

2024 Wildcat Classic Rules

1. Game time is forfeit time under normal circumstances. Please have your team warmed up and ready to play. Be ready to play 30 minutes before start time.
2. No infield/outfield
3. All games in pool play will be seven innings with a hard stop of 2 hours. No new inning can start after 1:45 mins. Time limit starts after pregame meeting with umpires. Pool-play and consolation games can end in a tie. There will be no time limit bracket play. In case of inclement weather or darkness, a game will be considered complete if the losing team bats at least 3 times, down by 8 or more runs or has played 1 hour.
4. Mercy rule – 8 runs after 5 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 15 runs after three innings. This will be in effect for all games.
5. We recommend you follow the OSHAA guidelines for pitch counts.
6. 15U-18U: All bats must be BBCOR and NFHS approved and no more than -3 drop or be a wood bat. If a player is found to be using an illegal or altered bat, that player will be ejected from the game.
7. You may bat 9, use two (2) Extra hitters, or bat the roster. If you bat the roster and a player cannot continue for any reason, that spot in the lineup will become an out. If you do not bat the roster, you may replace a starter and re-enter him into the game one time.
8. Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher is allowed at any time. It is encouraged, but not mandatory, with 2 outs. The courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the lineup or, if you're batting the roster, the last batted out.
9. Base runner must slide or attempt to avoid contact. Malicious contact could result in an ejection.
10. One new baseball will be provided by Hilliard Davidson Baseball Club before each game. Each team will be responsible for one new game ball and one game ball at the start of each game. From there, it is your responsibility.
11. No protest at all for any reason. Umpire's ruling is final!
12. In the case of a forfeit, a team will receive an 8-0 win.
13. Home team will be decided by a coin flip during pool play. Higher seed will be the home team in the bracket play.
14. **The umpires are in charge of the game. Their decision on any judgment call will be final. Any coach/player/parent who is ejected must sit out the next game. Any coach/player who is ejected twice will be barred from the rest of the tournament. If a coach/parent is ejected, he/she must leave the park and cannot be at the park for the rest of the day. If a player is ejected, he must leave the dugout and is suspended and not allowed in the dugout for the next game. Park is defined as the entirety of Weaver Middle School complex or the entirety of Hilliard Davidson High School complex.**

15. In case of inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to re-format the tournament. If an event is cancelled by Hilliard Davidson Baseball Club for any reason other than weather prior to the start of the tournament, teams will receive a full refund.
16. Teams that complete the registration process are expected to attend the event. Teams that withdraw 31-plus days before a tournament will receive a full credit minus a \$150 administrative fee if event is not full. There are no refunds for withdrawals in the 30 days before a tournament begins. Refunds as follow: 0 games- Full refund minus \$100 admin fee, 1 game- 50% refund, 2 games-25% refund and after the start of the 3rd game- No refund
17. If games are rained out, they may not be able to be made up. If teams don't play an equal number of games, it goes back to the fewest number of games a team has played per pool.
18. Head-to-head results will always be the first tiebreaker. If more than two teams are tied (and one team hasn't defeated each of the other teams), Runs allowed, runs scored, and then coin flip.
19. Higher seed is the home team in bracket play.
20. Ohio high school rules will prevail for any question or incident not covered by these rules.
21. All teams are required to have team insurance and have all players covered by their family insurance. By entering this tournament, you are agreeing that all players are covered by insurance and that Hilliard Davidson High School, City of Hilliard or Hilliard Davidson Baseball Club is not liable for any injuries sustained in the process of this tournament.
22. All coaches should bring players' birth certificates with them. Our age cutoff is May 1st. Birth certificates will only be checked by tournament personnel if another team protests a player's age (the \$100 cash protest fee applies here). If a player's age is protested and a birth certificate cannot be produced, that player will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament. If a player is proven to be too old, that player will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament and any wins that player participated in will be forfeited.
23. Alcohol Policy: No Alcohol is permitted in the school parking lots or at the fields at any time! Any person(s) violating this rule will be removed from the premises.
24. Tournament Director has the right to alter changes at any point for any reason.

In the event of any equipment, dugouts, fencing, or anything related to the tournament, is damaged by your team, you will be held liable.