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The Battle Creek Blast Registration Form

The NCBA is excited to open up registration for the annual Battle Creek Blast Fall Tournament! This event will take place September 29th - October 1st, 2023. We are expecting to have a total of 12 teams compete in Pool Play (3 Pools of 4 teams) with the top teams of each pool and a wild card moving onto a Single Elimination Tournament where the eventual champion will be crowned.

All games are 7-innings in length and will count as exhibition. Each registered team is guaranteed 3 games. Games will be played at Bailey Park located in Battle Creek, MI. Cost of the tournament is $420. The Registration Fee covers all field usage, umpires and baseballs for the tournament. This fee will be due no later than 8/12/2023. We will accept the first 12 Registration Forms that are received. We expect this to fill up fast, so act quickly. BUT…before signing and sending in, please read the commitments you are agreeing to.

By filling out this form and sending it in, you are reserving your spot and agreeing to participate in the 2023 Battle Creek Blast.

You are also committing to the following…

- Reading to the tournament guidelines listed after this registration form
- Playing 1 pool play game Fri. Sept. 29th. 2 pool play games Saturday Sept. 30th. Single elimination qualifiers Sun. Oct. 1st (max 2 games).
- Paying the Registration Fee by the above said date of 8/12/23
- Staying in the Official NCBA Host Hotel (Fairfield by Marriott) and reserving rooms by the cut-off date (9/15/2023)
    - Should you not require hotel rooms (commuting), you will be required to pay $200 opt-out fee in addition to the $420 registration fee.

*If any of these above conditions are not met, the team will be removed from participating in the event without refund.

I have read the tournament guidelines and agree to all commitments listed above Yes ( ) No ( )

Name of Participating College/University: _____

Primary Representative Name: _____

Primary Representative Email: _____

Primary Representative Phone: _____

Primary Representative Signature: _____

***If paying by credit card, please contact the NCBA. There will be a 3% surcharge on credit card transactions**

(Please fill out all information and email back to Mike Galletti (Mike.Galletti @CollClubSports.com)

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Tournament Guidelines

Rules

1) All games played will be governed by the 2023 NCBA Division I rulebook with the following exceptions.
    - See adjustment to Game Length rules on page 2 (4.03.5)
    - Any and all roster rules do not apply (6.00.00)
    - Any and all eligibility rules do not apply (7.00.00)
    - Any and all academic eligibility rules do not apply (8.00.00)
    - **We will be lenient on the uniform rules, but we do expect all teams to be in matching uniforms and looking professional.**

*While roster, eligibility and academic eligibility rules will not be enforced, we do expect teams to treat these games as official NCBA games (i.e. using players that would meet typical NCBA roster, eligibility and academic eligibility requirements/rules).

The following criteria will be used to determine pool standing:

- The first criterion for determining pool standing is pool-play winning percentage.
- The first tiebreaker for determining pool standing is pool game head to head results.
- The next tiebreaker for determining pool standing is the lower number of total runs allowed during pool play.
    - **In the event of a three-way tie (3 teams finishing 2-1), the team amongst those tied who allowed the least number of runs during pool play will be the pool champion.*
        - *Should two or more teams tie for the least number of runs allowed during pool play, those team(s) teams will be measured by the next tiebreaker.*
- The next tiebreaker for determining pool standing is higher run differential during pool play.
    - *The team with the highest run differential amongst the remaining tied teams will be pool champion.*
        - *Should two or more teams tie for the best run differential, those team(s) teams will be measured by the next tiebreaker.*
- The final tiebreaker for determining pool standing will be a coin flip.

The following criteria will be used to determine the wild card team out of the three second-place finishers from each pool:

- The first criterion for determining the wild-card selection is pool-play winning percentage.
- The next criterion for determining the wild-card selection is the team with the lower number of total runs allowed during pool play.
    - *In the event of a three-way tie, should this tiebreaker eliminate one team (team with the highest number of total runs allowed during pool play), and leave the other two teams tied, then the next criterion (run differential) of the remaining two teams will determine the pool champion.*

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- The next criterion for determining the wild-card selection is run differential.
  - *In the event of a three-way tie, should this tiebreaker eliminate one team (team with the lowest run differential), and leave the other two teams tied, then the next criterion (coin flip) between the remaining two teams will determine the pool champion.*
- The final tiebreaker for determining conference standing will be a coin flip.

2) Mercy rule 4.07.1 will be in effect.

3) Seeding for the single elimination round will be determined using the Wild Card Tiebreakers.

In case of inclement weather or darkness the following rules will be in effect:

4.03.6 If the score is tied at the end of five or more full innings OR if five full innings have not been played when the official declares the game must be stopped due to weather or darkness, a HALTED GAME RULE will be in effect.

4.03.6.1 A game that has been stopped prior to five or more full innings being played OR before a winner can be declared because of inclement weather, darkness, light failure or curfew will be continued at the next available opportunity as set forth by the Tournament Director.

4.03.6.2 A halted game must resume play at exactly the point of being halted, with the lineups and batting orders of both teams exactly the same, subject to the rules of substitution; any player (or pitcher) who played, or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted, must be in the lineup when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game.

Other items:

-Be at your game a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the official start time of your game. Game times may be moved up if the previous game finishes early. Be in touch with the director at your field for the most up to date start time.

-Teams must provide their own ice and water.

-Teams are responsible for locating and retrieving foul balls. NO BALLS = NO PLAY

-The NCBA will provide game balls for the tournament.

-Keep in mind you are representing not only yourselves and your university but the NCBA as well. Act responsibly at the fields and at the hotel.

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