



To: Prospective Participants  
From: Bridgeton Tournament Committee  
Re: 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bridgeton Invitational Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament

Date: March 16, 2011

We are now accepting applications for the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bridgeton Invitational Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament to take place July 29- August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Alden Field.

This year's Invitational Tournament will feature three separate divisions, each playing in a pool play format, with each team guaranteed four games. The top 2 teams of each division will then meet in a single elimination tournament to determine the Bridgeton Invitational Tournament Champion.

There will be two games played per evening under the lights during the week at Alden Field. Teams in the Bridgeton Area Division and the South Jersey Division of the Tourney will play the first game while teams in the South Jersey Division and the Eastern United States Division will play the second game of the nightly doubleheaders. *(Please note in the event of inclement weather three games could be played on the weekend and alternate venues may be used)*

The 2011 Invitational Tournament will be comprised of 15 teams maximum (5 teams in each of the three divisions).

The Entrance Fee for the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bridgeton Invitational is \$600.00 per team. This fee includes all baseballs and umpires fees. The Tournament will award \$5,200.00 in Expense Money this year. This money is to be used to help defer cost for team travel and other related expenses. It cannot be used to pay players. Expense money will be awarded in the following fashion: \$2,500 to the Tournament Champion, \$1,500 to the Tournament 2<sup>nd</sup> Place team, and \$600 to the two semi-final game runner ups during the single elimination portion of the tournament.

All players must be amateurs or former professionals with a release from their former professional club.



We would also like to point out that, once again this year; all teams are required this year to use only **Wooden Bats** during tournament play. As you should be aware, Speed-Up Rules are utilized for the Tournament. A copy of the current Speed-Up Rules has been included for your review.

Detailed team rosters (including player's names, positions, uniform number, high school/college/professional baseball organization) are limited to 25 players and may be changed freely until your team's first game of the tournament. (**Completed Detailed Rosters and tournament fees will be due no later than June 10, 2011**). *There will be a fine issued for rosters that are not filled out completely. This roster will be printed in the Invitational Publications.* Up to 4 changes may be made to your Roster before playing in your 2<sup>nd</sup> game (See Details Below).

All prospective teams must complete a Tournament Application Form (Attached) and return it no later than **May 14, 2011**. Once all applications have been received, the Tournament Committee will review them and make their selections.

The Tournament Committee is pleased to announce that team that do participate in this year's tournament will also be able to have a contestant entered in the Homerun Derby as well as the new Miss/Mrs. Bridgeton Invitational Tournament Contest. More information for these contestants has been included in this packet.

Please include with your completed Application, a copy of your team schedule and directions to your home field. Representatives of the Tournament may visit during your season.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bridgeton Invitational Baseball Tournament will feature an array of special guest celebrities and events.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Elwell, Tournament Director at (856)498-4491, or Tournament Team Committee members Bob Williams (856)207-0575.

We look forward to hearing from you and wish you the best of luck in your upcoming season.





