

To: 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Grade IBL Managers  
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The **division tournament will be on Saturday, July 16.** In case of rain, the tournament will be played on Sunday, July 17. The teams will be divided into 3 pools of 4 teams each. The Gold pool will be the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in each conference, the Silver pool will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place teams in each conference, and the Bronze pool will be the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> place teams. Tiebreakers for conference standings will be head-to-head competition, intra-conference record, head-to-head runs allowed, total runs allowed, and coin flip. Each team will play exactly 3 games. Pairings will be announced on Wednesday, July 13 if all games are finished.

We will be using Birdsall diamonds 1,2 & 3. The first game will start at 9:00 am on Saturday and the last game will start at 4:30 pm. All games will be 5 innings but can go extra innings, if necessary. The 7 day pitching "clock" will start new for the day but the one game limit of 3 innings and the day limit of 4 innings will still apply to all pitchers.

There will be three pool winners and medals will be awarded **ONLY** to pool winners in the tournament. However, all teams will receive trophies or ribbons based on conference finish.

**Please bring 2 new baseballs and give to the umpire.** If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, please let us know. Thanks.

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## **TOURNAMENT RULES 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIVISION**

1. All league rules apply except that the 7 day pitching limitation is suspended. The daily limit is still in effect. That is, pitchers can pitch a maximum three innings per game and four innings for the day.
2. Games will be five innings long but extra innings will be played if needed. Umpires will be provided by the IBL but please bring umpire gear if you have it. For all games, the team with the higher conference finish in the regular season will be the home team. In case of tie to determine home team, the tiebreakers will be:
  - a. Head-to-head competition
  - b. Overall winning percentage
  - c. In-conference winning percentage
  - d. Head-to-head runs allowed
  - e. Total runs allowed
  - f. Coin flip.
3. Pitchers will have a maximum of three warmup pitches between innings and new pitchers can have a maximum of six warmup pitches on the mound.

4. Courtesy runners are encouraged for baserunning catchers when there are two outs. Courtesy runner will be the player who made the second out.
  5. Managers should verify game score after each half-inning.
  6. Winning team will report final score to official scorer. Both teams will report pitchers and innings pitched.
  7. Pool winner will be the team with the best record. In case of tie, tiebreakers will be:
    - a. Head-to-head competition
    - b. Fewest runs allowed
    - c. Most runs scored
    - d. Random drawing
- Note: Tiebreakers b,c,d are only needed in case of a three way tie.

**PAIRINGS:**

**BIRDSALL DIAMONDS**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>B-1</b>	<b>B-2</b>	<b>B-3</b>
	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
<b>9:00</b>	2V-2C	4V-4C	6V-6C
<b>10:30</b>	2V-1V	4V-3V	6V-5V
<b>NOON</b>	2C-1C	4C-3C	6C-5C
<b>1:30</b>	2C-1V	4C-3V	6C-5V
<b>3:00</b>	2V-1C	4V-3C	6V-5C
<b>4:30</b>	1C-1V	3C-3V	5C-5V

The first digit is the conference standing and the second digit is the conference. For example, 4C-3V means that the fourth place finisher in the Cedar Conference will play third place finisher in the Valley Conference on Birdsall diamond #2 at 1:30.

Gold Pool winners will receive gold medals, Silver Pool winners will receive silver medals, and Bronze Pool winners will receive bronze medals. **Only pool winners will receive medals.**