

**“Fall Tournaments”  
Cumming, Georgia  
Sept / Oct , 2011**

Welcome to the Sawnee Mountain Thunder Fall Tournament. We are pleased that your team could join us and we look forward to having a fun weekends with some great baseball. We will use fields at Sawnee Mountain, City, Midway, and Fowler Parks. **THERE WILL BE NO GATE OR PARKING FEES.** The concession stands will be open for food and refreshments at very reasonable prices. **There will be a limit of 1 TEAM COOLER allowed in the dugout.**

We will use high school rules for this tournament. Exceptions are listed below in tournament rules. Teams will play 2 pool games then be seeded into a single elimination bracket on Sunday. All teams will be emailed Saturday as soon as possible after pool play ends with the pool play standings.

In case of ties after pool play, the following system will be utilized, in this order: team record including ties, head to head outcome (\*NOTE if there are more than 2 teams tied the head to head will be dropped); fewest runs allowed; total runs scored; run differential.

In the event a game is rained out it will be rescheduled if time and weather permit. The remaining games will be played as scheduled once fields are ready for play. The fields at both parks drain very well. We will do everything possible to play all games.

**Tournament Rules:**

1. OFFICIAL BOOK: Home team is required to keep official book.
2. VISITOR: The visiting team is required to provide a score board operator.
3. HOME/VISITOR: In pool play home team will be determined by coin toss. In single elimination the higher seed will be home team, until the championship game. Coin flip for home for Championship game.
4. BALLS: Each team is to provide 2 new baseballs per game.
5. GAME LENGTH: The games will be 7 innings with no new inning after 1:50. The Championship games will be a 2:00 time limit.
6. LINEUPS: Teams may bat continuous with free substitutions, bat only 9 or bat 9 with an Extra Hitter (EH). An EH will give a team a 10-player line-up that must be declared before the start of the game and used the remainder of the game. A designated hitter (DH) is not allowed.
7. EJECTIONS: All umpire decisions are final. Ejections must leave the park for the remainder of the day. If it is your last game of the day you miss the first game of the next day.
8. PITCHING: There will be no pitching limitations regarding number of innings pitched. All other high school pitching rules apply.
9. TIE GAMES: If the game is tied after time has expired it will end in a tie. If time has not expired we will use the “Texas Tie-Breaker” for one inning. If after one additional inning the game is still tied it will end in a tie. Ties will count as a half win and half loss. There cannot be any ties in the single elimination round on Sunday.
10. MERCY RULE: 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4, 8 after 5.
11. RAIN/DARKNESS: In the event of rain, lightning, darkness or other acts of God a game is considered complete after 3 innings have been played (or 2½ if the home team is ahead at that time). If after playing 3 complete innings the game must be called in the middle of an inning (due to rain or darkness), the score will revert back to the top of the current inning. If a game must be called before it is complete the winner will be the higher seeded team.
12. SPORTSMANSHIP: All players, coaches and fans are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Any player, coach, or parent/fan, whose conduct is unbecoming or abusive will, at minimum, be warned and may be ejected from the game and/or stands at the discretion of the tournament officials and/or umpires.

**Good Luck to every team! I hope this covers any questions you may have, if not just give me a call 770-231-6688.**

*Kenny Rodden*

## **Sawnee Mountain Park:**

**3995 Watson Rd  
Cumming, GA 30028**

## **Midway Park:**

**5100 Post Road  
Cumming, GA 30040**

## **City Park:**

**410 Pilgrim Mill Road  
Cumming, GA 30040**

## **EVENT REFUND POLICY**

- 1. If the event is completely cancelled due to weather or other acts of God there will be a 75 % refund.**
- 2. Once a team plays one game, there will be no refunds.**
- 3. If a team drops out less than seven (7) days prior to the \*official start of the event, there will be no refund.**

**\*Official Start – as defined by the date listed by the host**