

## 2026 Optimist Major League Baseball Tournament Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

- All games are 5 innings with no time limit.
- The higher seed is the home team in all games.
- Pitching Rule: 6 innings for the tournament. More than 3 innings a day, 1 day of rest is required. Any live pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. Once a pitcher has been removed, they cannot return to that game as a pitcher.
- Run Rule: 12 after 3 innings, 6 after 4 innings (5 runs an inning still applies in the tournament)
- Playing time: All players in the batting order. No player will sit consecutive innings on defense.
- If extra innings occur, the following rule will be implemented. The last batter from the inning starts the inning at second base. The second to last batter starts the inning at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. The inning begins with 1 out.

