

2023
12U New England Regional Tournament
CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL
TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



HOSTED BY
The Freetown-Lakeville Athletic Association
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On behalf of the Freetown Lakeville Athletic Association, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2023 Cal Ripken 12-year old Regional Tournament. We are very excited to have you as our guest for a great week of baseball. Earning a spot in this tournament is a testament to your dedication and your love for the game of baseball.

I think you will find our facilities very accommodating and our complex fan friendly. It's very important to us that you enjoy your time here in Freetown. Please don't hesitate to ask a volunteer for help. We are here to make this a memorable experience for both the players and their families. The players will provide the excitement on the field. Allow us to take care of the rest.

Welcome coaches, and congratulations to all teams advancing to the 12-year old Regional Tournament. We welcome you to Freetown. Our board members hope to make you feel comfortable and welcome during your stay with us. We hope you find our hospitality inviting to you and your families. I want to personally welcome you and to let you know that I will be available throughout the tournament to help with your needs. We have a wonderful tournament plan to help accommodate all of your team needs while you are here.

In closing, I would like to thank Cal Ripken Baseball for bestowing upon us the honor of hosting this Regional Tournament. In particular, special thanks go out to Jeffrey Janicki, Cal Ripken Tournament Director, for his guidance, support and dedication.

Good luck to all of the teams!

Best Regards,

Jacob Robitaille
FLAA President

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PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL

Please send the following items electronically to Justin Varricchione at JHVarr@gmail.com

This information is need in electronic format no later than June 30, 2023. Please put "12U Regional Cal Ripken Tournament" in the subject line of your email.

NOTE: These items **do not** take place of the information that will need to be included with your official tournament documents that will be part of your tournament book.

- Team Name
- Manager's name, email address, and cell phone number
- Assistant coaches names, email addresses, and cell phone numbers
- Team Roster & Photo –Team photograph with player identification of all players and coaches, the file should be jpeg.
- Team roster, including uniform numbers, player identification and phonetic pronunciation of each coach and each player's name (i.e. Dundee: done-dee)
- List of players that will participate in the skills competition, see detailed descriptions of these events.
- Skills Competetions:

Road runner - 4 players from each team

Around the Horn - 4 players from each team

Golden Arm – 3 to 6 Players Each Team (depends on roster size)

Homerun Derby-1 player from each team

No player can partake in more than one event. If a team has more than 12 players the additional players can be added to Golden Arm.

AERIAL VIEW OF CENTRAL PARK COMPLEX



PARKING

Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the fields and across the street at Freetown Elementary School.

HOTELS IN THE AREA

Holiday Inn Express
360 Airport Rd.
Fall River, MA
(508) 672-0011

Riverview Inn and Suites
1878 Wilbur Ave.
Somerset, MA
508-678-4545

Hampton Inn Westport
53 Old Bedford Rd.
Westport, MA
855-516-1090

Seaport Inn and Marina
110 Middle St.
Fairhaven, MA
508-997-1281

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Swansea
1400G.A. R. Highway, Route 6
Swansea MA
844-209-2017

Residence Inn by Marriot
181 Faunce Corner Rd.
Dartmouth, MA
508-984-5858

Hampton Inn Raynham
600 New State Highway
Raynham, MA
508-822-6222

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites
43 Harding St.
Middleborough, MA
508-946-3398

Fairfield Inn and Suites
602 Grand Army Hwy
Somerset MA 02726
(774) 322-2370

We strongly encourage any teams that need accommodations to make reservation as soon as they receive this package.

