



TOURNAMENT MEANING

The Can-Am Tournament was established in 1978 as a tournament that was played for fun and sportsmanship. NOT FOR ANY KIND OF BIG MONEY OR TROPHIES. The purpose of our tournament is to get friends together twice a year, play some ball and have some fun.

In the past few years some teams old and new have started to or have lost sight of the fact that this is a fun tournament. Yes it is nice to win, but winning should NOT be everything. If your team is coming to this tournament with the sole vision of first place and pounding every team that they face with as many runs that are humanly possible in a game then you and your team are in the wrong tournament. Most teams that are in this tournament do not care if they win or loose, but to come out and face teams that are dead set serious about winning and not having fun ruins the feeling of the tournament for those teams.

Our scoring methods that we use for deciding places are designed to discourage teams from consistently mercying teams. If you mercy a team by 30 runs on the field you are going to get a run differential of a maximum of seven on the scoreboard...so what is the point! We do realize that some games are going to be high scoring, hard for the other team to score, or simply going to turn out that way no matter what. But it should not happen consistently and across the board.

There is no way for us as tournament directors to control the scores of the games. But we can however control the kind of teams that participate in our tournament. If teams continue to demonstrate to us that all they care about is the trophy and the seriousness of the games that they play, we will recommend to those teams to find another tournament to participate in.

GIFT EXCHANGE

The gift exchange was established as a way for the Canadian and American teams to give a small token or souvenir from one country to another. Its original concept was to exchange something from "our city to yours". We continue to offer the gift exchange to our teams as a way for the teams to offer a small gift to each other.

Teams are encouraged to get creative with their gifts and still stay reasonable is cost. It does not take much thought to come up with creative and fun gifts or souvenirs. Some teams stop at the store on the way to the park and pick something up at the last minute with no thought or meaning. Other teams are left with no gift at all. Please try to reflect the meaning of the tournament in your gift exchange ideas. To some teams the gift itself means more than the tournament.

"NO BEER FOR GIFTS PLEASE"