



PAT MCKINON JNR. BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

SEP 27 & 28, 2025

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF COMPETITION, CAMARADERIE, AND GREAT SPORT

TEAM ENTRY BY 21 SEPTEMBER

REGISTRATION 8:30 AM

OPENING CEREMONY 9:00 AM

FIRST PITCH 10:00 AM

U8, U10, U12, U15, U18

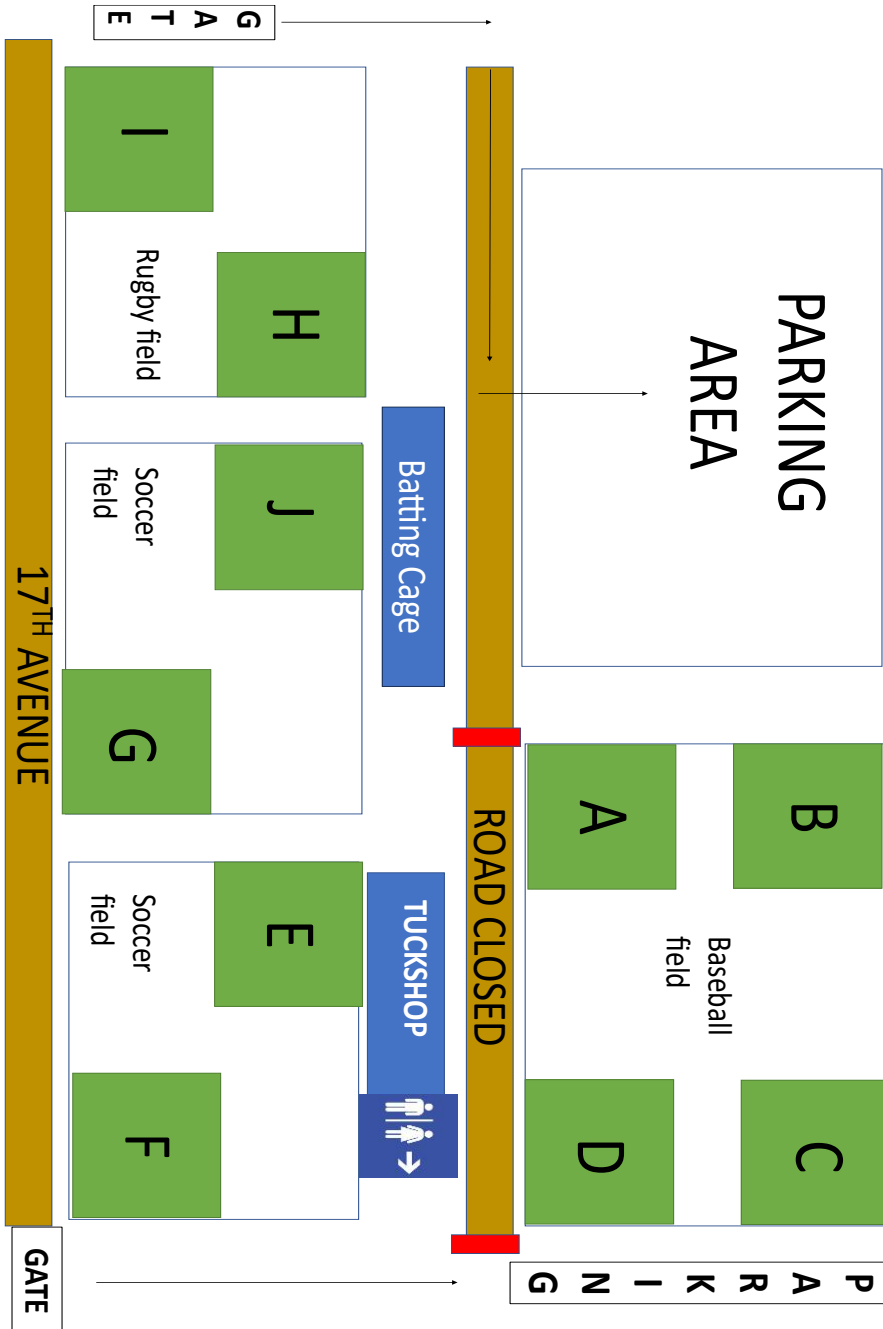
ALL WELCOME

FOOD STALLS AVAILABLE

PRIZE GIVING FOLLOWS THE FINAL GAME

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To all Baseball player and lovers of the game of Baseball
Greetings to all Committee members, Managers, Coaches and Players of this wonderful game.

I am writing this letter as a farewell from me, to all the many "Patrick McKinnon baseball tournaments" that have been held in my name.

I am 81 years old, and I think it is time to stand down.

I am both, extremely happy and Blessed to have had, all these tournaments in my name and I give my thanks and gratitude to the Giants Imps committees, over the last 10 years for this Honour.

I have been asked to give a summary of my Baseball history.

Playing: I have played baseball for 50 years and played in the Provincial sides every year for 15 years.

The first little league team was started in South Africa, in 1956 and I was one of 10 children who joined this team.

I was 11 years old. The team was named Rhodes Park Bears and was coached by a man in a

wheelchair, by the name of Rod Park. I owe all my success and achievements to this man, for he coached me and the players through 5 years of Little League baseball. Then took our team into men's baseball.

Where we won 3 successive years and were promoted each year, to a higher league.

He unfortunately passed away shortly after this, but left a legacy of 10 Little League teams, and a very successful club.

I was fortunate to be selected, to play Provincial baseball, every year for 15 years

Coaching: I Coached baseball for 50 years

I started coaching at the age of 14 and coached different age groups, club sides, every year for 45 years.

I coached Little League Provincial teams, for 15 years

Giants Imps Baseball club

Eddy Birkett-Sharp was the chairman of Imps baseball, and they played in the Malvern area.