**2023 12U Cal Ripken Regional Tournament
Opening Day Schedule
Central Park Complex
39 Memorial Drive Freetown, MA
Friday July 14, 2023**

**All Coaches and players must be in full uniform
(baseball pants & team jersey with Cal Ripken patch)**

By 3pm	Teams Report
3:15-3:45pm	Orientation/Coaches Meeting (in front of the concession stand)
3:45-5:00pm	Players / Coaches Welcome Luncheon (behind the fields at Freetown COA Pavilion) Full Concession Stand Open for Families and Guests
5:00-6:30pm	Opening Ceremony <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Parade & Team Introductions2. National Anthem3. First Pitch
6:30-8:00pm	Skills Competition and Awards

Teams dismissed after skills competition awards

MANAGERS MEETING/TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS BINDER

There will be a mandatory Managers meeting with the Cal Ripken Tournament Director. Tournament credential binders **MUST** be provided at this meeting. These Binders must contain the following documents pursuant to section 11.04 of the Cal Ripken Rule Book

1. Certificate of Coverage of League's Commercial General Liability Insurance
2. Official Team Roster certified and signed by League President
3. Letter of Tournament Eligibility Form, (Regional Only)
4. Consent for Treatment Forms
5. Color Team photo with the Identification on separate sheet.
6. Coaching Certification I.D. card or certificate and abuse certificate for all rostered coaches.

Credential binders will be then held by the Tournament Director and returned after your team is eliminated from competition or wins the Tournament

PLAYERS OF THE GAME

One player, as agreed upon by the team managers, on both the winning and losing team of each game will receive a Player of the Game Award Pin.

PITCHING RECORDS/SUBSTITUTIONS

Tournament substitution and pitching rules shall apply. Please announce all substitutions and player re-entries to the Official Scorer ahead of time located behind home plate. All pitching changes must be given to the Official Scorer and Umpire as well as soon as changes are made. The Official Scorer's pitching log will govern for Tournament eligibility. We highly recommend all teams verify their pitching log with the Official Scorer upon the conclusion of each game with a Tournament Official or the Official Scorer, and ask Managers to sign the Official Scorebook.

TOURNAMENT UNIFORMS

Babe Ruth League / Cal Ripken Tournament rules require ALL Players and Coaches to be in uniforms with no duplicate jersey numbers. Uniforms must also have Cal Ripken Patches affixed to them. Coaches must be in baseball pants matching their uniforms and have numbered jersey and matching hat.

HEADGEAR

ALL PERSONNEL warming up a pitcher **MUST** wear proper headgear! This includes on and off the field, and includes everyone, Players, Managers, Coaches, and Parents. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

GAME LENGTH

All tournament games shall be 6 innings in length, except when shortened by the mercy rule or extended by extra innings. In case of inclement weather, the game shall be suspended at the time of stoppage and completed at the first available moment as designated by Tournament officials. No new inning may start after the 1:45 (one hour fortyfive minute) time rule.

BAT BOY/GIRL

The use of a "bat boy" is allowed and that player must have a helmet on at all times, regardless of the age of the bat boy/girl. He/ she must also be wearing a baseball uniform.

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER

The HOST shall provide an official scorekeeper. This scorekeeper shall also be the official scorekeeper and keep track of all pitching. Each manager must sign off on the pitching after each game. All substitutions shall be made to the official scorekeeper.

HOME TEAM / DUGOUT ASSIGNMENTS

Home teams for pool play will be determined at the Coach's meeting prior to the tournament. Home teams during elimination games will be the higher seed, in the event of a tie a coin flip will decide the home team. Dug out assignments are shown on the schedule. All teams are requested to make sure to clean their respective dugouts prior to leaving.

BATTING CAGES / PRACTICE

The complex has 2 batting cages behind the Fenway Green Monster. Batting schedule is at the bottom of the playing schedule. Teams must report to their dugouts on the field 30 minutes prior to the game. Home team will get 10 minutes on field prior to the start of the game, and then the Visitors will also get 10 minutes. 10 minutes prior to the game all teams shall be warmed up and in their respective dugouts ready for introductions.

STARTING LINEUPS

Official Babe Ruth Lineup cards, complete with players first name, last name and uniform#, should be turned into the Official Scorer at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. Teams are to provide their own lineup cards.

BASEBALLS

Teams are to provide their own baseballs for each game. 2 baseballs per team for each game. Baseballs are to be Cal Ripken Tournament Grade R-CAL baseballs.

