



**2018 ST. JOHN'S BASEBALL
Middle School Baseball Tournament Packet
March 1-3, 2018**

Date: February 5, 2018

Dear Coaches:

Thank you for participating in the seventh annual St. John's Baseball Middle School Tournament. We are looking forward to another good weekend of baseball this March.

The tournament format will be very similar to last year. We will have a six team/two pool tournament, with each team guaranteed three games. There will not be a gate fee charged to parents and spectators for the tournament.

The cost for the tournament is \$175 plus one dozen game baseballs, which will cover umpires, field supplies, and tournament expenses. Please make checks payable to St. John's School and send to the attention of Melvin Baker at St. John's School- 2401 Claremont Lane/Houston, TX 77019.

I have listed my information along with our MS head coach's information. Please feel free to contact me with any tournament questions.

Thanks,

Melvin Baker Jr.
St. John's Baseball
C: 832.723.7552

Jeb Ligums- SJS 8th Grade Baseball Coach
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Tournament Rules

We will play with a 54' temporary mound and 80' bases. No new inning will start after 1 hour 40 minutes. Run rules are 15 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, and 8 after 5 innings. We will follow HJPC bat specification rules (similar to Junior League/Intermediate Division rules). Please check bats prior to the start of games. We will encourage a fast pace of play during the games and in between innings so that we can maximize playing time.

Home team will be decided by a coin toss between coaches before each game. St. John's will be home team and will be in home dugout (3rd Base Dugout) for each game they play in. The home team may need to assist with scorebook/scoreboard duty. The outdoor batting cages will be available for batting practice for the two teams playing in the next game. No spikes in the cages please.

If a game is not completed due to time and the score is tied we will determine a winner based on runners to third base. If still tied, we will go to runners to second base. If still tied we will go to total runners. If still tied, we will flip a coin to determine a winner. We will have a winner for every game to help determine seeds.

After pool play, teams will be seeded 1st, 2nd and 3rd to determine schedule and opponent for Saturday.

Pool Play Standings Tie Breakers:

1. Won-Loss Record In Pool
2. Tied Teams Head-Head Result
3. Total Run Differential (8 Run Max Allowable Per Game)
4. Fewest Runs Allowed
5. Coin Flip

Rule 1.10 – Baseball

The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard(USABat).Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed 2⁵/₈ inches for these divisions of play.

West U Intermediate Division and Junior League Bat Rule

It shall not be more than 34" inches in length; nor more than 2⁵/₈ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. NOTE: Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

All bats approved for use in 2018 will carry the USA Baseball logo seen below. The logo will be located on the barrel just above the grip. Please note that the actual logo on bats may not be in red white and blue as shown below but may be a solid color that matches other markings on the bat. If you are purchasing a new bat for play in Little League in 2018 (Tadpole through Junior Division) please be sure the bat you are purchasing carries the USA Baseball logo.

2018 St. John's MS Baseball Tournament Schedule

POOL A

Kinkaid
John Cooper
Pershing Middle School

POOL B

Second Baptist
Bay Area Christian
St. John's School

Thursday- March 1, 2018

3:30 PM John Cooper vs. Kinkaid
5:30 PM John Cooper vs. Pershing
7:30 PM Pershing vs. Kinkaid

Friday- March 2, 2018

3:30 PM Bay Area Christian vs. Second Baptist
5:30 PM Bay Area Christian vs. St. John's
7:30 PM Second Baptist vs. St. John's

Saturday- March 3, 2018

8:30 AM 3rd Seed A vs. 3rd Seed B
10:30 AM 2nd Seed A vs. 2nd Seed B
12:30 PM Championship Game: 1st Seed A vs. 1st Seed B

* All games will be played at St. John's Baseball Field.

Past Champions
2011- Lutheran South
2012- Second Baptist
2013- Lutheran South
2014- Kinkaid
2015- Second Baptist
2016- St. John's
2017-St. John's



St. John's School Site Info Sheet
Middle School Baseball Tournament

Coaches: Melvin Baker Jr. 8th Head Coach- Jeb Ligums
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Field Address: **St. John's Baseball Field**
3408 West Alabama
Bus entrance and drop off at Press Box Gate.

Bus Parking: **TBD**

Batting Practice: We have 1 ½ outdoor cages that will be available for teams to share for pre-game BP. No spikes in the cages please.

Official Book: Home team will be responsible for official book at St. John's.

Scoreboard: We will provide a scoreboard operator for all games.

Field Rules/Details: Full turf field except for the game mound and home bullpen.
- NO sunflower seeds allowed in dugout or on field.

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- Metal spikes, molded cleats, turf shoes all ok on field. Turf shoes have been preferred shoe by most of our players.
- Visitor bullpen is turf. Spikes ok, but turfs/sneakers preferred pre game.
- Sun is a big issue for 1st Base, 2nd Base, CF, and RF at sunset. Bring glasses if you have them.
- There are water fountains in each dugout.

24 Hour Security: 713.396.6449