Eddy phoned me and said he was looking to start a baseball club in the Edenvale area.

He asked me to join him and help him run the club. This was around 1993 or 1994.

I agreed and so we started the Edenvale Imps Baseball club.

Eddy was chairman and I was vice chairman. After a few years, Eddy became sick and had to retire as Chairman. I took over the position of Chairman and stayed in that position for 11 years.

After a few years, Giants who had been playing at another field joined us and we changed the name to

Giants Imps Baseball club

I will always be grateful to Giants Imps baseball committees for promoting me, and, to all the members who have become good friends.

I thank Aneline for this last tournament in my Honour and wish her and her committee every success for this tournament as well as for the future of Giants Imps Baseball club

THE PLEDGE

**I trust in GOD
I love my Country
And will respect it's
laws
I'll play fair, and strive
to win
But win or lose,
I'll always do my best**

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE DIRECTOR: MARCELLE STEYN

UMPIRE CONVENER:

JOHN FRESHWATER

SCORERS CONVENER:

ANELINE BUTLER

SCORERS & UMPIRES:

**Scorers and Umpires names to be sent to relevant
Conveners**

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. U8 and U10 Sunday games only, after opening ceremony all will meet on the U8/U10 fields for dividing of teams.**
- 2. Venue orientation map on first page of programme.**
- 3. Parking at either side of field as indicated on map, no parking in front of bar, only vendors**
- 4. Rules are on next pages, please read and make sure all is aware of rules relating to relevant age groups.**
- 5. No Alcohol will be allowed to be consumed beyond the bar area or on the side lines, anyone caught drinking alongside the field will be asked to leave immediately.**

**OPENING PLEDGE SATURDAY BEFORE
FIRST GAME**

**OPENING CEREMONY & PLEDGE
SUNDAY 08H15**

GENERAL RULES

1. The Tournament Director has the right, in consultation with the Director of Umpires to postpone and/or suspend any game as a result of adverse conditions or any other cause and re-schedule any game.

