

JPBL: 2025 Indoor 'In the Dome' Tournament @ CenterCourt Lawrence

March 22 – 23, 2025: Indoor Winter Tournament ~ for Town Travel Teams only

Game Schedule: Saturday, 3/22/2025 & Sunday, 3/23/2025

Batting Cates available prior to game for pre-game warmup

Divisions: Participating teams will be placed into (4) divisions (*assigned Team #1 – 12*) **by Random Draw**

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Team 1 – So. Plainfield	Team 4 – SPF	Team 7 – Hillsborough	Team 10 – New Providence
Team 2 – Watchung	Team 5 – Ridge	Team 8 – Allentown	Team 11 – Chatham
Team 3 – Cranford Blue	Team 6 – Branchburg	Team 9 – Summit	Team 12 – Westfield

Saturday, 3/22/2025: Pool Play Games ~ (2) games vs teams in your division

Game Time	Field 1	Field 2
8:00am Games	Team 1 (So. Plainfield) @ Team 2 (Watchung)	Team 4 (SPF) @ Team 5 (Ridge)
10:00am Games	Team 3 (Cranford) @ Team 1 (So. Plainfield)	Team 6 (Branchburg) @ Team 4 (SPF)
12:00pm Games	Team 2 (Watchung) @ Team 3 (Cranford)	Team 5 (Ridge) @ Team 6 (Branchburg)
2:00pm Games	Team 7 (Hillsborough) @ Team 8 (Allentown)	Team 10 (New Prov) @ Team 11 (Chatham)
4:00pm Games	Team 9 (Summit) @ Team 7 (Hillsborough)	Team 12 (Westfield) @ Team 10 (New Prov)
6:00pm Games	Team 8 (Allentown) @ Team 9 (Summit)	Team 11 (Chatham) @ Team 12 (Westfield)

Sunday, 3/23/2025: Playoff Games ~ (2) games guaranteed

Game Time	Field 1	Field 2
8:00am Games	G1: 3 rd Place D4 @ 3 rd Place D1	G2: 3 rd Place D3 @ 3 rd Place D2
10:00am Games	G3: 2 nd Place D4 @ 2 nd Place D1	G4: 2 nd Place D3 @ 2 nd Place D2
12:00pm Games	G5: Winner G1 v. Winner G2	G6: Loser G1 v. Loser G2
2:00pm Games	G7: Winner G3 v. Winner G4	G8: Loser G3 v. Loser G4
4:00pm Games	G9: 1 st Place D4 @ 1 st Place D1	G10: 1 st Place D3 @ 1 st Place D2
6:00pm Games	G11: Championship Winner G9 v. Winner G10	G12: 3 rd Place Loser G9 v. Loser G10

JPBL Indoor 'In the Dome' – Tournament Rules

- **Dome Rules:** Umpires will review ~ Ball hits ceiling = foul ball; Ball past catcher's backstop = 1 base; Nets/Wires; Balks
- **Bat Rule:** USA Baseball bats only (*no USSSA or BBCOR bats allowed*)
- **Cleats:** Rubber cleats allowed
- **Time Limit:** No new inning after 1 hour, 40 minutes / Hard Stop – 1 hour, 55 minutes
- **Mercy Rule:** 15 Runs – after 3 / 10 Runs – after 4 / 8 Runs – after 5
- **Tie-Breakers:** Head to Head, Runs Allowed, Runs Scored, then Coin Flip

GENERAL	BATTING	BASERUNNING	PITCHING	EQUIPMENT	COACHES
6 inning game – No new inning after 1hr 40min (new inning begins when last out is recorded in previous inning, not at 1 st pitch of new inning) Hard Stop: 1 hr, 55 minutes Score reverts to last completed inning (<i>home team does not need to bat if ahead</i>)	Roster Batting Must bat all players in uniform Late Arrival – bottom lineup	Stealing all bases LEADS ALLOWED	SAFE PITCH Max 85 Total Pitches on Day Once removed from game, cannot return that game	Bats must have USA Bat Stamp (<i>No USSSA or BBCor</i>)	Only Head Coach speak to umpire and is responsible for keeping team/asst. coaches & parents under control
Mercy Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15-runs after 3-innings ○ 10-runs after 4-innings ○ 8-runs after 5-innings No maximum runs per inning	Out of Order = Batter out (after one pitch) <i>No penalty for injury/early departure – skip spot</i>	Ball is live so runners can advance at any time unless dead ball or time is out	Pitcher pick-off allowed. Balks = IN EFFECT (<i>Umpires discretion warnings</i>)	<u>Required:</u> Protective Cup Heart Guard	2 mound visits per pitcher/per inning. Pitcher must be replaced on 2nd visit of inning
Minimum 8 players in field Maximum 9 playing in field FREE Substitution (pitcher may not return in game)	Bunting allowed; no slash hitting (<i>fake bunt & swing</i>)	Catcher pickoff allowed; runners can advance	Unlimited Walks No intentional walks	No Metal Spikes	Pitcher cannot re-enter at pitcher once removed from game
Home team – determined via pre-game Coin Flip	Infield Fly – in Effect	Unlimited steal attempts	50-foot mound distance	Catcher's Mitt required	No shifts (3 outfielders; two infielders on right and left)
Tie-Breakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head to Head • Runs Allowed • Runs Scored • then Coin Flip 	Hit by Pitch batter awarded 1st Base	Out-of-play: one base In-play: all bases	No chanting/talking when pitcher is on the rubber		Courtesy runners for Catcher/ Pitcher/Injury at any time (<i>last batted out</i>)
	70 feet base distance	Feet-first AND Head-first allowed to all bases	3 Hit batters in game, and pitcher must be removed		Coach meeting with before each game – Review DOME Rules
	Dropped 3 rd Strike IN EFFECT (<i>1st base must be unoccupied or two outs</i>)	Slide to avoid contact. (<i>Umpire's discretion, avoidable contact = runner is out</i>)			No Protests. Work it out at game with umpires.

Game Day Notes – CenterCourt Lawrence

- **Address:** CenterCourt Lawrence, 1080 Spruce St, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648
 - The Dome is approx. 1-hour away from most towns in our area
- **Footwear:** Plastic cleats are allowed like a normal turf field (this is noted in the rules doc attached)
 - **Cleats:** *Rubber cleats ARE allowed*
- **Climate:** the bubble can get cool as the sun goes down, so having sweatshirt handy is good idea (*for players & fans*)
 - Long sleeve under the uniform Jersey for players if recommended
- **Chairs/Spectators:** There are no bleachers/chairs, so definitely bring your own Chairs/Blankets
 - There is space beyond outfield fence for spectators to watch games
- **Food/Food Trucks:**
 - Food Trucks will be scheduled to be present for the Tournament
 - The Dome also has vending machines for snacks & drinks, and a water bottle filling station
 - Teams can bring cooler with snacks/drinks
 - There is not hot food at the dome – but area spots you can order in pizza/sandwiches/etc
 - Halo Farms
 - WaWa
 - Ruben’s Pizza – 2191 Spruce Street (609-883-6637) ~ they deliver
 - Centercourt does have tables for food/eating between games (picnic style)
- **There is space/area for teams to gather between games**