

TAR HEEL LEAGUES, INC.

STATE TOURNAMENT HOST AGREEMENT

This STATE TOURNAMENT HOST AGREEMENT is mutually entered into between TAR HEEL LEAGUES, INC. and _____ (hereafter known as "HOST") to host the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Baseball/Softball (circle one) State Tournament to be held on the following dates: Thursday, July __, 20__ through Sunday, July __, 20__. This agreement describes fully the duties and responsibilities of each party.

THE "HOST" WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Two (2) lighted playing fields for each age division being played. The playing fields must meet the criteria as described in the current Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. rulebook, and must be lined off per NFHS requirements. Suitability and playability of the playing fields will be determined by the State President or his designee. Playing fields must have adequate parking, restroom, and scoreboard facilities.
2. Baseballs/softballs for the tournaments in which they are hosting. Baseballs possess the NFHS logo. 12" softballs shall possess the NFHS logo. 11" softballs shall possess the NFHS or ASA/USA logo. "HOST" will provide their District Director a sample of the proposed baseball/softball to be used. The District Director will then provide the ball to the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. State-Umpire-In-Chief, or his designee, for inspection and approval.
3. Adequate indoor space for a 10:30am coaches/umpires meeting on Thursday prior to the start of tournament play. No players are allowed to attend the coaches/umpires meeting.
4. Provisions for a meal for host staff, coaches, umpires, and Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. board members at the conclusion of the coaches/umpires meeting. Players are not allowed to be present for the meal.
5. Adequate outdoor space to accommodate all participating players, coaches, umpires, and spectators for a 1:00pm open ceremony on Thursday prior to the start of tournament play. "HOST" is responsible for developing the agenda for the opening ceremonies and scheduling the participation of all local dignitaries.
6. Hotel accommodations for the umpires (1 room per umpire). Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. will use certified local umpires for the tournaments. The State-Umpire-In-Chief will select and assign all umpires.
7. Food concessions and retain all proceeds. Concessions must remain open and available through the completion of the last game each day.

8. May provide tournament merchandise/memorabilia for sale to tournament participants and retain all proceeds. Tournament merchandise/memorabilia should be available through the completion of the tournament.
9. Adequate local personnel to provide the official scorekeeper and scoreboard operator for all tournament games.
10. Preparation of playing fields after every game, except for 8U where playing fields must be prepared after every other game. Playing fields must be lined off per NFHS requirements.
11. The admission fee is set at \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Of the \$7.00 adult admission fee, \$2.00 will be returned to Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. for general operating expenses and for the Community Assistance Fund. "HOST" will retain the remaining \$5.00 of the adult admission fee and all the \$4.00 children admission fee. The age classification for admission fees is as follows: 6 & Under – Free; Ages 7 to 12 – Children; Ages 13+ - Adult. "HOST" shall provide all personnel necessary to collect the admission fees. The \$2.00 per adult admission fee due to Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the state tournaments.
12. Grant Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. the authority to prohibit individuals who have exhibited unsportsmanlike conduct from being on "HOST" property during state tournament play.
13. Prepare, in an electronic format, a State Tournament Information Packet that will be distributed to all participating teams. The information packet must contain, as a minimum, the following: 1) List of local hotels with accompanying room rates and amenities; 2) Location, with street address, of all playing fields, including identification of all parking areas; 3) Location, with street address, of the coaches/umpires meeting; 4) Location, with street address, of opening ceremonies; 5) Location, with street address, of Sunday morning devotion. The State Tournament Information Packet must be sent to the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. State President a minimum of 45 days prior to the beginning of state tournament play.
14. Provide a speaker for a short devotion (no longer than 15 minutes) on Sunday morning no earlier than one (1) hour prior to the start of championship games. Teams will not be allowed to warm up during devotion time.
15. Grant Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. permission to place temporary "Welcome to Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. State Tournament" banners at the playing sites for the duration of the tournaments.
16. Announce the lineup prior to the start of each team's first tournament game. Prior to the start of the state championship game, both team's lineup will also be announced.
17. Tournament admission passes for four (4) coaches per team, umpires and family, and Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. board members and family.

TAR HEEL LEAGUES, INC. WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Prepare all tournament schedules and distribute via the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. website.

2. Review and verify the eligibility of all participating players through the submission of Tournament Eligibility Affidavits and birth certificates by all participating teams.
3. Organization and operations of all tournament play.
4. Serve as the Protest Committee for all tournament games.
5. Schedule and assign umpires for all tournament games.
6. In the event of inclement weather, will make the determination of when to suspend and resume play.
7. In the event of inclement weather, will determine the playability of the game fields.
8. In the event of inclement weather, will adjust the tournament schedule as needed, and will distribute new game times to all participating teams by the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. website.
9. All tournament awards for all age divisions.
10. Payment of all tournament umpire game fees.
11. Provide Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. official lineup cards for all tournament games.
12. Hotel accommodations for the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Board of Directors.

ATTEST:

_____ Date _____

“HOST” Authorized Representative

_____ Date _____

Mack McLeod, President

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.