2. In any game which has been postponed and/or suspended by the Tournament Director and which cannot be rescheduled or concluded, points awarded as per the Conditions of Tournament Play.

a) EXCEPTION: In the event that the first innings is not completed, the game shall be replayed from the beginning and all records discarded - including the pitching records.

3. No team may be disqualified without authorisation of the Protest/Disciplinary Committee. Violations, which results in forfeiture or disqualification, must be reported immediately to the said committee.

4. No one, except the players, Manager, Coaches or Junior Coach listed on the team return shall occupy the bench or dug-out during the game.

5. The Manager/Coach is required to submit 1 copy of the team return before the start of each game.

6. A manager/Coach or Junior Coach may not leave the dug-out for any reason during the game without receiving permission from the Umpire in Chief. The Manager or Coaches may be removed from the field for the remainder of the game for violation of this rule. When permission is granted, only the Manager or Coaches will be permitted to go as far as the foul lines to confer with a pitcher. If the Manager or Coach desires, they may call one other player in on the discussion. All other players must remain in their positions.

7. A Manager or Coach may come out twice in one innings to talk to his pitcher, but the third time out the player must be removed as a pitcher. The rule applies to each pitcher who enters a game.

8. If a player is injured or becomes ill during a game, the decision of a Doctor or qualified person or Umpire in Chief will be final as to whether or not the player may continue in the game.

9. Should an injury prevent a Manager from fielding nine (9) players, he may, without penalty or forfeiture, replace the injured player with a player previously in the line-up.

10. A player who has been replaced may re enter the game once in any position in the batting order, provided that the player who was the substitute has completed one turn at bat and has played defensively for a minimum of three outs. Previously used pitchers in the game may not return as pitchers. The provision does not apply with respect to a player, or players ejected from the game. If a team is unable to field nine players for any reason, the game will be forfeited.

11. When a Manager claims that an Umpire's decision is in violation of Tournament and /or playing rules, he shall make a formal protest to the Umpire in Chief, who may, but will not be required, to call in the Tournament Director.

**** Protests not made before the next pitch shall not be considered****

12. Each participating club is responsible for ensuring that all their team officials have copies of the Official Rules and Tournament Rules prior to the start of the Pre-Tournament meeting. Ground rules for each tournament will be established by the Tournament Director at the Pre-Tournament Meeting.

13. No agreements shall be made between Managers and/or the Tournament Director and/or the Umpires, contrary to the Tournament Rules.

14. Coaches boxes may be occupied, in all age groups, for those who are to assist and coach batters and base runners by:

Two adults - Manager and Coach or either Manager or Coach plus Junior Coach or a player. Player must wear a helmet

15. Any violations of these Tournament Rules and/or Playing Rules will result in forfeiture of the game.

16. No person occupying the dugouts may smoke/vape in or around the dugouts

17. No player while on the field of play may wear jewellery such as ear rings finger rings or chains of any kind unless such chains are prescribed by the Medic - Alert Organisation.

18. The speed up rule involving the catcher on 2 down is permitted at the tournament.

19. The use of designated hitter (DH) will be permitted in U19.

20. The consumption of alcohol by ANY OFFICIAL in uniform, will NOT be permitted at any part of the tournament.

21. The sale and consumption of alcohol at any Youth Baseball event will only be sanctioned if it occurs in an enclosed area which prohibits access to minors.