## **Bridgeton Invitational Semi-Professional Baseball Tournament**

### **\*\*Speed-Up Rules\*\***

1. All games shall be seven (7) innings. Should a team lead by 10 or more runs at the end of an official game (4- ½ or 5 innings), if Visitors, inning must be completed. The game would be terminated except the Championship Game. The Championship game will not have a 10-run rule limit. This also applies to rain interrupted games.
2. The pitcher must start his wind-up within 20 seconds after he receives the ball from the catcher or from the fielder. If he doesn't a ball will be called.
3. If, in the opinion of the Tournament Director or the timer, the defensive team is deliberately slowing the game down by holding or fumbling the ball, he will give one warning. After one warning a ball will be called for each stalling maneuver.
4. The pitcher must start his wind up within 10 seconds after a pick-off attempt. Penalty – ball.
5. The pitcher will be allowed only five warm-up pitches between innings. A new pitcher will be allowed six warm-up pitches.
6. Only one throw is permitted after an out. If the out is a strike-out, only the catcher may throw the ball to third. If the out is made by an outfielder, the ball must be returned to an infielder, and then directly to the pitcher. Penalty-start clock if 2<sup>nd</sup> throw is made.
7. The batter must be in the box within 10 seconds after the clock starts, or a strike will be called against him.
8. Time outs are only permitted in case of emergency and can only be called by an umpire when deemed necessary.
9. Protest can last up to 40 seconds. Penalty after warning – ball or strike.
10. The second trip to the mound by the coach or defensive player will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position. All succeeding pitchers will be removed from the pitching position when a trip to the mound is made by a coach or defensive player.
11. Substitute runner cannot actually be in the game at game time. Substitute runner can enter the game as a player. No player who has been in the game can be used as a substitute runner.
12. No argument can last more than 40 seconds. Penalty after warning – ball.
13. If third base is empty, for an automatic walk, the catcher just tells the umpire and the batter is sent to first base.
14. Pitcher takes signals from the rubber.
15. Change of sides has to be made in 90 seconds or a penalty of a ball or strike will be called.
16. The line-up can contain a designated hitter who may hit for either the pitcher or the catcher, but only once in an inning. The man CANNOT enter the game for some other player. He cannot be substituted under any condition. If the designated hitter is injured while running the bases, he must be replaced by the pitcher or catcher he is batting for, unless there are two outs – then the courtesy runner may be used. Another designated hitter cannot be named for that game.
17. The line-up must be in the press box at least 15 minutes before the game and must include first name and number of each player. Penalty of a strike on first batter or ball if the defensive team is at fault. Penalty \$25.00 fine
18. Home team will be decided by the flip of a coin before each game. Home team will occupy third base side. The flip will be 15 minutes before the game: if team captains are not available, the tournament committee will flip for them.
19. When a violation occurs, at the sound of the bell, the ball is dead.
20. The foregoing rules shall be interpreted (if necessary) and enforced by the PROTEST COMMITTEE (announcer, official scorer, clock operator, and one tournament official).



## **Bridgeton Invitational Baseball Tournament General Rules**

1. All ex-pros must have written release, presented to committee at least 48 hours in advance of play. Penalty: forfeit of game illegal player performed in, if caught during game. If player is discovered before game, player is removed from tournament.
2. All teams must submit a written roster (up to 25 players) with one revision permitted prior to the start of second game (up to four changes and/or additions permitted).
3. Players can be on as many rosters as possible but can only be counted as a member of that team when they play in a game. Once player appears in a game he cannot play for any other team.
4. Tournament Committee will keep all teams informed on any changes prior to a game (i.e. Game Time, etc...).
5. Teams final roster must be submitted before the team plays their first game with the option to implement Rule 2. Copies should be made available to all tournament teams and Press box crew ASAP.
6. Enforcement of existing speed-up rules specifically for late line-up infractions and for coin toss to determine home team. 1<sup>st</sup> violation: \$10.00 fine. After the first violation, \$25.00 for each succeeding violation.
7. After first game is completed (except for final night) there will be a minimum of fifteen minutes between games. Both teams will then be given a revised starting time. From this point, it will determine when line-up must be submitted.
8. Game time: if any team fails to field a team of nine players, a grace period of thirty (30) minutes shall be extended. Failure to produce nine (9) players results in a forfeit.
9. Inclement weather: final decisions are up to the tournament committee.
10. In the event of pending inclement weather each team is responsible to contact the tournament committee directors either at the field or their home.



## **Bridgeton Invitational Baseball Tournament Tournament Structure and Tie-Breaker Rules**

In the 2011 Bridgeton Invitational Baseball Tournament, competition will begin with a pool play format. Each of three divisions (Local, South Jersey & Eastern United States) will play a pool play schedule as determined by the Tournament Committee. Each participating team in the Tournament will be guaranteed at least four games. At the end of the pool play schedule, the first-, & second-place teams of each division will advance to the single-elimination competition.

