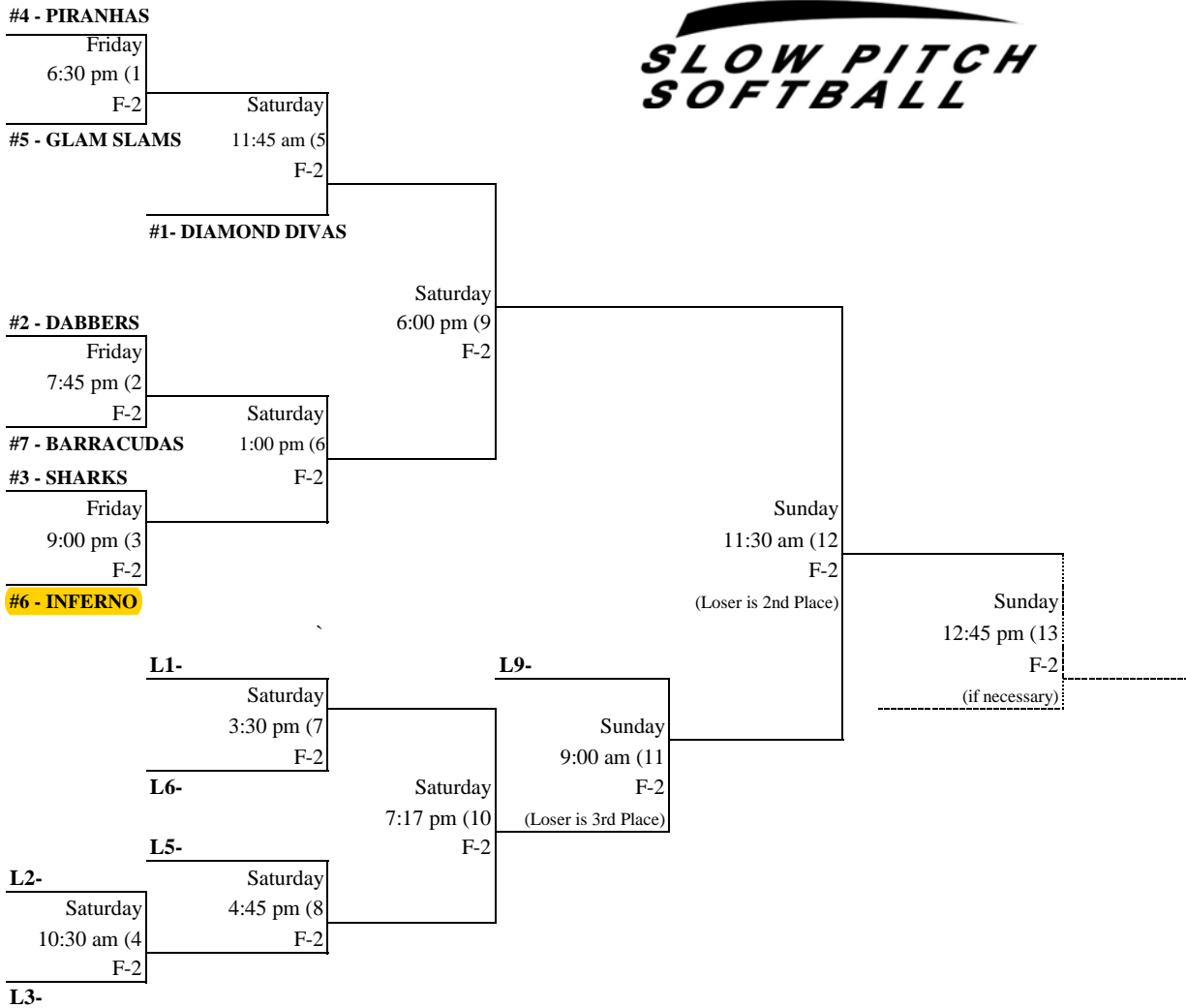


# 2018 Minor League Tournament Bracket



**Field Key**

- F-1 McKnight Field #1
- F-2 McKnight Field #2
- F-3 McKnight Field #3
- F-4 McKnight Field #4

