



2019 Bartlett
Wood Bat Blast Tournament
Team Information Guide and Rules
May 9-12, 2019

Tournament teams,

We would like to welcome you to the 2019 BBSA ANNUAL BARTLETT WOOD BAT BLAST!

This year, we will be hosting 57 teams at the 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, and 14U levels. We are looking forward to some great baseball and hopefully some good weather! Below is all of the information you will need for this weekend.

Schedule

The schedule will be posted to our website at www.woodbatblast.com/rules and on our Bartlett Tournaments App (available through Exposure Events, LLC in the App Store and on Google Play and has our logo with WBB below it). Please download and familiarize yourself with the app and ask your team to do the same, as schedules, game results, standings, venue information, brackets (TBD based on pool play results), and schedule updates due to inclement weather will be shared via the app. You can enable text and/or email notifications on the app by clicking "more" in the bottom right hand corner, then clicking on notifications, then filling in the info as needed.

Check-In and End of Game Procedures

30-60 minutes prior to your first game, please have a team representative check in your team at our information trailer located at Koehler Field to drop off your information and pick up your complimentary Wood Bat.

NOTE:

- *If you play your first game at Nature Ridge Park, you will still need to send a representative from your team to check you in at Koehler Field as those two fields are only a few blocks away from each other.*
- *If you play your first game at Trails End or Ruzicka, there will be a tournament director onsite and you can check in with them.*

At check-in, we will:

- **collect your signed team roster form**, which is included at the end of this document and must be completed even if you emailed in your roster as we need signatures on this one
- **review your insurance information**
- **check for valid birth certificates**
- **verify that we have up to date contact info for you**

Your insurance information and birth certificates must be with you at every game.

Also, please pick up your end of game logs from the trailer when you check-in. ***Signed scorecards must be showed to tournament officials within 45 minutes after the end of each of your game or you could be subject to a forfeit. (for games at Trails End a number will be provided for you to text the results to)***

Rules

Tournament rules are listed below and are posted in the documents section of the Bartlett Tournaments app and the Rules section of our website at www.woodbatblast.com. If there are any questions about rules, please look for the onsite tournament director in a royal Blue shirt with a B on it or call/text the tournament directors at the numbers below.

Amenities

We will have a variety of vendors onsite. Our "WOOD BAT BLAST" t-shirts will be on sale for \$15 each (\$20 for 2XL). We will also have a number of quality WOOD BATS for sale so buy them early!! There will be food onsite through our concession stand. We accept cash or credit cards. The park DOES NOT allow grilling or animals in the park or parking lot. Please remind your parents to leave their dogs at home, no matter how cute they think the dog is.

Contacts

Leading up to the tournament, the best way to contact us is via email at tournaments@bartlettbsa.com.

On game days, please look for the onsite tournament director in a royal Blue shirt with a B on it or call/text the tournament directors at the number below:

Scot Gillmore (847)452-6515
Mike Knobloch (708) 308-0607

Thank you for participating, and we wish you the best of luck this weekend!

Scot Gillmore – Tournament Director
[Bartlett Baseball Sports Association](#)

Mike Knobloch– Assistant Tournament Director
[Bartlett Baseball Sports Association](#)

Chris Stephan - President
[Bartlett Baseball Sports Association](#)

