

Host FAQ's

When should the competition be held?

Competitions can be scheduled any time from March 1 – mid-May. You may hold the competition on a weekend or weekday – whichever works best for your organization and potential participants. Local hosts have the most participation when the competition is held along with a large league event, such as Opening Day, or as part of PE classes, or as part of after school activities.

Why “mid May?”

Your Local competition should be completed prior to the Sectional competition that you are assigned to in your area so that your local winners have the opportunity to advance. Some Sectionals take place in late May or early June, which means you COULD schedule your Local competition later in May if you find out that your corresponding Sectional is scheduled later.

How should I set up the competition? Can I use just one field or should I use multiple fields?

You can do either. We recommend that you structure the competition so that participants rotate through the skills. If you use one field, you can set it up so that hitting takes place on the field, while pitching takes place down the right or left field line, in a bullpen, or right outside the field (a pitcher's mound is not required). Running can then take place at the end, as it takes the least amount of time.

If you use multiple fields, you can have a different skill on each of three fields and have the participants rotate from field to field.

What is included in the administrator kit?

Your free local administrator kit will include a handbook (which includes scoresheets, result forms, advancement letters and all the instructions you need on how to set up your competition), registration forms, award ribbons, promotional posters, a “strike zone” banner and participation cards.

When will I receive my administrator kit?

If you sign up to host a competition prior to February, you will receive your kit by the end of February. Otherwise, you will receive your kit within 1-2 weeks of PHR National Headquarters receiving your sign-up form.

Can I host multiple Local competitions?

You may host multiple Local competitions if you have different sites/parks or different groups in your area to whom you can offer the program. Keep in mind each Local competition should have a minimum of 30 participants.

Does every age group have to be represented at the Local competition?

No.

When and where will the Sectional take place?

Sectionals will take place from late May to early June. Sectional sites will be determined based on where Local competitions break out geographically. You will be notified by your state coordinator or PHR National Headquarters as to when and where your Sectional will occur.

If you have not received Sectional information from your state coordinator or PHR National Headquarters by the first week in May, please email pitchhitrun@mlb.com immediately.

Who will notify my Local competition winners with the Sectional information?

It is the Local competition host's responsibility to notify his or her winners of the Sectional competition information.

What type of facility do I need to host this event?

A baseball field is obviously the ideal location for the competition, but if you don't have a baseball field available, the competition may still be held in an open field. You can use the handbook & tape measure to measure out the distances.

Indoor facilities are fine, but usually aren't able to accommodate the hitting portion of the competition. You can have pitching and running indoors and move hitting to an outdoor parking lot or field, if one is available.

Can I run this program in my school?

Yes. You may run this program as part of PE classes, a school field day or as an after school activity.

Can I pre-register participants for the competition?

Yes. Once you receive your administrative kit, you may distribute the registration forms provided and have participants pre-register. If you have signed up and would like to start distributing registration forms prior to receiving your kit, please email pitchhitrun@mlb.com.

How many participants advance in each age group?

The number of participants advancing in each age group will vary. The following competitors will advance in each age group: All-Around Champion, Pitching Champion, Hitting Champion, and Running Champion.

Please note that one child may win every category, in which case only that competitor would advance for that age group. For another example, the Pitching Champion may also be the Running Champion. If this is the case, only that competitor will advance for both categories. Second place participants will not advance just because one person wins more than one category.

In addition, you may have ties for the Pitching, Hitting or Running Champion (most common in Pitching) – in which case, everyone who tied for Pitching Champion will advance.

How long with the competition last?

Research shows that it takes each participant approximately two minutes to complete the competition.

Do I have to know my competition date, time or location to register to host?

No. If you are unsure as to when exactly your event will take place, you may register now and email that information to pitchhitrun@mlb.com at a later date.

How do I promote my Local competition?

Provided in your administrative handbook is a Local Competition Press Release. You may fill this out and distribute it to your local media outlets – newspaper, television, radio, etc. Also provided in your administrative kits are promotional posters that you can fill out and post around your town.

Leagues can have their coaches get the word out to their teams. They can also have coaches commit to bringing their kids to compete in the competition at a certain time. Recreation departments and community organizations often put notification of the competition in their newsletters or promotional material announcing upcoming events.

Can I use the PHR logo in my promotional material?

If you would like to use the PHR logo, you must first contact PHR Headquarters at pitchhitrun@mlb.com to request use. You will have to provide a proof of how you plan to use the logo. No other logos may be used if the PHR logo is used – this includes your own organization's logo.

Can I use PHR as a fundraiser?

No. PHR is designed to be a free program for organizations and participants. No one may be charged to participate in the competition. However, you may have a concession stand available during your competition.