



Bats

I've been getting a lot of emails about bats, and the changes that some organizations are implementing. We are not changing anything, and the bats specifications will remain as they are spelled out in our rules:ages 8 - 14u, bats shall not be more than 2 3/4 inches in diameter at the thickest part. Ages 15 - 19u, bats shall not be more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter at the thickest part, with the unit differential no more than minus 3. For all ages, the handle can not be more than 18 inches from the end; it can be covered or treated with any material to improve the grip, but that material cannot improve the reaction or distance factor of the bat.

Congratulations THPBA

Kansas NBC Hap Dumont Baseball would like to congratulate Topeka Highland Park Baseball Association, who, this year, will be celebrating their 70th year of youth baseball. Check out their website, www.topekabaseball.com and see what they have going on.

Points Tournaments Information

With our first Points Tournaments coming up at the end of this month, I want to inform you again that **ALL NBC** rostered teams **MUST** submit a downloaded copy of their teams roster, from the Kansas NBC website, to the Points Tournament Director before their first game of the tourney, **if they want to receive the points**. All the team rosters from each Pts Tourney will be send in to the State Tournament Administrator for point awarding, etc; so no team roster, no points!

Reason: The roster turn-in rule has always been there, but not always enforced by the Pts TDs. FYI, 3 coaches of a 9u team were permanently suspended from the NBC for using an ineligible player in the State Tournament last summer (the player was actually 11 at the time of the tourney) and using a false birth certification at team checkin. They also used this player in Pts Tourneys to get points for their seeding in the 9u State, thus the stricter enforcement of this rule. We are not on a "witch" hunt, but

just trying to make the playing field level for every team that participates in this program.

New Pts Tourneys added since last newsletter:

- **Mulvane** - May 6-8 (8u - 14u)
- **Topeka (Lake Shawnee)** - April 16 - 17 (10u & 12u)
(winner gets Kansas NBC State Tournament entry fee paid)
- **New Site- Topeka @ Highland Park** - April 30-May 1 (8u - 14u)
May 21-22 (8u - 14u)
June 11-12 (8u - 14u)

Full details: www.kansashapdumontbaseball.com

Chartered League Points Program

If you participate in an NBC chartered league, your team will be able to earn points, for the State Tournament, from your league play. The number of points awarded will depend on your standing at the end of your league season. Winners of each age division will be awarded a FREE slot in the State Tournament. (Team's seeding in the State Tourney will be determined by all points earned) The only catch is that your LEAGUE MUST BE CHARTERED AND BE SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. Contact your league officials to see if they know about this program and if they are chartered. (Open League and leagues without normal league play are not eligible)

Points Tournament Bonus

When your team is playing in it's **3rd Points Tourney** of the 2011 season, your team will have the chance to earn the following points:

- 30pts - for entering
- 4-6 teams - 1st -140 pts
- 7-8 teams - 1st-140pts, 2nd-100pts
- 9-11 teams - 1st-140pts, 2nd-100pts, 3rd-75pts
- 12 teams and up - 1st-140pts, 2nd-100pts, 3rd-75pts, 4th-60pts
- 60pts - for the highest finishing team, if their age division did not finish in the "place points" (example: if the tourney is an 8 team 9u/10u tourney, then "place points" would be 1st and 2nd. If 2 - 10u

teams finish 1st and 2nd, then the highest finishing 9u would get the points)

When your team is playing in it's **4th Points Tourney** for the 2011 season:

- (All points are back to normal)
- If your team finishes 1st in a 4-8 team tourney - your team receives a FREE slot in the State Tournament (seeding @ State will be based on all your teams points earned during the season)
- If your team finishes 1st or 2nd in a 9 or more team tourney - your team receives a FREE slot in the State Tournament (seeding @ State will be based on all your teams points earned during the season)

If you have any questions about the above information, please email them to: gbclev@hapdumontbaseball.com

Now there are more ways to get a FREE spot in a State Tournament; earn 700pts, win your division of your league, win 1st in a 4 - 8 team or 1st or 2nd in a 9 team or more of your 4th Pts Tourney.

Important Dates

- **June 15** - Last date to roster a team. (players added to team rosters after this date must come from an NBC rostered team)
- **June 22** - State Tournament entry deadline
- **July 1** - Team roster “lockdown” (no players added to rosters after this date)
- **July 8** - Start of all State Tournaments

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