Tournament Overview & Rules

1) General Rules

- A. 30-60 minutes prior to your first game, please have a team representative check in your team at our information trailer located at tournament headquarters at Koehler Field to drop off your information and pick up your complimentary Wood Bat.
 - a. If you play your first game at Nature Ridge Park, you will still need to send a representative from your team to check you in at Koehler Field as those two fields are only a few blocks away from each other.
 - b. If you play your first game at Trails End or Ruzicka, there will be a tournament director onsite and you can check in with them.
- B. At check-in, each team must provide a completed and signed roster form (included in this document) and proof of insurance. Each team is responsible for its own insurance. Each team must have copies of their player's birth certificates readily available upon the request of the Tournament Director. Questions of age eligibility shall be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director. Such matters will be investigated and resolved as quickly as possible. A team found using an ineligible player would forfeit all games the ineligible player played. The forfeit score shall be 7-0 for tiebreaker purposes.
- C. No additions will be made to the team roster unless approved by the Tournament Director.
- D. The Tournament Director will have final say and determination on the playability of the fields based on weather conditions or other circumstances.
- E. The Tournament Director reserves the right, in the best interest of the tournament, to change the game schedule, time limit, match-ups and/or any other operational aspect of the event if poor weather or daylight conditions interfere with the established game schedule or time capacity.
- F. In the event of rain, a tournament official will notify teams via the Bartlett Tournaments app. Please have at least one team representative enable text and/or email notifications on the app by clicking "more" in the bottom right hand corner, then clicking on notifications, then filling in the info as needed.
- G. The BBSA will supply an umpire for each game (2 umpires for Championship games at all levels). Coaches should treat them with respect. With regard to on-field calls, the decision of the umpires shall be final.
- H. There will be no infield practice. Teams are allowed to play catch in the outfield area if the time allows. Please do not do flip drills into fences or step on foul lines.
- I. Line-ups must be turned in 15 minutes prior to each game. Changes cannot be made to a line-up prior to the start of the game.
- J. No animals are allowed at the Wood Bat Blast.

2) Refund policy:

- A. A 100% refund, less an \$80.00 registration fee, will be awarded if your team did not play a full game and the tournament is cancelled. Once your team has played a full game, no refunds will be awarded. Once an entry fee is paid for an event, there will be no refunds issued for teams who withdraw for any reason.
- B. Tournament officials will make every effort possible to ensure games are played as scheduled.

3) Pre-&Post-Game Conduct

- A. All teams must be ready to play 30 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled game. Games may begin early if the field is prepared and both teams are ready to begin the game.
- B. Teams may only hit whiffle balls in the outfield grass or away from populated areas (using nets, etc.) This is for safety reasons, as the parks will be congested with players, coaches, families and fans. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a forfeiture and possible disqualification.
- C. After completion of a game, please exit the dugouts quickly so that field maintenance can begin preparing for the next scheduled game and the next game's participants can get organized. Team meetings can be conducted away from the field after the dugouts are cleaned.
- D. Please refrain from eating in the dugouts. Please pick up all bottles and trash after your game and dispose of it in one of the provided trash cans.

4) In-Game Conduct

- A. Manager and coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and fans. All conduct will be carried out in sportsman-like manner; serious offenses will result in disqualification and removal from the tournament grounds. Use of foul language, alcohol and noisemakers will not be tolerated. Removal from the games will be left to the discretion of the umpire. Should any player, coach or fan be removed from the game, it is up to the umpire and/or Tournament Director if that individual needs to leave the park.
- B. Players should not throw bats, helmets or any other equipment to display anger, frustration or displeasure. Violators may be removed from the game, at the discretion of the umpire, for flagrant violations.
- C. Swearing by managers, coaches, players or parents, on and off the field, during games or warm-ups, will be strictly prohibited. Violations during a game may result in immediate ejection.
- D. Influencing the umpires, for example, yelling "safe" or "out" before the umpire makes a call or openly questioning or complaining about the umpire's call, will not be tolerated and individuals guilty of these things are subject to removal from the tournament grounds.
- E. Tobacco products are not allowed on tournament grounds.
- F. Only adult coaches will be allowed to coach in the coaching box and must remain in the coaching area when coaching the base paths.
- G. For pool games and pool Championship Games, a coin flip prior to the game will determine the home team. For the seeded brackets, playoff and championship games, the higher seed will be the home team.
- H. The home team will be designated the official scorekeeper and will keep the book. Both teams are to confirm the score every 1/2 inning. If an electronic scoreboard is available, the home team will operate the scoreboard.
- I. Game record forms (aka scorecards) will be provided at check-in. The game record form must be signed by both teams and must be submitted to the tournament headquarters within 60 minutes of game completion. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture. The forfeit score shall be 7-0 for tiebreaker purposes.
- J. **Protests will not be allowed. All decisions made by the umpire(s) will be final.**

