

**2017 Connie Mack Tournament Entry Application**

**July 15th through July 20st**

On behalf of our league, I hereby apply for entry into the 2017 Connie Mack Tournament. We agree to abide by the rules set forth by the Tournament Committee, and by signing below; I certify that our league and the players who will participate for our league in the Tournament are covered by Little League approved liability insurance. In consideration of our entry to the tournament, our league hereby releases Sturbridge Little League and its directors, officers, agents and representatives from liability for injuries sustained by any of our players during participation in the Tournament, and will indemnify and hold harmless Sturbridge Little League and its directors, officers, agents and representatives from liability as a result of such injuries.

Little League Name:

Manager’s Name:

Manager’s Address:

Manager’s Phone #: (Home) (Cell)

E-mail Address:

**Please include check for $400.00 payable to Sturbridge Little League.**

Signature: Date:

Phone:

**Send Application and Check to:**

**Sturbridge Little League / Connie Mack Tournament**

**P.O. Box 818**

**Sturbridge, MA 01566**

**\*\*Fee must be received by June 15th, 2017 to reserve your spot\*\***



Sturbridge Little League

# 2017 Connie Mack Tournament

Welcome Managers and Coaches:

The Connie Mack Tournament is intended to be a pleasant ending to the Little League season. It is specifically set up so that all teams play four games in a round robin setting with no fear of elimination.

Please enjoy the games and give some of your substitutes a chance to shine. It is a requirement of this tournament that every player plays at least one full game or more. Please keep in mind this may be the last Little League game for players on your team. For some it will be the end of organized baseball.

What a wonderful way to say thank you to some of your players by giving them the chance to play a position that they have always wanted to play but have not previously been given that chance. Or give that player the extra playing time that they may not have seen during previous tournaments.

Now sit back and enjoy the game of baseball in a non-pressure tournament and take the opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime.

# Tournament Rules – Points of Emphasis

**Minimum Play Rule:**

The Tournament requires teams to bat the roster. The manager’s lineup must include every player present at the fields to bat in the lineup. In the event incapacitating illness or injury prevents a player from batting or playing the field the umpire, the opposing manager and tournament director must be informed. Players are required to play in the field every other inning. These are full innings consisting of 3 defensive outs.

**Pitching:**

These rules replace the regular season pitching regulations. Violation of these pitching rules is subject to protest and forfeiture by decree of the Connie Mack Tournament Committee if protested before the umpire(s) leaves the playing field.

1. Any player on a tournament team may pitch. (**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of pitchers a tournament team may use in a game.)
2. A tournament pitcher may not pitch in regular season or Special Games while the team is still participating in the tournament.
3. Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.
4. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

League Age:

11-12 85 pitches per day

10 and under 75 pitches per day

**Exception:** If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed above for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base or is put out. **Note 1: Intentional Walk –** Before a pitch is delivered to the batter, the catcher must inform the umpire-in-chief that the defensive team wishes to give the batter an intentional base on balls. The umpire-in-chief waves the batter to first base. The ball is dead.

1. Pitchers league age 12 and under must adhere to the following requirements:
* If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest and a game must be observed.
* If a player pitches 51 to 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar day of rest must be observed
* If a player pitches 35 to 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar day of rest must be observed.
* If a player pitches 21 to 35 pitches in a day, one calendar day of rest must be observed.
* If a player pitches 1 to 20 pitches in a day, no rest is required.
	1. A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.
	2. If a pitcher pitches more than 40 pitches he is unable to play the position of catcher for the day, or If a child plays the position of catcher for more than 3 innings, he is unable to play the position of pitcher for that day.
	3. Managers must hand in pitching records to the tournament Director after each game.

MVP & Sportsmanship Voting

Managers must also vote for one player as a Tournament MVP and one player for Sportsmanship from the opposing team.

Tournament Format

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| **Dates**: | Saturday, July 15 - Thursday July 20, 2017 (Rain Date - Friday, July 21st, 2017) |
| **Competition**: | Participants will be guaranteed five games. The first four (4) games during the weekend will determine seeding for single elimination playoffs during the week. |
| **Tournament Fee**: | $400.00 per team to offset the cost of trophies, umpires and other costs associated with running the tournament.  |
| **Player Recognition**: | Each player will receive a medallion for participating in the tournament. The first and second place finishing teams will receive trophies that honor their respective finishes. |
| **MVP & Sportsmanship Recognition**: | **During each game, team managers should endeavor to take note of the opposing team’s players**. At the completion of each game, managers are required to vote for Most Valuable Player and Good Sportsmanship of their opponent and return to the Tournament Tent post game. MVP and Sportsmanship awards will be awarded at the end of the Weekend schedule; other special awards will be made during the elimination phase of the tournament. |
| **Playoff Seeding**: | The seeding will be based on the following criteria:1.Standings2.If tied and played against, winner3.Number of runs allowed4.Number of runs scored5.Coin flip by Tournament Director |
| **Umpires**: | Two umpires will be scheduled for each game. However, games may be played with only one umpire. |
| **Concession Stand** | Sturbridge Little League operates a concession stand which offers a variety of food and drink at modest prices. |
| **Lavatory Facilities**: | Sturbridge Little League provides a port-o-toilet. |
| **Championship game**: | A pizza dinner will be provided for all tournament participants attending the championship game. We encourage all participants to watch the final game and share in the final award ceremony. |
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#### Primary Contacts

