

## **2015 Kingston Labour Day Weekend Baseball Tournament**

Welcome back to the annual Kingston Labour Day Weekend Baseball Tournament, after six great comeback events, we're hoping that this year will be just as successful.

This year's tourney will run from Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> and will be a fun and competitive tournament for **6 men's senior teams** from around the area. If there is sufficient interest for 8 teams, we will play with 8.

We've always run this event on a break even basis and have pushed all excess profits back into the prize money and are holding the registration fee at **\$600** again this year.

We know that most of you, like us, participate every year to hang out with the boys one last time for the summer, play some baseball, drink a few pops and partake in the Kingston night life, so we're hoping that remains the same.

**COST:** Registration cost for the tournament will be **\$600 per team** and we will require a **\$300 non-refundable deposit** to ensure participation submitted by **Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> 2015. NO EXCEPTIONS! All deposits must be made by email transfer through your on-line banking accounts to: [collinsaaron@yahoo.com](mailto:collinsaaron@yahoo.com)**

We will not make any concessions for teams that have not paid the deposit and will not save spots for teams that have participated in the past. First paid, first registered. I've had interest from some new teams this year too, so it will be good to get some new blood into the mix.

**I will be out of Canada for the preceding two weeks, so if you do not have your team set before I leave, you will not be able to ask me to scramble last minute.**

<b>PRIZE MONEY:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>

**UMPIRES:** We will again be hiring local umpires to run each game and be the points of judgment to eliminate any contention. **In saying that, please remind your teams that this is a fun tournament and we want NO PART OF ABUSE TOWARDS UMPIRES OR OPPOSING PLAYERS. All umpire decisions are final. Any player ejected from a game will serve an additional one game suspension.** I cannot emphasize this point enough.

**SCHEDULE:** Games will be played at Megaffin Stadium and Woodbine Park beginning Friday evening. I realize that Friday is difficult for teams coming from out of town and therefore we will make every effort to accommodate traveling clubs. Please let us know if you would have any major issues competing on Friday evening. We cannot guarantee meeting everyone's needs however. A final schedule will be provided as soon as possible after the registration deadline. **Please note, that if you are unable to play on Friday evening, this will mean playing three games on Saturday.** Home Teams will be decided by a coin toss for preliminary round games and the higher seeded team(s) will be given the choice of home or away for playoff round.

**DIVISIONS:** Teams will be divided into two divisions of 4 teams and will play a game against each of the teams in their division in the preliminary round.

The top two teams from each division will make the semi-final, which will be cross-divisional games, i.e. Team 1 from Division 1 will play Team 2 from Division 2.

**TIE BREAKERS:** Ties in standings will be broken as follows:

1. Head to head result \*
2. Team Scoring +/- (after four complete innings of each game or the last fully completed inning\*\*)
3. Lowest Runs AGAINST (after four complete innings of each game)
4. Highest Runs FOR (after four complete innings of each game)

\* If more than two teams are tied in standings, head to head will be used if all teams have played each other. If all tied teams have not played each of the other tied teams, then Team Scoring (+ / -) will be used.

\*\* If due to time limitations, the final inning of the game is four innings or less, the home team will be allowed to finish their last at bat for run differential reasons.

**RULES:** Official rules of baseball will apply as administered by the umpires. There will be a mercy rule in effect for all preliminary round games in which games will be ended if one team leads by ten or more runs after five innings of play. **WOOD and COMPOSITE BATS ONLY.**

**PLAYERS:** If a team does not have a full line up of 9 players to start a game, they will be allowed to play with a minimum of 7 players, with the missing two player spots being automatic outs when each spot comes up in the line up. Courtesy runners for all catchers may be used when the catcher is on base and two outs in the inning. Courtesy runner must be the previous out.

**TIME LIMITS:** Due to tight timelines, each game will be 7 innings or capped using a time limit. No new inning will be allowed to commence after **2 hours** has elapsed from the time of the first pitch.

**RAIN:** If the games cannot be completed due to weather, we will do our best to reschedule them during the weekend. If the tournament cannot be completed due to weather, we will refund as much money as possible without incurring a loss. We will discuss with teams at the time.

Again, we have set the registration deadline for **Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> 2015** to have a **\$300 deposit** submitted to ensure your spot.

This weekend has for years been a personal favourite of the year, so we are excited to keep the event going strong. It has been an annual tradition since 1997 and has been successful due to the commitment of teams like yours.

I think that covers everything, but if you have any questions, please be sure to get in touch soon.

Thanks guys and see you in K-town,

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