



2017

13th Annual Merton Scrimmage Tournament

- WHO:** U8/2nd Grade through U14/8th Grade baseballs teams.
- WHAT:** Opportunity for Practice Games in a Tournament Environment
- WHEN:** May 5th thru 7th, 2017 (Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday)
- WHERE:** Merton Schools, Merton Fireman's/Pollworth Parks, and North Lake
- ENTRY FEE:** \$250
- GAMES:** Guaranteed 3 Games (Format below)
- CONCESSIONS:** Full concessions served. No carry-ins, alcohol or tobacco allowed
- RAIN POLICY:** Teams will be refunded 50% of their entry fee if no games are played
- UMPIRES:** WUA umpires used for all games
- REGISTRATION:** <https://www.mertonathletics.org/>
- QUESTIONS:** John Harlos - jharlos@kingswayhomes.com

The screenshot shows the website www.mertonathletics.org. The navigation menu includes Home, M.A.A., M.A.A. PROGRAMS, REGISTRATION, Baseball Schedules and Directions, Contact Us, About Us, Basketball schedules, and Login. The main content area features a registration notice: "Registration for Winter and Spring Programs is going on now! Please click here to register." Below this, it states "BOYS 5th and 6th Grade AMSAC registration ends November 15." A red-bordered box highlights the text: "Mavericks Spring Scrimmage please click here to register. Please click here for information." The page is divided into two columns: "Announcements" and "Proud Sponsors". The "Announcements" column lists "IMPORTANT DATES" for November and December. The "Proud Sponsors" column features the logo for "KINGS WAY HOMES".

Scrimmage Format

Purpose: Our tournament is meant to provide an early season opportunity for teams to practice against other teams in real game / tournament conditions. There is no limit on substitutions and re-entries to provide coaches with a maximum opportunity to play kids in a variety of positions. Pitchers are limited to three innings for the entire day. Coaches are encouraged to speak to players and make on the field corrections as the game goes on. Opposing coaches should be respectful of this. Also keep in mind we want to get as many repetitions as possible for kids in different positions, so take things off line as much as possible to keep the games moving. Please remember to anticipate catcher preparation (with pinch runners if needed) to keep games moving.

Games: Each game will be as many innings as can be played in the time allotted. Games will be stopped at 90 to 105 minutes, depending on age group. Umpires and new baseballs will be supplied, fields will be prepped in the morning and maintained throughout the day, and real game / tournament conditions will exist.

Rules: In general, **WSYBL League Rules will apply** to the 2nd Grade/U8-8th Grade/U14 brackets with some modifications at various ages. A summary of these rules are available upon request and will be posted on our website at www.mertonathletics.org. When in doubt on a rule, coaches should assume a relaxed approach and defer to umpire decisions.

Times:

Three games will be scheduled against 3 different teams. Teams are matched based on leagues and records from previous season. One game per age group will be played on Friday evening (closest geographic teams) and remaining games will be scheduled throughout Saturday and Sunday.

Locations: Merton is located north of Hartland and west of Sussex. School is a quarter mile west of Highway KE (Main Street) on Highway EF (Sussex Road). Drive behind red brick primary school and park in back. Fireman's Park is west off of Main Street (VV) going north from Highway EF into the Village of Merton. Pollworth Park is off of Hwy VV going west out of the village. Enter through the Bark River Crossing subdivision. North Lake is located at Hwy VV and 83. Fields are all located behind North Lake School.

Concessions: Concessions will be available very conveniently throughout the day at all parks. No food or beverage carry-ins please. Alcohol and tobacco products are prohibited. Pets are also prohibited.

Roster / Liability: Every team must have a release of liability roster signed by parents of each player on the roster. Players will not be eligible to participate until this is turned in to the tournament director.