

Bruins Brawl II

September 18-20, 2009

Freedom High School



Tournament Information

Event Format: Three game guarantee. Pool Play - Single Elimination.

Event Awards: 1st and 2nd place teams in each age division will receive a team trophy and 15 individual medals. In addition, an individual trophy will be awarded to the MVP of the Championship Game in each division

Skills Competition (time/weather permitting): Individual trophies will be awarded in each age division to the winners of the "King of Swat," "Golden Arm," and "Road Runner" skills competitions. A team trophy will be awarded in each age division to the team that wins the "Around the Horn" skills competition.

Tournament Directors: Ray McInerney (703-595-6013) and Kenny Booth (540-845-0598)

Cost: \$400 (no gate fees or other fees)

Payment: Teams must pay prior to their first game (check made payable to "Virginia Bruins"). Your team will not be confirmed until full payment is received. Checks can be mailed to:

Virginia Bruins
c/o Ray McInerney
15224 Larkspur Lane
Montclair, VA 22025

Age Cutoff Date: 5/1/2009

Team Check In: Please check in with a tournament representative prior to your first game. USSSA team registration is required. Please have on hand team birth certificates.

Refund Policy: No refund if brackets have been posted. Brackets will be posted on the tournament website no later than September 15, 2009.

Weather Cancellations/Refunds: We will make every effort to ensure we play baseball. However, there is a chance this tournament could be rained out. Please be aware that \$75 of the entry fee will be kept to cover administrative costs if tournament is cancelled due to rain.

- If a team plays zero (0) games because the event is cancelled due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances, the entry fee paid less \$75 administration fee will be given.
- If a team starts or plays one (1) game in the event and the event is cancelled due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances, a refund of 50% of entry fee will be given.
- If a team starts or plays two (2) games in the event and the event is cancelled due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances, no refund will be given.

Tournament website:

<http://www.vabruins.com/tourney.htm>

USSSA National Rules:

<http://www.usssabaseball.org/content/reports/Baseball.Rules.Jan.19.pdf>

School Rules & Information

**Freedom High School
15201 Neabsco Mills Road
Woodbridge, VA 22191**

**Batting cages, restrooms, concessions, and warm-up areas on site
Alcohol and tobacco are prohibited
Pets are not allowed**

Tournament Rules

12u (6 teams) – 2 Pool Games (Round Robin); All teams enter single-elimination playoff round. Seeding is based on the following criteria; W-L Record, Head-to-Head, RA, RS, RD. If more than 2 teams finish with identical records, head-to-head cannot be used for seeding.

- A complete game will consist of 6 innings or once time has expired.
- Time limit will be in effect with no “new” inning beginning after 1 hour and 45 minutes of play. Time limits are subject to change, and could become “drop dead” time limits, meaning the game is called the moment time expires. For all games after the first game each day, the hurry up rule will be in effect, so teams must be at the field and ready to play at least one (1) hour before their original start time.
- Mercy Rules are 15 runs after 3 innings or 8 runs after 4 innings.
- Base path is 70’ with free leads, and 3rd dropped strikes (50’ mound).
- Balks will be called after 1 warning per team.
- Ties will be recorded in Pool Play.
- International Tie Breaker will be effect in Playoff Rounds. If teams are tied after 6 innings and the time limit has not been reached, then play continues as normal in extra innings (straight baseball). However, if teams are tied when the time limit expires (regardless of the number of innings played), then the international rule will go into effect.

- USSSA pitching rules will be strictly adhered to (See chart below). Each team must submit an official pitching form after every game, listing which player(s) pitched in the game and how many innings. Innings pitched will be counted in thirds of innings (i.e., if a pitcher is on the mound for 7 recorded outs, his number of innings pitched will be 2 1/3 innings for that game).
- An extra hitter (EH) and/or designated hitter (DH) will be allowed. If the starting EH or starting DH is removed from the game and re-enters, then he must re-enter in the same spot in the batting order, unless it is an injury substitution. An EH can play defense or offense, but a DH is only an offensive player.
- Each team must declare its lineup prior to the start of the game:
 - Bat the entire lineup with free substitutions. If a player leaves the game for any reason, an out will be recorded in their batting position.
 - Straight nine: Re-entry rule below applies to substitutions.
 - Designated hitter (DH): Re-entry rule below applies to substitutions.
 - Extra hitter (EH): Bat 10 players. Unlimited substitutions allowed for the EH.
 - DH and EH. See c. and d. above for substitution rules.

Re-entry Rule: A starter who is substituted for may return to his original spot in the batting order once per game. Once a substitute is removed from the batting order he is no longer eligible to return to the game (unless it becomes necessary to prevent a forfeit).

- Courtesy runners will be permitted for pitchers and catchers only with any number of outs. If not batting the entire lineup, the courtesy runner must be a player not in the lineup. Or, if batting the entire lineup, the courtesy runner must be the player who recorded the last offensive out.
- Home Team will be awarded to teams winning coin flip prior to each pool game. For Playoff & Championship Rounds, highest seeded team has choice of Home or Visitor. Championship Game consists of 6 innings of baseball (no time limit). International Tie Breaker “is not” in effect for Championship Game – straight baseball. Mercy rules are in effect for Championship Game.

13u (5 teams) – 2 Pool Games; All teams enter single-elimination playoff round. Seeding is based on the following criteria; W-L Record, Head-to-Head, RA, RS, RD. If more than 2 teams finish with identical records, head-to-head cannot be used for seeding.

- A complete game will consist of 7 innings or once time has expired.
- Time limit will be in effect with no “new” inning beginning after 2 hours of play. Time limits are subject to change, and could become “drop dead” time limits, meaning the game is called the moment time expires. For all games after the first game each day, the hurry up rule will be in effect, so teams must be at the field and ready to play at least one (1) hour before their original start time.
- Mercy Rules are 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings.
- Base path is 90’ with free leads, and 3rd dropped strikes (60’ 6” mound).
- Balks will be called without warning.
- Ties will be recorded in Pool Play.
- International Tie Breaker will be effect in Playoff Rounds. If teams are tied after 7 innings and the time limit has not been reached, then play continues as normal in extra innings

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 - Bat the entire lineup with free substitutions. If a player leaves the game for any reason, an out will be recorded in their batting position.
 - Straight nine: Re-entry rule below applies to substitutions.
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 - Extra hitter (EH): Bat 10 players. Unlimited substitutions allowed for the EH.
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Pitching Chart

USSSA Rule 8.08.G-1

Age Division	Column A	Column B
12u	6	9
13u	7	11

8.08.G.1 **Column A: The maximum number of innings a player can pitch in one (1) day.**

8.08.G.2 **Column B: The maximum number of innings a player can pitch in three (3) consecutive days.**