- K. Games are considered official after the completion of 4 innings of play. The tournament Director may alter a complete game to 3 innings due to weather.
- L. For Pool Play, teams will not start a new inning after 1 hour and 30 minutes.
 - a. 13U and 14U will have a hard stop at 1 hour and 45 minutes
 - b. 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U will have a hard stop at 2 hours.
- M. Playoff games will not begin a new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes. There is no hard stop in playoff games. Championship games will not have time limits.
- N. A game tied at the end of the allotted time in pool play shall end in a tie.
- O. During Pool Play, if the game has not reached its final inning per the rules and the time limit expires, the score will revert back to the previous complete inning. Teams will not be allowed to stop play to artificially affect runs allowed or run differential for pool play.
- P. Should any bracket or playoff game be tied at the end of regulation, the following speed-up rules shall occur: (AKA - The California Rule)
 - a. The last batted out for the previous inning will begin the new inning on second base.
 - b. Each subsequent batter will begin their at-bat with a 1-1 count (1 ball, 1 strike).
 - c. The California Rule is not applicable for Championship games.
- Q. If, in the judgment of the umpire, a team is attempting to delay the game in order to reach the game time limit, the following penalties may be assessed:
 - a. 1st Offense: A warning will be given to the manager.
 - b. 2nd Offense: An automatic out will be recorded in offending team's next at-bat.
 - c. 3rd (and final) Offense: The game will be forfeited.
- R. A forfeited game will be recorded as a 7-0 shutout.
- S. Any team forfeiting a pool game will automatically be disqualified from participating in the play-offs or Championship games and their first-round opponent will receive a bye.
- T. Forfeiture in the play-offs or Championship rounds will result in elimination.

5) Tie-breakers

- a. Tie-breakers for all seeds from pool play will be determined in the following order:
 - i. Overall pool record
 - ii. Head-to-head result (if only 2 teams are tied after pool play)
 - iii. Total runs allowed
 - iv. Run differential (runs scored – runs allowed = run differential)
 - 1. Max run differential in an individual game is 7.
 - v. Total runs scored
 - vi. Coin flip

6) Bat Restrictions

- A. 9U-14U level - The bat must be wood, composite handle is OK. One wood bat will be provided to each team at check in to the tournament and additional bats will be available for purchase.

7) Rostered Coaches

- A. Limit of two (2) team coaches in addition to a team manager and a team scorekeeper will be permitted in the dugout at any one time. Only two (2) base coaches will be allowed on the field at any time when a team is batting. No player can coach a base.

