

Frozen Ropes

2017 Baseball Tournament Rules



**Frozen Ropes at The Rock Sports Park
24 Old Black Meadow Road
Chester, NY 10918
845-469-9507**

**www.frozenropes.com/chester/tournaments/
Chester@frozenropes.com**

Tournament Information

A Proof of Insurance

Proof of Insurance must be submitted by the Wednesday prior to your first game.

TEAM INSURANCE MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADDED:

**FROZEN ROPES ORANGE COUNTY, LLC/FROZEN ROCK, LLC
24 OLD BLACK MEADOW RD
CHESTER NY 10918**

**WARWICK YARD LLC
122 STATE SCHOOL ROAD
WARWICK, NY 10990**

Team Roster/Waiver Form- directions for coaches only

Team rosters must be completed online, prior to your first tournament game. Coaches must invite all players to join their team in our online portal. All players (and therefore a parent) must have a completed profile in our system, including the acknowledgement of the waiver, prior to adding themselves to your roster.

Please follow the below directions to go through this process.

1. Please go to <https://www.frozenropes.com/chester/tournaments/>
2. Click on the link labeled Roster and Waiver
3. Sign in to the your team's account (using the email and password combination used when registering).
4. You will see the tournaments in which your team is registered. Underneath the correct one is a button that says *invite*.
5. Click invite and add the emails for your players. (This is all that you need to do in terms of getting them ready to fill out the information needed)
6. Parents/players will then get an invite email to join your team for the tournament. They will then need to use the link inside to log in, either make sure their account is up to date and accept the place on the roster, or create an account, acknowledge the online waiver and then accept the place on the roster.
7. At any time you can log back into your account and using the *roster* button, underneath the tournament, to monitor the players status prior to the tournament.

Teams will not be able to access their Batting Practice Tunnel until a full roster is submitted electronically. **NO PAPER ROSTERS OR WAIVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

Daily Event Admission

There is a daily admission fee of \$5 per day for guests ages 13+. NO CHARGE for players and registered coaches. Teams will be required to notify the tournament

director IN ADVANCE of who the registered coaches will be. THREE coaches max per team. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO NOTIFY YOUR PARENTS OF OUR POLICY BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT DATE.

Park Rules

No outside food or beverages permitted in the park. 1 team cooler is allowed

We have a full Cafe with many food and beverage choices.

No smoking in or around the park.

Disruptive conduct or abusive language will not be tolerated.

NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS, gum or metal spikes

No pets

No bicycles, scooters, roller skates or skateboards

Cleats

Players must wear rubber cleats, sneakers or turf shoes on the turf playing surfaces at Frozen Ropes. **NO METAL SPIKES.**

Note: Field #3 is a dirt playing surface.

Tunnel Time / Pre-Game

Use of the indoor batting tunnels will be assigned as available. Teams may be assigned to share tunnels. Pre-game infield/outfield will be allowed on the outfield playing areas only. Teams are to bring their own practice balls for the batting tunnels.

Mandatory Hotel Information

All teams making overnight travel accommodations are required to book hotel reservations at one of the listed hotels. Visit our website:

<http://www.frozenropes.com/chester/tournaments/partners/>

Offsite Field Use

Directions to off-site fields can be found on the tournament home page:

<https://www.frozenropes.com/chester/tournaments/> Off-site fields will be no more than 30 minutes from the park. Frozen Ropes does not guarantee all games will be played at the main complex.

First Aid

There will be first aid equipment on site for all of our games. We provide basic first aid and determine the severity of injuries. In case of a serious injury players will be sent to Orange Regional Medical Center located in Middletown, NY.

Outside Food

No outside food or beverages (except a team cooler) are allowed inside the park. Please inform your players and parents of this rule so they are not surprised upon arrival. Our Café will be open during all tournament games. We have a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. We can also prepare team meals or special food requests.

Protests

Protests will be heard and ruled on by the tournament director. The team protesting must make cash payment of \$100 at the time of the protest. If the protest is ruled in the protesting team's favor the \$100 will be refunded. The ruling made by the director will be final. Protests must be filed and ruled on before the next pitch. No team may protest a game after the final out is recorded.

Suspensions

Any player or coach that is ejected from a game will be subject to a one game suspension.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Age Requirements

Spring/Summer/Fall 2017

18U Born on or after May 1st 1998

17U Born on or after May 1st 1999

16U Born on or after May 1st 2000

15U Born on or after May 1st 2001

14U Born on or after May 1st 2002

13U Born on or after May 1st 2003

12U Born on or after May 1st 2004

11U Born on or after May 1st 2005

10U Born on or after May 1st 2006

9U Born on or after May 1st 2007

***Note: Frozen Ropes does not require teams to move up an age division during the fall season.**

Payment and Refund options

Payment

Teams can register for tournaments at <https://www.frozenropes.com/chester/tournaments/>
Visa, Master Card are accepted online or by phone. 845.469.9507

Checks should be made payable to **Frozen Ropes** and sent to:

Frozen Ropes
24 Old Black Meadow Road
Chester, NY 10918

Refunds

A refund will be issued for any request made more than 30 days prior to the start of the event.
If a REFUND is requested a \$150 processing fee will be charged.

