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2025 Battle Creek Blast Registration Form

The NCBA is excited to open up registration for the 11th annual Battle Creek Blast Fall Tournament! This event will take place **September 26th - September 28th, 2025**. 12 teams compete in Pool Play (3 Pools of 4 teams) with the top teams of each pool and a wild card moving onto a Single Elimination Tournament where the eventual champion will be crowned.

- Games will be played at Bailey Park located in Battle Creek, MI.
- All games are 7-innings in length and will count as exhibition.
- Each registered team is guaranteed 3 pool play games. Top 4 teams advance to single elimination.
- Cost of the tournament is \$465 - due no later than 8/16/2025.
- The Registration Fee covers all field usage, umpires & baseballs for the tournament.
- We will accept the first 12 Registration Forms that are received.

By filling out this form and sending it in, you are reserving your spot and agreeing to participate in the 2025 Battle Creek Blast.

You are also committing to the following...

- Reading to the tournament guidelines listed after this registration form
- Playing 1 pool play game Fri. Sept. 26th. 2 pool play games Saturday Sept. 27th. Single elimination qualifiers Sun. Sept. 28th (max 2 games).
- Paying the Registration Fee by the above said date of 8/16/25
- Staying in the Official NCBA Host Hotel (Fairfield By Marriott) and reserving rooms by the cut-off date (9/13/2025).
 - **Rooms must be booked through the property directly & not done through 3rd party sites such as Expedia, Travelocity etc.**
 - **Should you not require hotel rooms (commuting), you will be required to pay \$200 opt-out fee in addition to the \$465 registration fee.**

*If any of these above conditions are not met, the team will be removed from participating in the event without refund.

I have read the tournament guidelines and agree to all commitments listed above: Yes () No ()

Name of Participating School: _____

Primary Representative Name: _____

Primary Representative Email: _____

Primary Representative Phone: _____

Primary Representative Signature: _____

Please fill out all information and email back to Ryan Lancaster (Ryan.Lancaster@CollClubSports.com)

Tournament Guidelines

Rules

- 1) All games played will be governed by the 2026 NCBA Division I rulebook with the following exceptions.
 - See adjustment to Game Length rules on page 2 (4.03.6)
 - Any and all roster rules do not apply (6.00.00)
 - Any and all eligibility rules do not apply (7.00.00)
 - Any and all academic eligibility rules do not apply (8.00.00)
 - **We will be lenient on the uniform rules, but we do expect all teams to be in matching uniforms and looking professional.**

*While roster, eligibility and academic eligibility rules will not be enforced, we do expect teams to treat these games as official NCBA games (i.e. using players that would meet typical NCBA roster, eligibility and academic eligibility requirements/rules).

The following criteria will be used to determine pool standing:

1. The first criterion for determining pool standing is pool-play winning percentage.
2. The first tiebreaker for determining pool standing is pool game head to head results.
 - In the scenario where 3 teams finish 2-1 & criteria #2 is not applicable, criteria #3 will be used.
3. The next tiebreaker for determining pool standing is the lower number of total runs allowed during pool play.
 - In the scenario where 3 teams finish 2-1 & 2 or more of them also share the least number of runs allowed, those teams sharing the same # of runs allowed will be evaluated using criteria #4 below.
4. The next tiebreaker for determining pool standing is higher run differential during pool play.
 - In the scenario where 3 teams finish 2-1 & 2 or more of them also share the same run differential, those teams will be evaluated using criteria #5 below.
5. The final tiebreaker for determining pool standing will be a coin flip.

Once the Pool Champion is declared, the process for determining the 2nd place team will be determined by the same criteria, beginning with #1 from above.

The following criteria will be used to determine the wild card team out of the three second-place finishers from each pool:

1. The first criterion for determining the wild-card selection is pool-play winning percentage.
2. The next criterion for determining the wild-card selection is the team with the lower number of total runs allowed during pool play.

3. The next criterion for determining the wild-card selection is run differential.
 4. The final tiebreaker for determining conference standing will be a coin flip.
- 2) Mercy rule 4.07.1 will be in effect.
 - 3) Seeding for the single elimination round will be determined using the Wild Card Tiebreakers.

In case of inclement weather or darkness the following rules will be in effect:

4.03.6 If the score is tied at the end of five or more full innings OR if five full innings have not been played when the official declares the game must be stopped due to weather or darkness, a HALTED GAME RULE will be in effect.

4.03.6.1 A game that has been stopped prior to five or more full innings being played OR before a winner can be declared because of inclement weather, darkness, light failure or curfew will be continued at the next available opportunity as set forth by the Tournament Director.

4.03.6.2 A halted game must resume play at exactly the point of being halted, with the lineups and batting orders of both teams exactly the same, subject to the rules of substitution; any player (or pitcher) who played, or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted, must be in the lineup when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game.

Other items:

- Be at your game a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the official start time of your game. Game times may be moved up if the previous game finishes early. Be in touch with the director at your field for the most up to date start time.
- Teams must provide their own ice and water.
- Teams are responsible for locating and retrieving foul balls. NO BALLS = NO PLAY
- The NCBA will provide game balls for the tournament.
- Keep in mind you are representing not only yourselves and your university but the NCBA as well. Act responsibly at the fields and at the hotel.

