



## **BATTLE OF OMAHA YOUTH TOURNAMENT: AGES 10U - 14U**

2024 Battle of Omaha is pleased to offer a non-sanctioning tournament for ages 10 - 14. We offer 4 games for all ages, weather permitting. We do our best to ensure everyone can attend the CWS each night as we do our best to be off the field by 5pm. Regardless of weather, we do not play into the evening. Our goal is to maximize the number of games we can get in based on tournament format for a specific age group. Because of that, we must string game times back-to-back with game time limits and modifications during bracket play and championship rounds.

The tournament cost of \$1,075.00 for all age groups includes your entry fee, gate fee for players, coaches and fans, and Nebraska State Sales Tax. Regarding tickets to the CWS, please review the ticket FAQ's document located on the home page.

As mentioned, you do not need to be sanctioned to any affiliation (CABA, USSSA, Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken, etc.) to play in the Battle of Omaha. For each age group, a limited number of teams will be determined to fill out the respective age groups; any where from 12-16 teams for each group; so, it is important to register early to hold a spot. The tournament will be aligned with each team playing 2 pool games then being split up by either playing in a Single Elimination Championship Bracket or a Single Elimination Consolation Bracket. If a team loses its first bracket play game, they will get one more game. Each pool of 4 will have a mix of Gold teams, Silver teams, and Bronze teams, based on what the mix is by age group. We will do our best with what we have and try to keep states separate as well. Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place teams from the championship bracket and consolation bracket. *(the tournament format may be altered due to the number of teams entered in a specific age group)* We have sold-out all ages the last four years. If for some unforeseen reason, we may have to combine (not in all circumstances) the 11U/12U age divisions to make these age groups available for tournament play.

To help you to define the strength of your team, we provide you this example:

- **Gold Level:** Generally, your highest level select teams that travel out of state, play in multiple tournaments, pulls players from different areas, aka your Major Teams.
- **Silver Level:** Generally, your select teams that do travel and play in multiple tournaments, compete in many local tournaments, aka your AAA Teams.
- **Bronze Level:** Generally, your lower level select teams, or challenge teams, some travel, in-house affiliation along with an all-star picked to travel for tournaments, play mostly local tournaments with certain number of games, aka your A/AA Teams.

**By popular demand, the Skills Challenge/Pin Trading event for 10U-14U during sessions 1 & 3 is back. See details on our website.**

**Pitching and Base Distance by age group.**

- 10U - 46/65
- 11U - 50/70
- 12U - 50/70
- 13U - 54/80
- 14U - 60' 6"/90

**Age Requirement. Coaches are required to provide photocopies of birth certificates for proof of age and current report card for proof of grade (if applicable).**

**10U – player turning 11 prior to May 1 of current year is NOT eligible unless they are in the 4th grade**  
**11U – player turning 12 prior to May 1 of current year is NOT eligible unless they are in the 5th grade**  
**12U – player turning 13 prior to May 1 of current year is NOT eligible unless they are in the 6th grade**  
**13U – player turning 14 prior to May 1 of current year is NOT eligible unless they are in the 7th grade**  
**14U – player turning 15 prior to May 1 of current year is NOT eligible unless they are in the 8th grade**

Check-in for teams will be the time prior to your first game of the tournament.

Below are the dates for the Battle of Omaha tournament and the CWS schedule:

**Session #1: June 13-15 - Thursday evening is the Opening Ceremony of the CWS: team practices and autographs at TD Ameritrade, Fanfest presented by Capital One open to the public, and fireworks, concert, free to the public. CWS games begin on Friday, June 14.**

**Session #2: June 17-19 - During the heart of the CWS, most opportunities to attend CWS games.**

**Session #3: June 20-22 - With the new CWS schedule format, we would need to see what happens with the CWS games on Wednesday. If both undefeated CWS teams win on Wednesday, there would be no games Thursday or Friday; if one or both CWS teams with losses win on Wednesday then there would be at least one game on Thursday. The CWS finals will begin that Saturday; teams would generally stay through Saturday night to catch first game of the best of three series.**

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