**First Place:**

**Second Place:**

**Third Place:**

## **MINOR LEAGUE TOURNAMENT RULES:**

- 1. BEFORE EACH GAME, EACH TEAM MUST PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF THE OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE LINEUP TO THE OPPOSING TEAM.**
2. To preserve the infield-playing surface, teams can only warm up in the outfield grass or the infield foul territory. Pitchers taking warm-up tosses and their catchers are the only exception.
3. Teams must have a minimum of eight players to begin a game.
4. Minor league players may not be used as substitutes for other Minor league teams.  
Teams may use substitute players (limit of 3) from the NSPAA Filly league to fill shortages.
5. Substitute players are restricted to any outfield position and must bat last in the batting order.
6. Games will be 7 innings or 1 hour, whichever ever comes first. No new inning will begin after 55 min.
7. In the event of a tie, extra inning will be played. The last out of the previous inning will start at second base with one out. (International Rule)
8. The 10 run rule is in effect after 5 innings, the 15 run rule is in effect after 4 innings, and the 20 run rule is in effect after 3 innings.
9. A player receiving a minor injury that draws blood must be removed from play until the injury is treated.
10. Bats not having the USSSA, ASA stamp or NSPAA engraving are illegal.
11. The pitch count is three balls/two strikes with one courtesy foul.
12. Prior to pitching, the Pitcher shall take a position with her pivot (push-off) foot firmly on the ground and in contact with the pitching rubber. The pivot foot must be in contact with the pitching rubber when the pitched ball is released.
13. The pitcher must present the ball in FRONT of her body (for a least one second) in one or both hands before starting the delivery motion.
14. The pitched ball must arc 3 feet after leaving the pitcher's hand before it passes any part of home plate and shall not rise higher than 10 feet above the ground.
15. A ball striking any portion of the carpet will be called a strike; unless, the pitch does not satisfy the pitch height limitations.
16. Intentional walks are not allowed in the Minor League.
17. Pitchers may start three innings and be used in relief for one inning during a game.
18. A relief pitcher must be a player on the field of play. A player may not be brought off the team bench to replace a struggling pitcher. The pitcher MUST complete 1 full at bat before substitute may be utilized.
19. With the exception of pitcher, substitutions between position players are not allowed.
20. On an overthrown ball that goes out of play, runners are allowed the base they are going to plus one extra base.
- 21. The Umpire will call time when the lead runner has been stopped.  
The inning will end when 3 outs have been made OR 9 runs have been scored; whichever comes first.**
22. Coaches are required to develop each player's infield, outfield, and pitching skills. To this end, no player will play the same position for more than 2 innings with the exception of the pitcher. In addition, each player must play 1 infield position and 1 outfield position in the first 4 innings.
23. All players must sit once time before any player sits twice.
24. Coaches are allowed two visits to the pitching rubber per inning. On the second visit, the coach must replace the pitcher with a player from the playing field.
- 25. Umpires overhearing a coach instructing an athlete to avoid swinging the bat will be subject to the following sanctions: First Offense - Team Warning, Second Offense - Strike on Batter.  
Note: If the batter already has a strike, the batter will be called out.**
- 26. Coaches will be limited to 5 (including head coach) adult individuals who have successfully completed NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball certification prior to taking the field. These certified coaches will be the ONLY individuals allowed to serve the team as a 1st base, 3rd base, or bench coaches because of the intimate nature of those position.**
27. A coin toss will determine the home team.
28. Regular season rules not specifically addressed on this board do apply.
29. The championship game will be five innings with no time limit. League run rules do apply.
30. Jersey's are provided for all leagues. NSPAA issued shorts are NOT required.  
ALL athletes are required to wear the 2018 adopted team jersey. Jersey substitutions are NOT allowed. Uniform violations will result in suspension from game until uniform is found.
- 31. Tournament officials reserve the right to adjust the tournament format including, but not limited to, moving games, adjusting time limits, and/or removing the courtesy foul as a result of tournament games exceeding the time limit or weather related issues, including, but not limited to, rain, lightning, and heat.**