



Coaler Youth Leagues Home Run Derby Rules & Regulations

April 22, 2023



Participant Eligibility

- The Baseball and Softball competition is open to anyone.
- There is no minimum number of participants.
- \$10 Participation Fee.

Operations

Field Dimensions**

- T-Ball (5-6yr): Fence Distance 45'
- Baseball Pinto (6-8yr): Fence Distance 75'
- Baseball Mustang(9-10yr): Fence Distance 115'
- Baseball Bronco(11-12yr): Fence Distance 155'
- Softball Pinto(7-8yr): Fence Distance 65'
- Softball Mustang(9-10yr): Fence Distance 105'
- Softball Bronco(11-12yr): Fence Distance 140'
- Softball Pony(13-14yr): Fence Distance 155'
- Softball Colt/Palomino(15-18yr): Fence Distance 165'

***To create a shortened fence distance, draw a chalk line through the outfield at each distance from the home plate or use cones.*

Judges

- At least three evaluators must be stationed near the outfield fence to judge if the ball landed over or on chalk/cones.

Pitching

- Adult pitcher(s) to be designated by the League Host. Where possible, the same pitcher should be used for a minimum of five (5) batters in each Round before rotating pitchers.
- The pitcher must be positioned and pitching no closer than 30ft from home plate for baseball and 20 ft for softball competition.

Event Structure

1st Round

- All participants receive 90 seconds to hit as many home runs as possible.
- Participants will draw numbers from a hat to determine the batting order.
- Any fair ball that lands over the fence/chalk in fair territory is a home run. A ball that lands on the chalk/cone line are NOT counted as a home run.

- At the end of the 1st Round, the 10 participants with the most home runs will advance to the 2nd Round. If the Division has less than 10 participants, ALL participants advance to the 2nd Round.

2nd Round

- The 10 participants receive 90 seconds to hit as many home runs as possible.
- The number of Home Runs from the 1st Round will determine the batting order, with the lowest total number hitting first.
- Any fair ball that lands over the fence/chalk in fair territory is a home run. A ball that lands on the chalk/cone line are NOT counted as a home run.
- At the end of the 2nd Round, the 5 participants with the highest total home runs (combined totals from 1st and 2nd rounds) will advance to the Final Round. If the Division has fewer than 5 participants, all participants advance to the Final Round.

Final Round

- The 5 participants receive 90 seconds to hit as many home runs as possible.
- The total number of Home Runs from the 1st, and 2nd Rounds will determine the batting order, with the lowest total number hitting first.
- Any fair ball that lands over the fence in fair territory are a home run. A ball that lands on the chalk/cone line are NOT considered a home run.
- At the Final Rounds end, the participant with the highest total home runs (combined totals from the 1st, 2nd, and Final Rounds) is the Coaler Youth League's Home Run Derby Champion!

Tie-Breakers

In the event of a tie at the end of the first, second, or final Round, there will be a swing-off between the participants who are tied, which will determine which participant advances (after 1st or 2nd rounds) or wins (after the final Round).

- Each participant will receive three (3) additional swings at a time
- The contestant with the most home runs after the three (3) additional swings will advance or be crowned the champion.
- The additional swings will repeat until the tie is broken.
- Tie-breaking home runs do not count toward the total home runs.

2023 Spring Season Home Run Derby Sign-up

Participant's Name: _____
 Participant's Division: _____
 Legal Guardian Name: _____
 Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Return Sign-up Slip & \$10 Payment to: **Coaler Youth Leagues**
PO Box 41, Coal City, IL 60416