8) Game Structure

- B. Game length:
 - a. 9U-11U games are six (6) innings long or within allotted time frame (see section 4.L above), whichever occurs first.
 - b. 12U-14U games are seven (7) innings long or within allotted time frame (Section 4.L above), whichever occurs first.
- C. 9U and 10U is played on 46/60 fields, 11U and 12U is played on 50/70 fields, 13U is played on 54/80 fields, 14U is played on 60/90 fields.
- D. Home team is determined by coin flip prior to the start of each pool game. Higher seed is Home team in all playoff/bracket games.
- E. Each team must be ready to play 30 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled games. There will be no infield practice allowed prior to games.
- F. Eight players are needed to avoid forfeiture of a game. If a team cannot field a team of eight at game time, the game is forfeited.
- G. Warm-ups prior to each half inning will be allowed during pitcher warm-ups, but is solely allowed at the discretion of the umpire. Warm-ups for fielders other than the pitcher will not be allowed after the 1 hour 30 minute mark, or if the game is in extra innings.
- H. Slaughter Rule for all divisions is in effect when a team is up by 12 runs after the completion of 3 innings, 10 runs after the completion of 4 innings and by 8 runs after the completion of 5 innings.
- I. Each team must provide lineup cards to the opposing team. It must include first and last name and uniform number for every player (no nicknames).
- J. Chanting, singing or other distracting noises during the pitcher's wind-up are NOT allowed. Normal "positive" cheering from the bench is allowed and encouraged.
- K. Full baseball rules apply including: Lead-offs, balks, and dropped third strikes for 11U, 12U, 13U, and 14U. One balk warning will be given per pitcher per game for 11U-13U. There will be no lead-offs, balks, dropped third strikes, or delayed steals for 9U and 10U. The umpires will cover these during ground rules.
- L. The infield fly rule is in effect with runners on 1st and 2nd or 1st, 2nd and 3rd and less than two (2) outs. Runners can advance at their own risk (they must tag up if the ball is caught).
- M. Anyone under the age of 18 must wear a catcher's mask, throat guard and protective cup while warming up the pitcher before, during or after game. NO exceptions.

9) Base Running

- A. Runners must slide or otherwise attempt to avoid contact at any base where the defensive player has or is about to receive the ball to make a play. Runners do not have to slide if no play is being made at the base. Head first slides are legal in 13U and 14U (they are illegal in 9U-12U).
- B. If there is contact, and in the umpire's judgment, the contact interfered with the fielder making the play, the runner shall be called out. The ball is dead and no other runners may advance.
- C. If there is contact away from the play, which, in the umpire's judgment, was deliberate or malicious, the runner, if at fault, shall be called out. At the umpire's discretion the runner may also be removed from the game. If there is deliberate or malicious contact away from the play, which, in the umpire's judgment was the fault of the fielder, the runner

shall be awarded a minimum of one base. At the umpire's discretion, additional bases may be awarded to the runner, and the fielder may be subject to removal from the game. If there is incidental contact, which, in the umpire's judgment was accidental and did not ultimately interfere with the play, no call shall be made.

- D. Obstruction occurs when a defender blocks or impedes the path of the base runner. If the umpire observes obstruction, the umpire can award the runner the base(s) he/she would have reached in the umpire's judgment. If a player advances after being obstructed upon and is tagged out at a subsequent base then he will be ruled out.
- E. Courtesy runners are allowed at any time for all catchers and pitchers of record. The pitcher and catcher of record are the pitcher and catcher of the defensive inning following that at bat. Courtesy runners are also allowed if there is an injury to a player. The courtesy runner must be the last batted out.
- F. 9U may not steal home (there is a wall at 3rd base).
 - a. A runner may only advance to home on a hit, walk (with bases loaded), or if a play is made on them.

10) Batting

- A. Roster batting (continuous batting order) is in effect every game.
- B. If a team has more than 12 players you have the option to play with 12 and substitute the extra players in once per game. Players that are substituted for can not return and a player that has pitched or will pitch can not be involved in the substitutions.
- C. Bunting is allowed at any time for 9U-14U.
- D. Batters who show bunt must either bunt or take the pitch. The batter may not swing the bat at the ball. Batters will be called out whether they make contact with the ball or not on a fake bunt and swing.
- E. Batters may not throw bats. The first infraction will result in a team warning. The second instance per team shall result in "no pitch" and the batter will be called out. A third infraction shall result in the player being removed from the game.
- F. Late arrivals to a game will be placed at the end of the batting order. If a player is injured and cannot bat for his designated spot in the order, he must leave the game and no out will be recorded.
 - a. Exception: If there are only eight (8) players left in the lineup, an out will be recorded for the 9th spot. Also, if a player is ejected, an out will be recorded when his turn comes up, regardless of the amount of batters in the lineup still remaining.
- G. If a player replaces an injured batter before the injured batter's at bat is finished, the new batter will inherit the injured batter's count.