UMPIRES

Be sure to bring umpire fees of \$75 per game, per team. Two umpires per game.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Each Team will provide (1) person per game, if required, to serve on the Protest Committee. The Manager shall advise the Protest Committee Chairman of his designate 10 minutes prior to the start of each game. Protests must be lodged at the time of the disputed rule interpretation and will be decided at the time of the protest, not after the game. As a clarification, judgement calls cannot be protested.

DETERMINATION OF POOL PLAY STANDINGS

When competition begins with pool play format, each division will play a pool play schedule as determined by the commissioner under whose jurisdiction the tournament falls.

At the end of the pool play schedule, a pre-determined number of teams from each division will advance to the single-elimination competition. Participating teams will be advised, in writing, prior to the start of tournament competition how many teams will advance to the single-elimination round. Teams will be seeded at the beginning of a single-elimination competition according to the position they finished in pool play.

OFFICIAL TIEBREAKERS ISSUED BY BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. FOR POOL PLAY FORMATS

Pool play standings will be determined as follows:

1. **WIN - LOSS RECORD** The tie breakers are used in order to advance or seed ONE team at a time. Each time a tie is broken to advance one team, leaving a tie between two or more teams, the situation reverts to criterion #2. (Head-to-head results).

If still tied:

2. **RESULTS OF HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION** Example: Three teams are tied with identical records for the first place at the end of pool play. Teams A, B and C played against each other once in pool play. Team A won all of its games against Team B and Team C during pool play. Result – Team A advances, which then creates a two-way tie between Team B and Team C. That tie then is broken by reverting to criterion #2.

If still tied:

3. **FEWEST RUNS GIVEN UP** If the results of the head-to-head match up(s) of the teams that are involved in the tie cannot break the tie (because no team defeated each of the other teams in the tie each time they played, or because no team has defeated all of the other teams involved in the tie, or because the teams involved in the tie did not play one another during pool play), then the tie is broken using criterion #3. The remaining teams' tie is broken by reverting to criterion #2.

If still tied:

4. **RUN DIFFERENTIAL WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10 PER GAME** In the event a tie is created by virtue of a forfeited game, and the tie cannot be broken by criterion #2 or #3, the order of Criteria #3 and #4 will be reversed and applied to the tie. Since the number of runs which might have been scored during the game may have affected the fewest runs allowed standing (and the awarding of the forfeit gives the "winning team" no additional runs given up), this order will better adjust for that event.

NOTE: The official tiebreakers issued by Babe Ruth League, Inc. for pool play formats must be used.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT WEB PAGE

For updates throughout the tournament, please visit <http://www.freelakeathletics.com>

TOURNAMENT MERCHANDISE

We have arranged for Fine Designs to be on-site on Saturday, July 15th and Sunday July 16th for players, families and guests to purchase a wide-variety of apparel, imprinted with tournament logo. Fine Designs uses only the top-of-the line equipment to custom print apparel on-site.

CONCESSIONS

There will be a concession stand in operation throughout the tournament. We will offer a wide variety of foods during the tournament schedule.

LOCAL EATERIES

Dunkin Donuts
2 Chace Rd
E. Freetown MA

Profile Tavern
2 Crossroads Dr
E. Freetown, MA

Assonet Roasters
59 S. Main St.
Assonet, MA

Nellie Rose
1 Chase Road
E. Freetown, MA

MEDICAL CARE

Charlton Memorial Hospital
363 Highland Ave.
Fall River, MA

Southcoast Health Urgent Care
450 William S. Canning Blvd.
Fall River, MA

Morton Hospital
88 Washington St.
Taunton, MA

Compass Medical-Urgent Care
8 Commerce Blvd.
Middleborough, MA

LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP

East Freetown Congregational Christian Church
4 Washburn Rd.
East Freetown, MA

Our Lady of Fatima Church
4256 Acushnet Ave,
New Bedford, MA

Saint Bernards Church
30 S Main St.
Assonet, MA

Saint Mary's Catholic Church
343 Tarkin Hill Rd.
New Bedford, MA

POINTS OF INTEREST

Battleship Cove
5 Water St.
Fall River, MA

Freetown-Fall River State Forest
110 Slab Bridge Rd.
Assonet, MA

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Pesky Pole Pool	P	W	L	T	RF	RA	SO	RD	Green Monster Pool	P	W	L	T	RF	RA	SO	RD
Easton, MA									West Hartford, CT								
Western Mass									Apponaug, RI								
New Hampshire									Andy Valley, ME								
Orleans, VT									Free-Lake, MA								