*NOTE: The 10-run rule will be in effect during all games in the pool play and single-elimination bracket portions of the Tournament, except for the Championship Game. All games (other than the Championship Game) will be terminated once becoming regulation - 4½ or 5 innings - if either team is ahead by 10 or more runs.*

Teams will be seeded at the beginning of the single-elimination competition according to the position they finished in pool play.

Pool play standings will be determined as follows:

**1) WIN - LOSS RECORD**

*If tied:*

**2) RESULTS OF HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION**

*If tied:*

**3) FEWEST RUNS GIVEN UP**

*Note: In the event of a three way tie, all three teams shall complete criterion #3 to determine seeding. If, after completing criterion #3, the three way tie has been broken and a two way tie still remains (i.e. two teams gave up the same number of runs), the two teams remaining tied will revert back to criterion #2 to break the two-way tie. If all three teams gave up a different number of runs, no tie exists and all teams shall be seeded at criterion#3. If all three teams gave up the same number of runs, proceed to criterion #4.*

*If tied:*

**4) RUN DIFFERENTIAL WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10 PER GAME**



To: Prospective Participants  
From: Bridgeton Tournament Committee  
Re: Bridgeton Invitational Tournament Home Run Derby

Date: March 16, 2011

We are excited to announce that if your team is chosen to participate in the 2011 Bridgeton Invitational Baseball Tournament your team will be eligible to enter one player in the Bridgeton Invitational Tournament Home Run Derby to be held on a date during tournament at no additional cost.

### Bridgeton Invitational Tournament Home Run Derby Details

- Participants will be permitted to use *aluminum or wood bats* in the two rounds of Home Run Derby competition.
- Players should bring their own pitcher or use the pitcher provided by the Tournament Committee.
- In the first round each player will have the opportunity to hit until they accumulate 10 “outs”. Any pitch that a player attempts to hit that is not hit out of the park (fair) is considered an “out”.
- At the end of the first round, the top three homerun totals will move on to the Championship Round. In the Championship Round, each player will have the opportunity to hit until they accumulate 10 “outs” once again. Any pitch that a player attempts to hit that is not hit out of the park (fair) is considered an “out”.
- The player with the most homeruns total, after the two rounds, will be declared the Bridgeton Invitational Tournament’s Home Run Derby Champion. In the event of a tie for the lead after two rounds, a supplemental round(s) will determine the winner. Our winner will receive this year’s Bridgeton Invitational Tournament’s Homerun Derby Champion Trophy.

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Alden Field – Bridgeton, New Jersey

“Where Baseball is Played Under the Rules of a Clock”

BIT – July 29-August 15, 2011  
Miss / Mrs. Bridgeton Invitational

1. Each team participating in the 2011 tournament is requested to select one female contestant to represent their team. The participating contestant can be no younger than 16 years old and can be single or married.
2. The contestant will be escorted onto the field during the first time the participating team plays its first game. The contestant’s escort will be in uniform.
3. Escorting will occur after the first game and before the second game of each doubleheader until all teams have played one game. Photos will be taken by the official tournament photographer.
4. Photos will be displayed on a bulletin board located after entering the main gate for fans and the public to see.
5. After all participating teams have had their female contestant “showcased,” fans and the public will be able to vote for their choice for Miss / Mrs. Bridgeton Invitational from a ballot identifying each contestant. Ballots will be available from the mail gate or refreshment stand.
6. Voting will occur on three successive days after all contestants have had the opportunity to be seen by the fans and public.
7. Voting will cease after the third consecutive day of voting. Ballots will be counted and the successful contestant will be informed in advance of the day of announcing Miss or Mrs. Bridgeton Invitational – 2011.
8. The successful contestant will be announced and presented to the fans in attendance between games on the field near the end of the tournament, presented with flowers, a Visa gift card, and tiara.