11) Pitching and Defense

- A. Pitching limitations:
 - a. 9u-11u: Two (2) innings per game.
 - b. 12u-14u: Three (3) innings per game.
- B. If you throw a pitch in an inning, it will be recorded as an inning pitched.
- C. A pitcher may not be removed and brought back in to pitch during the same game.
- D. Pitchers in violation of the pitching rules shall be considered ineligible and an automatic forfeit will result for the violating team.
- E. The pitcher must start and deliver the ball from the pitching rubber.

- F. There will be no pitches thrown to intentionally walk a batter. Notify the umpire, and the batter will be awarded first base.
- G. A pitcher will be allowed 8 warm-up pitches in the first inning and 6 warm-up pitches each of the following innings. New pitchers entering during an inning will be allowed 8 warm-up pitches. Coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers.
- H. The second trip to the mound in the same inning must result in a pitcher substitution. Injuries to defensive players other than the pitcher shall not be considered a trip to the mound unless there is strategic discussion.
- I. Teams are allowed free defensive substitutions to encourage maximum player participation. Managers should inform the umpire and the opposing team before a game if a player must leave during a game. If a player leaves during a game, that player will be skipped in the batting order and no out will be recorded.
- J. Any infielder that fake tags a runner when no throw is made will receive a team warning. Subsequent occurrences may result in the fielder being ejected from the game.
- K. Balks:
 - a. 9U/10U division: no balks
 - b. 11U/12U/13U division: one balk warning per pitcher, per game
 - c. 14U division: balks, no warning
- L. Hit batters: 2 per inning, 3 per game, and after reaching the limit, the pitcher must be removed.

11) Equipment:

- A. No Metal spikes are allowed in 8U-12U. Metal spikes are allowed in 13U and 14U.
- B. Batters on deck, hitters, and base runners must wear helmets.
- C. There will no warming up behind the dugout. Pitchers can warm up down the first or third base foul line, in foul territory, throwing away from home plate. The catcher must have a mask and throat guard on and another player or coach must be positioned to protect the pitcher. Coaches may warm up pitchers, but another player or coach must be positioned to protect the pitcher.
- D. Players may not wear jewelry that is determined to be a safety issue by the Umpire or Tournament Director.
- E. Pitchers may not wear white arm bands or white sleeves.
- F. For safety reasons, all players must wear a protective cup. Catchers must wear protective catcher's equipment including a dangling throat guard and a protective cup.
- G. Only tournament provided baseballs will be used during any game.

Thanks again for your participation! We look forward to a great baseball weekend!



TEAM NAME: _____ **LOCATION:** _____
MANAGER NAME / PHONE: _____ **TEAM PARENT/ PHONE:** _____

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the BBSA Travel Baseball athletics/sports program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that: The risk of injury from the activities involved in the program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume all full responsibility for my participation; and, I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE BBSA, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of the premises used to conduct the event ("Releases"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS SIGNATURE SHOULD BE ON THE SAME LINE AS PLAYER'S NAME APPEARS ON THIS ROSTER. By signing this roster, parent or legal guardian agrees to the above statements and verifies that the date of birth is correct. Parent or legal guardian of each youth player must sign below. FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE: This is to certify that I, parent/legal guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releases, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify the Releases from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above. EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

TEAM MANAGER'S AFFIDAVIT - I, the manager of the above team, do hereby state that all of the information supplied is correct to the best of my knowledge that all of the parents or guardians signed the above in their own handwriting. I further agree that each player is eligible to compete with my team in the BBSA Travel Baseball program in accordance with the rules governing that sport.

MANAGER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

IMPORTANT - Each team manager shall be responsible to keep legal copies of birth certificates, etc., at all times in case of protest.

BBSA DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL - The above team is registered and has qualified to participate in this event.
SIGNED: _____
BBSA TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

