

## Deerfield Days Baseball Tournament Info and Rules

The Deerfield Days Baseball Tournament will be held on July 10-12 at the Deerfield Community Park. There will be a 11-12 National League (NL) and 9-10 American League (AL) tournament. There will also be a Deerfield Minor League (ML) Round-robin tournament on Saturday. Rain date for the tournament will be July 17-19. Coaches, before your first game, please check in at tent for tournament packet that includes schedule and medals for all players.

**No carry-ins** (all proceeds benefit the Deerfield Community Center). A full concession stand will be available all three days. On Saturday and Sunday a Dunk Tank will be available and we always looking for participants!

This will be either a double-elimination tournament, round-robin or a combination of pool play and brackets. Individual medals will be handed out to all participants. A team trophy will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams for each division.

**Rules:** We will use the official 2015 rules for the Eastern Suburban League. You may find them at [www.Esybl.org](http://www.Esybl.org).

Please note the following important rules:

- ✦ In event of missing players, teams may use players from other teams from the same town, city or club. Players may not be over-age.
- ❖ 9-10 year-old American League- There are no walks. After ball four is called, a base coach already on the field will soft toss the baseball from a position in foul territory and allow the batter to hit the ball into play. See AL rules for more info.
  - AL (9-10)- Runners are allowed to steal second or third base on any wild pitch or passed ball behind the umpire, including a ball four pitch. Runners may not advance home on any wild pitches or passed balls, even for overthrows. See attached rules on definition of a passed ball.
  - AL (9-10) and NL (11-12) Runners must slide on any close force or tag plays at 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and home or they will be called out. A close play is one where a collision or potential injury is possible. No head first sliding (only to tag back). No warnings given.
  - AL (9-10) can only have 9 and 10 years old players.
- AL and NL The dropped third strike rule is not played in this tournament.
- Courtesy runner for catcher is mandated (substitute runner is last to make an out).
- Pitching for tournament: **For AL and NL, pitchers may pitch no more than 2 innings per game and those innings have to be consecutive. There is no limit on the number of innings a pitcher can pitch in a day, but the coaches must monitor their pitchers closely.**
- Curve balls are not allowed by pitchers.
- AL and NL **No new innings will commence after 75 minutes. Please note ESYBL tie-breaker rules will be used in case of tie.**
- **If short of rostered players, please inform tournament director and add players that are of the correct age or younger to the roster. No need to get players from the younger division like in ESYBL rules.**
- **Directions to Deerfield Community Park, 288 S. Industrial Dr., Deerfield WI 53531**-On Hwy 73 just north of Deerfield's downtown, turn east on Industrial Dr. South (D & J Service Center at the corner, ~50 yards south of the Glacial Drumlin Bike Trail). Go ~1/2 mile and park is on the right. Additional parking on the left past the bike trail.