Friday 7/14 Opening Ceremonies

Home teams will be determined by a coin flip at the Coaches Meeting on 7/14

Saturday 7/15

Time	1st Base Dugout	Score		3rd Base Dugout	Score	Field
9:00AM	Easton, MA		vs	Western Mass		Allison Field
11:15AM	New Hampshire		vs	Orleans, VT		Allison Field
1:30PM	West Hartford, CT		vs	Apponaug, RI		Allison Field
3:45PM	Andy Valley, ME		vs	Free-Lake, MA		Allison Field

Sunday 7/16

Time	1st Base Dugout	Score		3rd Base Dugout	Score	Field
9:00AM	Orleans, VT		vs	Easton, MA		Allison Field
11:15AM	New Hampshire		vs	Western Mass		Allison Field
1:30PM	Free-Lake, MA		vs	West Hartford, CT		Allison Field
3:45PM	Andy Valley, ME		vs	Apponaug, RI		Allison Field

Monday 7/17

Time	1st Base Dugout	Score		3rd Base Dugout	Score	Field
11:00AM	Easton, MA		vs	New Hampshire		Allison Field
1:15PM	Western Mass		vs	Orleans, VT		Allison Field
3:30PM	West Hartford, CT		vs	Andy Valley, ME		Allison Field
5:45PM	Apponaug, RI		vs	Free-Lake, MA		Allison Field

Tuesday 7/18

Time	1st Base Dugout	Score		3rd Base Dugout	Score	Field
Quarter Final Game 1						
5:00PM	Pesky Pole 2		vs	Green Monster 3		Allison Field
Quarter Final Game 2						
7:30PM	Green Monster 2		vs	Pesky Pole 3		Allison Field

Wednesday 7/19

Time	1st Base Dugout	Score		3rd Base Dugout	Score	Field
Semi Final Game 1						
5:00PM	1st Seed		vs	Winner of Quarter Final Game 1		Allison Field
Semi Final Game 2						
7:30PM	2nd Seed		vs	Winner of Quarter Final Game 2		Allison Field

Thursday 7/20

Time	1st Base Dugout	Score		3rd Base Dugout	Score	Field
Championship Game						
5:30PM	Highest Remaining Seed		vs	Lowest Remaining Seed		Allison Field

10 minutes prior to start time, players/coaches introductions, National Anthem, Sportsmanship Code



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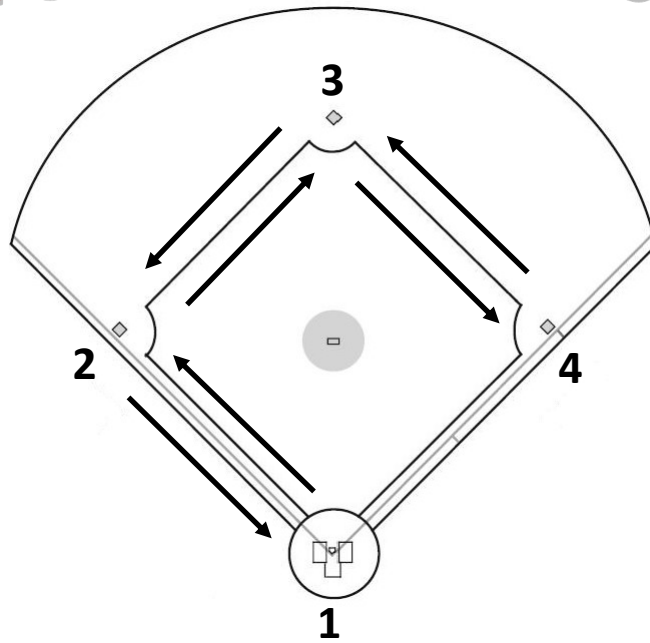


