

McHenry Pigtail League

2016 Fast Pitch Frenzy

The Fast Pitch Frenzy Tournament Experience

The Fast Pitch Frenzy Tournament Staff want all of our participants to enjoy themselves during this 7-day tournament event. This goes for players, managers, coaches, parents and spectators alike. If there is anything the staff can do to make your tournament experience better, please do not hesitate to ask. We will do whatever we can. That being said, many months and a lot of hard work have gone into planning this tournament and we are all human. There will be issues that do arise over the course of the week. There always are. Please have patience and tolerance. The staff members will do their very best to solve any problems that may come up. If your team must cheer, please keep the chanting and singing toward your team only. No cheers should be directed toward the other team. You and your team should set a good example for everyone in attendance.

Fast Pitch Committee Members & Umpires

All committee members will be wearing bright orange T-shirts that are clearly marked "Tournament Staff". Should you have any questions or if any problems occur, please contact a committee member. The umpires will be wearing red shirts. The umpires are in control of ALL games. They control the field and have the right to make any decisions they deem necessary. The umpires keep the official game times. Scoreboards are a luxury for fan reference. Ask the umpire at the start of the game for the official start time. All umpire decisions are final. There are no appeals of any kind in the Fast Pitch Frenzy Tournament. All calls made on the field by the umpire are final.

Schedules / Standing

www.mchenrypigtail.com – The tournament schedule and standings on the Fast Pitch Frenzy link on the web site will be up and running. Once the tournament starts, the web site will be updated daily no later than 10:00AM. At one time there may be 9 games being played at two different locations so please be patient. Check the web site the following morning for the most updated schedule and standings information.

Rainouts

Should a rainout(s) occur, teams **MUST** be flexible and may be required to play on a different field, at a different time or another location in McHenry. This year we will be utilizing Rainedout.com, our rainout hotline (815-334-7246) and our web site, www.mchenrypigtail.com to keep teams up to date should the weather be questionable. Rainedout.com is a free service that will text and/or email you with information as it is updated. For a shortcut to the Rainedout site visit mchenrypigtail.com and go to the rainout tab.

In addition, the tournament committee reserves the right at anytime to shorten games to a 1-hour drop-dead time limit.

Reporting of Scores

The winning team will be responsible for getting the results of the game to the scorer's table immediately following the game. Failure to do so could result in the game being considered a tie and both teams being rewarded a point.

Please have the winning, losing and umpire sign the score results sheet.

Scorebooks, Game Balls, Icepacks & MVP medals

Scorebooks, game balls, ice packs, score result sheets along with 2 MVP medals will be provided in a plastic tub found near the back stop prior to the start of every game. At the conclusion of your game please place the scorebook and game balls back in the tub.

Additional ice packs will also be located at the at the scorer's table of both field locations in the event a player is injured.

Fields

PP#1 = Petersen Park #1
PP#3 = Petersen Park #3
PP#4 = Petersen Park #4
PP#5 = Petersen Park #5

FR#1 = Fox Ridge Field #1
FR#2 = Fox Ridge Field #2
FR#3 = Fox Ridge Field #3
FR#4 = Fox Ridge Field #4
FR#5 = Fox Ridge Field #5

Some pitching rubbers at field locations are permanent and some are tack down rubbers. The McHenry Pigtail League has no control of other rubbers being located on the fields. These are city owned fields and we have to work with the City because in addition to us, there are other organizations that utilize these fields. Every team is effected by a negative pitching rubber equally so all teams are expected to accept this situation and adapt.

There are directions and maps to all field locations available on the web site. www.mchenrypigtail.com

Dug Outs

Please make sure that at the conclusion of your game your dugout is cleaned up and ready for the next team. It would also be appreciated if you can check your spectator's area for other garbage or foreign material that may have to be picked up. If garbage cans are full, please contact a committee member immediately and someone will empty the garbage can.

Birth Certificates & Age Challenges

ALL team managers **MUST** have a copy of each player's birth certificate on them at all times during the course of any game being played in the Fast Pitch Frenzy Tournament. If a team feels that a player on an opposing team exceeds the tournament age cutoff (January 1, 2015), they must formally challenge the manager of the other team at the conclusion of the game. The opposing manager must be in possession and provide proof of the player's age by providing the player's birth certificate. Should any team be found in violation of the age cutoff requirement, they will be forced to forfeit that game and any other game the player has played in. If a violation has occurred, it should be brought to the attention of a tournament committee member immediately.

Restaurants and Eating Establishments in McHenry

There are a wide variety of both fast food and sit down dining establishments in the McHenry area. They can be found up and down both Route 31 and Route 120. At Petersen Park the City of McHenry provides concessions and will be open during the course of the tournament week. There is also a tree shaded picnic area located just to the west of Fields #1 & #5. This is a great area for your team and parents in between games. Championship Sunday will be located at Petersen Park.

Parking at Petersen Park / Fox Ridge Park

Petersen Park:

Overflow parking will be located on the grass area to the West of the main parking lot from July 20st thru July 26th.

Fox Ridge:

Overflow parking will be in the grass area directly west of the gravel entrance. **DO NOT** park where there are "No Parking signs." The police will be issuing parking tickets to violators.

No Dogs Allowed at any field locations

Dogs are not allowed at any city fields. **DO NOT** bring your dogs to any of the tournament games. Police will issue tickets to violators. Please let your spectators know about this rule to avoid any surprise or frustration.

Play ball!!