22. Smoking by any official involved in games in progress is not permitted

23. Home team is determined by the team named first on the fixture

MANAGER / COACH CODE OF ETHICS

1. It is the duty of the Coach to be in control of his players at all times in order to prevent any unsportsmanlike acts or behaviour towards opponents, officials or spectators
2. Coaches are expected to uphold the intent and spirit of the rules at all times. Coaches encouraging players to violate the rules are indefensible
3. Coaches should teach their players to respect the dignity of the game, officials, opponents and the institutions which they represent.
4. Coaches should confine their discussions with the game officials to the interpretations of the rules and not constantly challenge the umpire's decisions involving judgment.
5. Whereas friendly banter between players is not prohibited, cursing, obscene language, malicious or personal remarks to opponents or spectators will not be tolerated at any time. Players should rather use their energy encouraging their team mates to better efforts.
6. Coaches should confine their remarks to their own team matters, and not ridicule / berate or refer to the opposing pitcher
7. Coaches themselves, should refrain from any personal actions or words that might arouse players or spectators to unsportsmanlike behaviour.
8. Coaches should expect from Umpires a courteous and dignified attitude toward players and themselves.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- 1) THESE ARE KIDS
- 2) THIS IS A GAME
- 3) COACHES ARE VOLUNTEERS
- 4) UMPIRES ARE HUMAN
- 5) YOU DO NOT PLAY FOR



Pitching limitations

PITCH COUNTS FOR THE TOURNAMENT

12 UNDER

90 PITCHES MAX FOR THE WEEKEND.

70 MAX ON ANY ONE DAY.

CAN ONLY PITCH IN ONE GAME A DAY.

ONE PITCH CONSTITUTES A GAME.

HOWEVER IF A PITCHER THROWS MORE THAN 70 ON ONE DAY HE/SHE IS DONE FOR THE WEEKEND (CANNOT PITCH AGAIN) AND MUST COME OUT OF GAME.

CAN NOT PITCH AND CATCH IN THE SAME GAME.

15 UNDER

110 PITCHES MAX FOR THE WEEKEND.

90 MAX ON ANY ONE DAY.

CAN ONLY PITCH IN ONE GAME A DAY.

ONE PITCH CONSTITUTES A GAME.

HOWEVER IF A PITCHER THROWS MORE THAN 90 ON ONE DAY HE/SHE IS DONE FOR THE WEEKEND (CANNOT PITCH AGAIN) AND MUST COME OUT OF GAME.

CAN NOT PITCH AND CATCH IN THE SAME GAME.

19 UNDER

120 PITCHES MAX FOR THE WEEKEND.

90 MAX ON ANY ONE DAY.

CAN ONLY PITCH IN ONE GAME A DAY.

ONE PITCH CONSTITUTES A GAME.

HOWEVER IF A PITCHER THROWS MORE THAN 90 ON ONE DAY HE/SHE IS DONE FOR THE WEEKEND (CANNOT PITCH AGAIN) AND MUST COME OUT OF GAME.

CAN NOT PITCH AND CATCH IN THE SAME GAME.

DURATION OF GAMES

19 UNDER

•2 hours

•No new innings shall be commenced after 1 hour 50 minutes but any innings commenced shall be completed

•Mercy rule: 15 runs after 5 innings, 10 runs after 7 innings

15 UNDER

•1 hour 30 minutes

•No new innings shall be commenced after 1 hour 20 minutes but any innings commenced shall be completed

•Mercy rule: 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 6 innings

12 UNDER

•1 hour 30 minutes

•No new innings shall be commenced after 1 hour 20 minutes but any innings commenced shall be completed

•Mercy rule: 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 6 innings

10 UNDER

•1 hour

•No pitch ball only T-ball

•All 9 players, 3 down innings - alternating

8 UNDER

•1 hour

•T-ball

•All 9 players

U8 ALL MEET AT 10:00, SPLIT TO TEAMS						
DATE	START	FINISH	HOME	VS	AWAY	FIELD
28-Sept	08:15		OPENING CEREMONY			
SUNDAY	11:00	12:00				E
	12:30	13:30				E
	14:00		PRIZE Giving u8 & u10			

U10 ALL MEET AT 10:00, SPLIT TO TEAMS						
DATE	START	FINISH	HOME	VS	AWAY	FIELD
28-Sept	08:15		OPENING CEREMONY			
SUNDAY	11:00	12:00				F
	12:30	13:30				F
	14:00		PRIZE Giving u8 & u10			