Skills Competition

1. All events take place on Allison Field.
2. All participants must be in full uniform during the event.
3. No player will participate in more than one individual event.
4. The "Around the Horn" event is a timed team event of 4 players.
5. The "Road Runner" event is a timed team event of 4 players.
6. In the event that a skill event ends in a tie score, that event will have an abbreviated overtime skill-dependent battle until a winner emerges.
7. The skill Umpire(s) will oversee the scoring of each event.
8. Batting helmets must be worn during Batting skills.
9. The Umpires and Tournament Director reserve the right to disqualify any player who engages in poor sportsmanship.



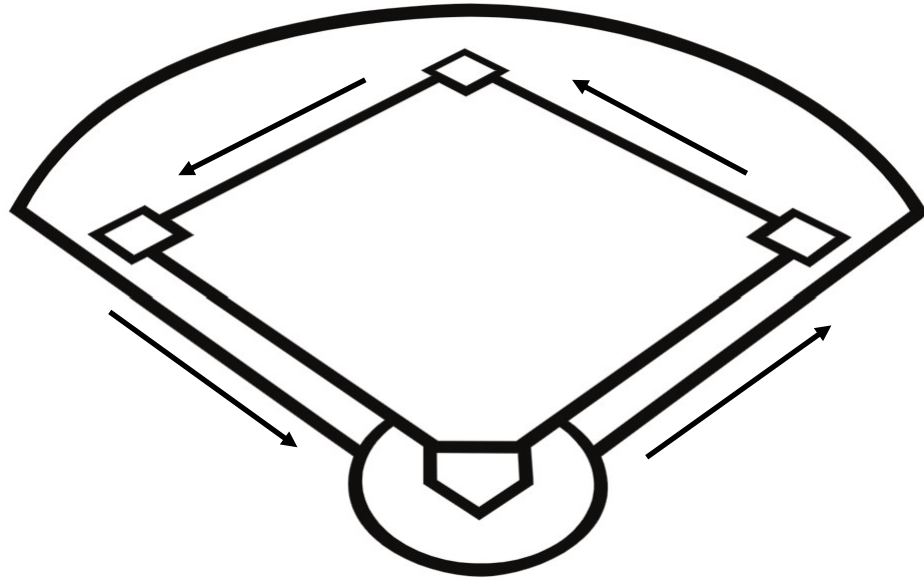
Around the Horn



1. The object of this skill is to move the baseball around the infield from player to player with accuracy and speed. The fastest time wins the event.
2. Player #1 starts with the ball. Event begins with Player #1 throwing to Player #2, who then throws to Player #3, who then throws to Player #4 and then throws are made in reverse order as the arrows above display.
3. 4 players per team required.
4. No player shall touch the ball out of turn or a 5 second penalty is added to the team's final time.
5. If a player misses a thrown ball, that player must retrieve the ball and return to their base before throwing the ball to the next player.
6. Order of teams will be determined by random draw.



