umpire** due to rain, lightning, weather or darkness will be picked up at the point where the umpire called the game. The Tournament Director will schedule the date and time.

No player is allowed to wear any form of **jewelry**.

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All **protests will be settled immediately on a rule, not on a judgment call**, by the Tournament Director or the Assistant Tournament Director. A decision will be made and play will continue.

Judgment calls cannot be questioned or overruled. Remember, *if the umpire didn't see it, it didn't happen*

It is the **responsibility of each Manager to control the actions of the team players, Coaches, parents and fans.** Harassment of opposing players or umpires will not be tolerated. Harassment will result in a warning. If harassment continues, the umpire will declare the game a forfeit. Tournament Director reserves the right to review such situations and apply sanctions up to and including disqualification from the tournament and future tournament play.

Any Coach, player or parent **ejected from the game by the umpire** is suspended for the next game. That Coach, player or parent is **not allowed to be at the baseball complex** in which the team they represent is playing. Failure to adhere will result in a forfeit for that team, 6 – 0.

MYBA is a member of the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth leagues and will be abiding by all said rules outlined in the most current Rule Book.

We often compete with many other towns for umpires during tournament season. With that in mind, we do our best to obtain experienced umpires. With that said, even the best ones make an error in judgment. We just ask that you don't when they do.

The Tournament Director must have the cell phone of every team Manager or representative. You will be provided with contact information for your Tournament Director in case you need to reach them once your tournament starts. The Tournament Director will determine if a game is to start. In case of weather, please have your team show up as scheduled, unless otherwise advised by a MYBA tournament official.

NO GRILLS ARE ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY AT EITHER COMPLEX.

PETS ARE ALLOWED AT THE COMPLEX BUT MUST BE KEPT ON LEASH. IF THEY BECOME UNRULY, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASK THE PETS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY

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**OUTLINE OF SCHEDULE
(ORGANIZER RETAINS THE RIGHT TO
ADJUST SCHEDULES AS TOWN, LEAGUE,
AND WEATHER DICTATES. THESE ARE
TO BE USED AS GUIDANCE)**

FRIDAY

5:30 – 7:30PM

7:45 – 9:45PM

SATURDAY

1:00 – 3:00PM

3:15 – 5:15PM

5:30 – 7:30PM

7:45 – 9:45PM

SUNDAY

9:00 – 11:00AM (CONSOLATION)

11:30 – 1:30PM (CHAMPIONSHIP)

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MAP OF 177 WILLIAMS STREET COMPLEX