Any cancellations made inside the 30 day window will result in a tournament credit being issued for 50% of the total paid. Tournament credits are valid for one year.

Inclement Weather

If rain comes into play, we will do everything we can do to stay close to the original game schedule. If we need to change the schedule due to inclement weather, we will do our best to try to maintain the original tournament format schedule. The format may be changed to lesser time limits or fewer innings in order to complete the tournament. All rain out games may not be made up depending on time constraints. In case of scheduling changes it is the team's responsibility, not the tournament committee, to make sure they are aware of the new schedule or any scheduling changes. This information will be posted at <https://www.frozenropes.com/chester/tournaments/> when it becomes available.

Weather Related Refund Policy

3 Game Minimum

0 games played 100% tournament credit (NO REFUND)

1 game played 70% tournament credit

2 games played \$100 tournament credit

4-5 Game Minimum

0 games played 100% tournament credit (NO REFUND)

2 games played 50% tournament credit

3-4 games played \$100 tournament credit

Tournament Playing Rules

National High School Federation Baseball Rules will be enforced with the following exceptions.

Rosters

The roster size can be unlimited for the number of players on the team. There can be no more than 4 coaches (*1 manager, 2 coaches, and a scorekeeper*) allowed in the tournament. A team can add to the roster up to the first game. Once your first game begins, rosters will freeze and no new players can be added. A player can be on the roster for two different age groups in a tournament, but not on multiple teams within a single age group.

Innings/Time Limit/Determining Home & Away

- 9U-12U 1 hour 45 min game time or 6 complete innings
- 13U-18U 1 hour 50 min game time or 7 complete innings
- POOL PLAY GAMES CAN END IN A TIE
- Playoff games will use the tie breaker system below.

No inning can start after time has expired. Time will be kept by the umpires.

We will not finish an inning if the home team is winning & batting when time expires.

For each team's pool games a coin flip will predetermine the home and away teams. The higher seed during the playoff rounds will have a choice of home or away.

Note: 12U 60x90 tournaments will be played with 6 innings and a 1 hour and 45 min time limit.

Frozen Ropes Tie Breaker

If a playoff game is tied after time limit or if all innings have been completed the "Frozen Ropes Tie Breaker" will go into effect. You start the next inning with the last batted out at second base and zero outs and play the complete inning. After two complete innings with no winner the third extra inning will start with runners on second and third and one out, again the last two batted outs. This format will continue until a winner is determined. This tie breaker is used in all playoff rounds including the championship game.

POOL PLAY GAMES CAN END IN A TIE.

Sliding

No restrictions on sliding at Frozen Ropes. Shoulder roll or coming up high, would be the only time a runner is called out. Runners must slide or avoid contact at all plays at home plate.

Dropped Third Strike

Dropped third strike rule will be enforced in all age divisions.

Leading/Stealing

Leading and stealing allowed in all age divisions.

9U and 10U play (46 foot mound 65 foot bases)

11U and 12U (50 foot mound 70 foot bases)

Intentional Walks

9U-18U Inform the umpire of your desire to walk the batter. No pitches have to be thrown.

Mercy Rule – Enforced in all games.

15 runs after 3 innings

10 runs after 4 innings

8 runs after 5 innings

Trips to the Mound

The pitcher must be replaced on the 2nd trip to the mound in any inning, or on the fourth total trip in the game.

Balks

9U-10U one warning per team in pool play rounds.

No balk warnings during playoff and championship rounds.

11U-18U No balk warnings in any round.

Pitching Restrictions

No limits on the amount of pitches or innings one player can throw. Coaches please make sure to keep all players safe and not over throw them in your attempts to try to win a championship.

Starting Line Up

Teams can choose to bat any number of players. The extra players in your line up will be listed as an EH. Teams can also use a DH if they would like. You can have both an EH and DH in the line up at the same time. **ONLY 1 DH CAN BE USED IN THE LINE UP.**

Shrink Rule/Playing with 8

When a player is injured and a team is roster batting that team will be forced to take an out the next time the player comes to bat. After the out is recorded the batting roster will shrink to one less hitter. If a player is ejected a team is forced to take an out each time that player steps to the plate. All games must be started with at least 9 players. A game can be finished with 8 players. Once a team establishes it has 8 players it must finish the game with 8 players.

Re-Entry Rule

Starters may be replaced by a legal sub and re-enter at any time during the game as long as they re-enter into the same slot in the original batting line up. Subs leaving the game may not return to play.

Courtesy Runner

Courtesy runners are optional for both the pitcher and catcher at any time. Any subs on the bench must be used first. If there are no subs on the bench, the last batted out can run for your pitcher or catcher. If the player is the pitcher or catcher the next batted out in the line up will be the runner.

Bat Requirements

9U-12U no restrictions

13U-14U -3 BBCOR ONLY

15U-18U Wood Bat Only

Tie Breaker Rules

1. Overall record
2. Head to Head; If three or more teams are tied and one team has not beaten all others, runs allowed will be the tie breaker used.
3. Total runs allowed in pool play.
4. Total runs scored in pool play.
5. Coin flip

Not Covered In the Rules

In the event any item is not covered in the rules, the tournament director will make the fairest possible ruling and that ruling will be final.