



CENTRAL DISTRICT BASEBALL LEAGUE
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Plato Center & Burlington, Illinois



QUALIFYING TEAMS

The Midsummer Classic Tournament was developed as a setting for in-house or league "All Star" teams to compete against each other in a fun and relaxed weekend at CDBL's three field complexes. In order to maintain the competitive nature of the Tournament, travel teams are not invited. We work very hard to insure that the teams that enter the Tournament meet the criteria of an in-house or league "All Star" team and that the playing field is level for all of our participants.

Our definition of a qualifying team for the Midsummer Classic is a team on which the rostered players have not played in more than three tournaments together prior to the first game of the CDBL Midsummer Classic Tournament, nor participated as a team in any organized league or travel program.

PLAYER AGES

Due to changes in the age qualifications for players in many leagues, including CDBL, the following birthday ranges for the various levels govern the Tournament. If you have an issue that concerns you, please contact the CDBL Tournament Director at lsmith@leopardo.com

Pony (14U):	May 1, 1993 through April 30, 1995
Bronco (12U):	May 1, 1995 through April 30, 1997
Mustang (10U):	May 1, 1997 through April 30, 1999
Pinto (8U):	May 1, 1999 through April 30, 2001

You will not be required to produce a birth certificate for any player except in the case of a filed protest. However, the official Tournament Roster will require the birth date listed for each player.

INSURANCE

Prior to June 26th, we require a copy of your insurance certificate. Please send it to one of the following locations:

Mail: Mr. Larry Smith,
CDBL, Post Office Box 5551,
Elgin, Illinois 60121-5551

E-Mail: lsmith@leopardo.com

Your team will not be able to play in any of your scheduled games without first having submitted the insurance certificate.

TOURNAMENT COACHES' MEETING

An informational Coaches' Meeting will be scheduled. This is an optional meeting to answer questions and provide all of the information you require for your participation. You will be able to submit your roster at this meeting. Rules and general questions will be reviewed and answered. Additional specific tournament information will be provided. Please refer to the map for the location of the Plato Center Field Complex. It is available separately and as a download from the CDBL website at www.cdbaseball.org under the "Maps to Fields" tab.

FIELD MAPS

Maps to the Plato Center, Plato Park and Burlington Field Complexes are available separately and as a download from the CDBL website at www.cdbaseball.org under the "Maps to Fields" tab. A map detailing the quickest route between the field complexes will be provided at the coaches meeting.

Additional printed copies of the field complex maps will be available at the Coaches' Meeting.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR YOUR FIRST GAME

There is a close-in parking lot at each field reserved for Umpires and Coaches only. Please display your parking pass on your dashboard and to the lot attendants. Parking for your players' families and other spectators will be within close walking distance. We will be enforcing the limited access to the Umpire and Coaches lots. We ask for the cooperation of your team's families in helping with this issue.

Please plan on checking in at your first official tournament game at least one hour ahead of time. You must have submitted your roster at the Coaches' meeting or during this check-in.

We will not require that you provide copies of the birth certificates for each player, but you will be required to furnish a copy if a question is raised about a player's age or a protest is filed.

We will require a contact number (preferably a mobile phone) in the event of a rainout, rescheduled game situation or Championship Sunday game assignments.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT OF PLAY

This will be a “pool play” tournament in order to qualify for the single elimination Championship brackets.

There will be a Championship and Third Place game on Sunday afternoon for all levels of play.

Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of three “pool play” games.

Advancement to the Semi-Final brackets will be determined by the following criteria in the following order:

- 1 Win/Loss record
- 2 Head-to-head play results
- 3 Lowest total number of runs allowed in the first four (4) innings of each “pool play” game
- 4 Total runs scored in the first four innings of “pool play” game.

Patched umpires will be used for each Pony (14U), Bronco (12U) and Mustang game (10U). For the Pinto division, CDBL will supply an Umpire from the roster of CDBL Umpires used during the regular season. All of these Umpires were required to attend training prior to the beginning of regular league games and have been Umpires for at least two seasons.

Individual trophies will be awarded for the Tournament Championship game teams. Medals will be awarded for third and fourth place teams.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES AND RULES

- Smoking is NOT allowed in the dugouts or on the playing fields.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not allowed at any of the field complexes.
- Any Manager, Coach, Player or Parent may be ejected from the game for using foul or abusive language or gestures to any other Manager, Coach, Player or Umpire. If ejected from a game, they will be required to leave the field complex immediately and will not be allowed to participate in or attend the next game.
- Failure to cooperate with these conduct rules can result in the

forfeiture of the current game and Tournament elimination. Team Managers are responsible for the behavior of their Coaches, Players and Fans.

- The Umpire(s) are in control of the games once the teams occupy their respective dugouts.
- Because food is being served at the field complexes and the potential for sanitary problems, please do not bring pets to the games. As the weather at this time of year can be hot, we strongly recommend that pets not be left in parked cars.
- Both the Burlington and Plato Center field complexes have AED (Automated External Defibrillator) equipment. In addition, most of the CDBL Board Members have been certified in the use of the equipment. If a problem should occur requiring the use of the AED equipment, locate a Board Member immediately, identified by the royal blue golf shirts bearing the CDBL logo.
- Please make sure that your parents understand and follow the parking instructions, particularly at the Burlington and Plato Center field complexes. As these complexes are located in residential areas, we work hard to be “good neighbors” and honor the residents’ wishes related to respecting their private property.
- The dugouts at each of the field complexes will have tarps over them in the event that the weather is hot and sunny. However, it is a good idea to make sure that you bring plenty of water. The concessions stands carry a wide range of soft drinks, sport drinks and bottled water, as well as hot food and snacks.
- We request that each team pick up their area after their warm-up sessions and games to help us keep the complexes clean for all of the participants.
- There are two batting cages at the Plato Center field complex, one at the Burlington Field Complex and one at the Plato Park Field Complex. Please be considerate of the other Tournament teams in your use of the batting cages. In addition, there are “warm-up” fields available at the Plato Park Field Complex.
- The game time limits on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be strictly enforced, even for the last games of the day on Saturday. Please keep this in mind as a part of your game management strategy.

Thank you for being a part of the 5th Annual CDBL Mid-Summer Classic. The entire CDBL organization and “family” thank you for your participation and hope that you enjoy a competitive and fun weekend of baseball.