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### 2017 Tournament Team Roster

**Team:**

**Manager: Phone:**

**Coach:**

**Coach:**

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### 2017 Tournament Rules

1. General Rules:

Arrival Time:

Teams should plan to arrive at the field designated for their game no later than forty-five (45) minutes before the scheduled start of their game. Parking is available near both fields in Sturbridge. **PLEASE OBEY ALL NO PARKING SIGNS.**

Home Team/Dugouts:

A coin toss will be performed no later than one half-hour prior to the start of each game. The team that traveled the farthest shall call the toss. The winner of the toss will choose home or away. The loser of the toss will have their choice of dugouts.

Warm-ups/ Ground Rules / Game Start:

* + - * + Teams should be ready to start twenty minutes prior to their listed game time. As soon as the field is ready (which could be before the scheduled start time), the designated away team shall take the field for a five minute warm-up, followed by the home team for a five minute warm-up
				+ Ten minutes prior to the start of the game, the opposing managers will meet with the Umpire(s) at home plate to exchange lineup cards (if not previously exchanged) and to go over the ground rules.
				+ At the conclusion of the ground rules meeting, the home team shall take the field and prepare to start the game.
				+ The games shall start at their scheduled time!

Game Time:

* + - * + Games shall run for no more than one hour and 45 minutes from their official start time on Saturday & Sunday.
				+ The opposing managers and coaches should be aware of the time remaining in the game. They should exercise good judgment in determining whether or not to start a new inning.
				+ If the start of new inning is likely to result in exceeding the time limit, the inning will not be played.
				+ If an inning is started and the time exceeds the time limit, the official score shall be the score at the end of the last complete inning. Game directors’ decisions on start time and whether or not to finish an inning are final.
				+ In the event that the score is tied at the end of the game or the last complete inning before the two-hour time limit on either Saturday or Sunday, each team shall be awarded one-half point toward seeding for the playoffs.

End of Game/ Departure from the field:

At the end of each game on Saturday and Sunday, both teams shall immediately pack up their equipment and leave the dugouts without delay. Any post-game team discussions or instructions may be conducted at a neutral location on the field grounds. Please remember to be courteous to the teams who will play after you and **clean the dugout**.

Pitching:

* + - * + See pitching rules above.
				+ A pitcher that hits three players in one inning or a total of five players in one game must be removed. This player can be removed from the game or placed at another position.
				+ The manager of each team shall submit to the tournament Director, the League President, or their designee, a list of pitchers and the number of pitches thrown in each game.

NOTE: THE PITCHING RULES SHALL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PLAYERS. VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES SHALL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF ANY UNPLAYED GAMES AND/OR PLAYOFF POSITION.

Coaching / Scorekeeping and Reporting:

* + - * + Up to three adults will be allowed in the dugouts during the game: one manager and two coaches. One of the coaches should act as the official scorekeeper for the team and is responsible for providing information relating to substitutions and position changes to the opposing team’s scorekeeper.
				+ At the end of each game, the official scorekeeper for each team shall agree on the final score of that game. It is the responsibility of the home team (as was determined by the coin toss) to report the final score to the Tournament Director or the Concession Stand.

Sportsmanship:

* + - * + Little League Field Decorum Regulations apply
				+ Rules for sportsmanship apply to all participants, including players, managers and coaches.
				+ All managers and coaches should instruct their players to keep their composure before, during and after the game.
				+ In the event that a player throws or slams their equipment, that player will be ejected from the game immediately. This rule is not subject to interpretation or negotiations.
				+ If a player is ejected, they are required to leave the field/dugout and report to the Information Tent where they will stay until the game from which they were ejected is over. The ejected player and his/her manager must report the ejection to the Tournament Director, the Sturbridge Little League President or their designee prior to any subsequent games.
				+ In the event that a second offense occurs (resulting in ejection) with the same player, the second ejection shall last for the remainder of the tournament.

Mercy Rule:

Ten-run Rule is in effect at the end of 4 innings.



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# Pitching Record & Game Score

## Team:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Completed pitching records must be verified by a tournament official at the completion of each game



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# Weekend MVP and Sportsmanship Voting

**Most Valuable Player**

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|  | Game 1 | Game 2 | Game 3 | Game 4 |
| Player/ Team |  |  |  |  |

**Good Sportsmanship**

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|  | Game 1 | Game 2 | Game 3 | Game 4 |
| Player/ Team |  |  |  |  |

**Completed voting sheets must be given to the Tournament Director or dropped at the concession stand at the end of your last game on Sunday. Thank you for participating!**