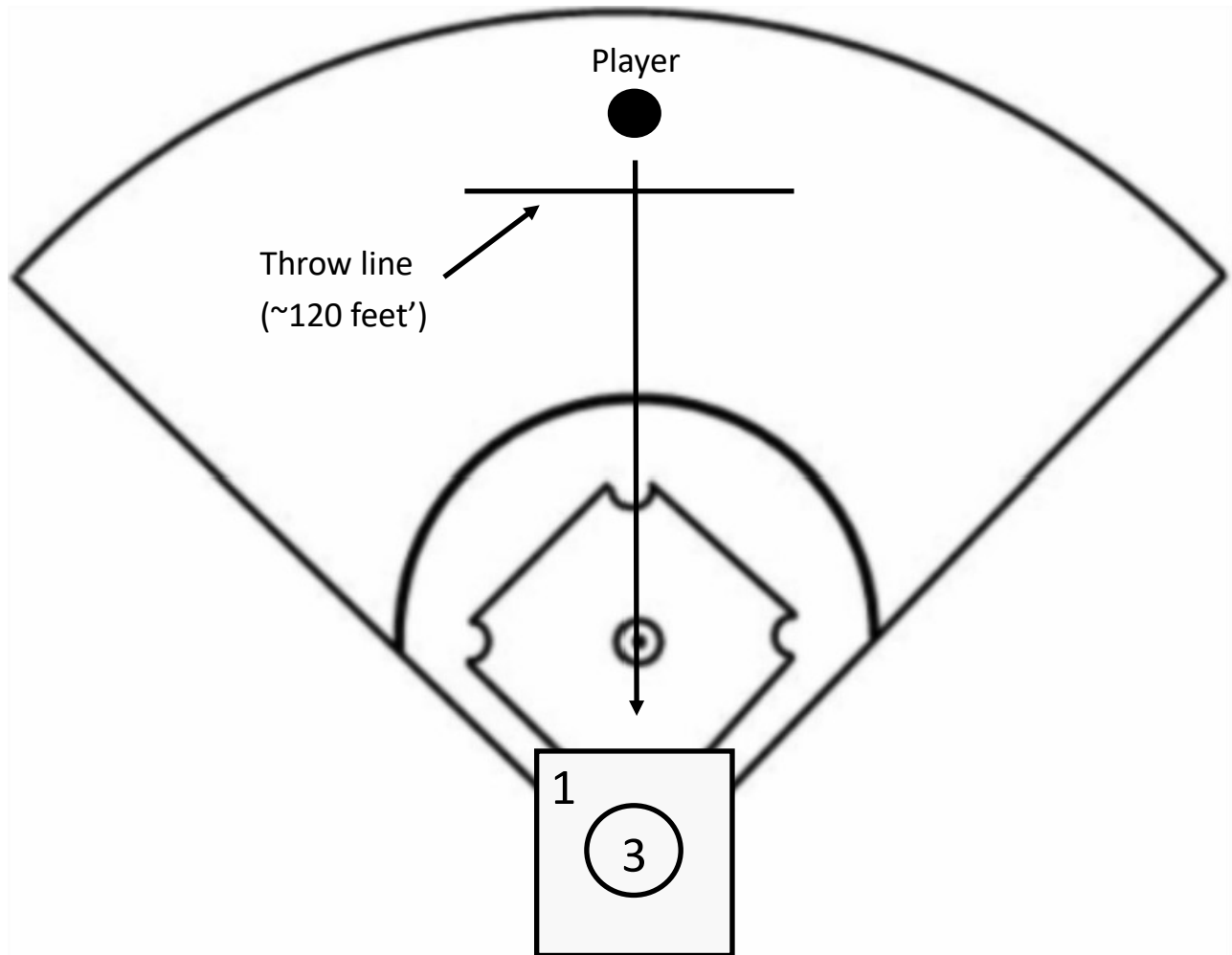
Road Runner



1. Each player shall run around the bases to home plate, starting from the RH batter's box. When the player crosses the plate, the next player will go. A total of 4 players will run.
2. If a player misses a base, a 1 second penalty will be added to the final time.
3. The lowest team time wins (4 players combined with any penalties, if applicable).
4. This event will take place on Allison field (50/70).



