

Deerfield Days Baseball Tournament Info and Rules

The Deerfield Days Baseball Tournament will be held on July 17-19 at the Deerfield Community Park. There will be a National League (NL) and American League (AL) tournament. There will also be a Deerfield Minor League (ML) Round-robin tournament on Saturday. Games on July 17 start at 5:00 p.m. Rain date for the tournament will be July 24 and 26. 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, there will also be Farmer's Market (8am-12), Dunk Tank and many fun activities for the kids.

We will limit teams to **LEAGUE-ROSTER BASED** teams only. We are not allowing "all-star" or traveling teams into the tourney, **unless approved by the tournament director.** If your team is found ineligible, you will forfeit your games and lose your fee. This is a double-elimination tournament. Individual medals will be handed out to all participants. A team trophy will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place teams for each division.

Rules: We will use the official 2009 rules for the Eastern Suburban League. You may find them at [www. Esybl.org](http://www.Esybl.org).

Please note the following important rules:

1. In the AL games, there will be no walks. On a ball four count, the count stays as is and the batter is allowed to throw the ball up and hit it from home plate to put the ball in play. If the batter had no strikes, the batter would then get three chances to put the in play. The pitcher stays on the rubber and the catcher is in his crouch with all gear on. The batter can only advance to 2nd at the most on a hit.
2. In AL, we will allow one stolen base, per player, per inning, with no stealing home.
3. There will be no head first sliding (player will be called out). Only to return to the bag on a pick-off.
4. The dropped third strike rule is not played in this tournament.
5. 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.**
6. No new innings will commence after 75 minutes.

Directions to Deerfield Community Park: On Hwy 73 just north of Deerfield's downtown, turn east on S. Industrial Dr. (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.