U12						
DATE	START	FINISH	HOME	VS	AWAY	FIELD
27-Sept	11:00	12:30	TAIPANS	VS	Cardinals	J
SATURDAY	13:00	14:30	IMPS	VS	Indians	J
	15:00	16:30	Cardinals	VS	IMPS	J
	15:00	16:30	Indians	VS	TAIPANS	G

DATE	START	FINISH	HOME	VS	AWAY	FIELD
28-Sept	08:15		OPENING CEREMONY			
SUNDAY	09:00	10:30	Indians	VS	Cardinals	J
	11:00	12:30	IMPS	VS	Alex/Stars	J
	13:00	14:30	TAIPANS	VS	Palmridge	J
	15:00	16:30	Cardinals	VS	Indians (2)	J
	09:00	10:30	TAIPANS	VS	Alex/Stars	G
	11:00	12:30	Indians (2)	VS	Palmridge	G
	13:00	14:30	IMPS	VS	Indians	G
	15:00	16:30	IMPS	VS	TAIPANS	G

U15						
DATE	START	FINISH	HOME	VS	AWAY	FIELD
27-Sept	11:00	12:30	Indians B	VS	Indians B (2)	B
SATURDAY	13:00	14:30	Indians G	VS	Cardinals G	B
	15:00	16:30	Cardinals B	VS	IMPS	B

DATE	START	FINISH	HOME	VS	AWAY	FIELD
27-Sept	11:00	12:30	IMPS	VS	Cardinals G	D
SATURDAY	13:00	14:30	Cardinals B	VS	Indians B (2)	D
	15:00	16:30	Indians G	VS	Indians B	D

DATE	START	FINISH	HOME	VS	AWAY	FIELD
28-Sept	08:15		OPENING CEREMONY			
SUNDAY	09:00	10:30	Indians B	VS	Palm Ridge	B
	11:00	12:30	Indians G	VS	Indians B (2)	B
	13:00	14:30	Cardinals B	VS	Alex/Stars (6+2)	B
	15:00	16:30	IMPS	VS	Cardinals G	B
	09:00	10:30	Indians G	VS	Alex/Stars (6+2)	D
	11:00	12:30	Cardinals G	VS	Indians B	D
	13:00	14:30	IMPS	VS	Palm Ridge	D
	15:00	16:30	Cardinals B	VS	Indians B (2)	D

U19						
DATE	START	FINISH	HOME	VS	AWAY	FIELD
27-Sept	09:30	11:30	Indians	VS	Cardinals	A
SATURDAY	12:00	14:00	IMPS	VS	Alex	A
	14:30	16:30	Cardinals	VS	IMPS	A
	14:30	16:30	Alex	VS	Indians	C

DATE	START	FINISH	HOME	VS	AWAY	FIELD
28-Sept	08:15		OPENING CEREMONY			
SUNDAY	09:00	11:00	Alex	VS	Cardinals	A
	11:30	13:30	Cardinals	VS	Indians	A
	14:00	16:00	IMPS	VS	Palmridge/stars	A
	09:00	11:00	Indians	VS	IMPS	C
	11:30	13:30	Alex	VS	Palmridge/stars	C

Message from the President
Giant and Imps Baseball Club

Receiving Patrick McKinon's farewell words to the club brought tears to my eyes but in the same breadth it gave me inspiration to keep on pushing forward with Giant Imp Baseball.

This year has truly been the year where players from the past have come forward and asked to tell their story. We at Giants Imps baseball want to hear those stories because that is our baseball history and from that we can learn so much.

Baseball has taught us that no matter the team or the player you can never predict the outcome result of the game.

I have seen many things from this game: discipline, team work, self motivation and courage (to get hit by the ball, get up and carry on playing)

Thank you to everyone for all your support.

Aneline Butler
President

**Prizegiving and closing ceremony
will take place on Sunday at 17h00.**

**The GIANTS IMPS Committee would
like to thank all teams and families for
attending the tournament.**