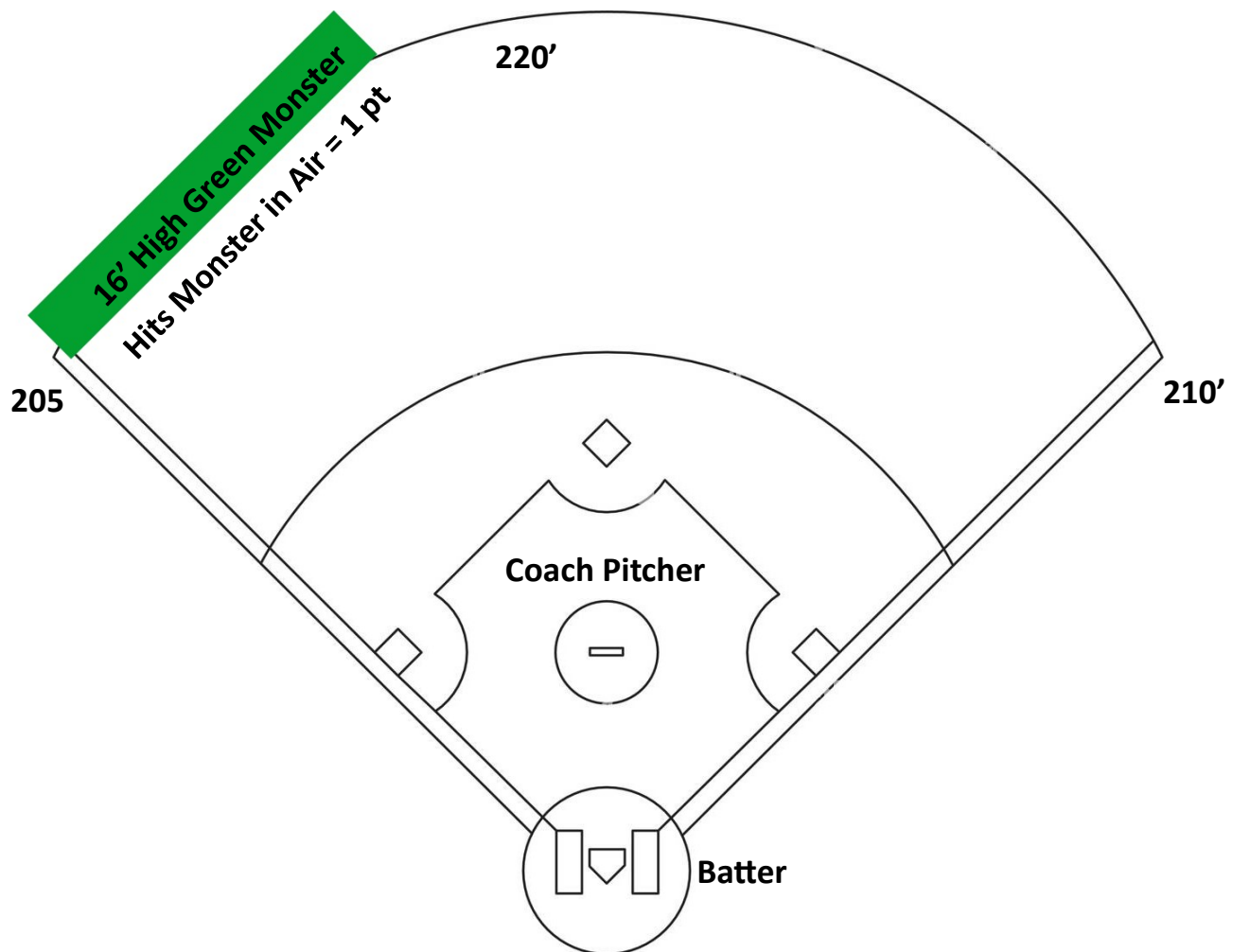
Big Arm



1. 3 players from each team will compete. The player with the highest point total wins.
2. Each player shall throw 5 balls to home plate, on which a screen will be placed.
3. A ball thrown to the screen zone is 1 pt; inside the hole in the net is 3 pts.
4. When throwing to home plate, player must release the ball before the throw line. Crossing the line during a throw results in 0 points on the throw.
5. Throws must hit target in the air. Throws that bounce and hit the target will result in no points.



Big Bat



1. Each player shall be allowed 10 swings. A coach will pitch.
2. The event umpire will determine if hits are fair or foul and if the player made an official swing attempt in the case of a check swing.
3. In the event of a tie for 1st place, a "hit off" will proceed with 5 pitches, followed by 4, 3, etc...
4. The player with the most points will be awarded 1st place. 5 points for a HR, 1 point for hitting the wall.
5. This event will take place on Little Fenway.

