

2018 Millpond Madness 10U and 12U Fastpitch Tournament Rules and Conditions

- **Check-In:** Teams must check in at the concession stand at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the 1st scheduled game and be prepared to turn in your USA Softball team roster. Please have your team birth certificates with you for proof of age, if needed. Game balls are not required.
- **NAFA Northern Nationals Berths:** This tournament offers berths to NAFA Northern Nationals, MOA Tournament, and USA Northern Nationals
- **Bracket Placement:** Placement in the brackets will be based on:
 1. Win/Loss Record in pool play
 2. Head to head if two teams have the same record
 3. Fewest runs allowed
 4. Runs scored
 5. Coin Flip
- **Home Team Designation:** Home team will be determined by rolling a ball to the pitching rubber. The closest to the pitching rubber has choice to be home or visitor.
- **Batting Order & Line-Up:** At 10U and 12U, games will be played in compliance with the NAFA rule book; however, teams are required to bat the entire roster and unlimited substitutions will be allowed.
- **Injured Player:** In case of injury of a player during a game, that player can be removed from the batting order and return when feeling better. This must be reported to the Umpire at time of injury. If the player is injured during an at bat, the next player will then bat with a new count. An injured player removed from the lineup will not count as an out. The Umpire can rule that the injured batter be reinstated to the batting order if he or she feels that the player is no longer injured.
- **Pitching Restrictions:** There are no restrictions on the number of innings a pitcher can pitch.
- **On-Deck Batter:** On-deck batter shall stand to the back of the batter.
- **Courtesy Runners:** Courtesy runners will be allowed for pitcher and/or catcher from previous inning, or must be pitcher/catcher during the bottom of the 1st inning. The courtesy runner shall be the last recorded out.
- **Game Start Time:** A team not ready to play at the scheduled start time of their game will forfeit that game, unless they are coming from a previous game that has not finished as scheduled, or weather delay. Forfeit games will have a score of 7-0.
- **Game Length:**
 - 10U games shall be 5 innings or 65 minutes, whichever comes first. No new inning may start after 65 minutes.
 - 12U games shall be 7 innings or 65 minutes, whichever comes first. No new inning may start after 65 minutes.
 - 12U Gold Division Championship game on Sunday will be 7 innings, no time limit, run rules still apply.
- **10U Specific Rules:** The tournament will adhere to the following Tri-County & Big West League amendments for rules for "B" teams:
 - Advancement to first base on a dropped third strike (1st base must be unoccupied, unless there are 2 outs)
 - Stealing home is allowed
 - More than one base on a steal attempt is allowed
- **10U 5-Run Rule:** 10U games will have a maximum 5 runs per ½ inning for all games.

- **Game Run Rules:** All games are subject to the following run rules: 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings and 7 after 5 innings.
- **Final Score:**
 - Pool play games can end in a tie.
 - Bracket play must have a winner. In the event of a tie, International Tiebreaker style rules will be used for bracket play on Sunday.
 - 10U - Last out from the previous inning will be the runner on second, 2 outs, batting order continues from last inning.
 - 12U - Last out from the previous inning will be the runner on second, no outs, batting order continues from last inning.
- **Reporting Scores:** Umpires will report scores to the tournament director following each game.
 - Teams will be responsible to check for accurate score reporting.
 - All scores will be considered final two hours after end time of the game.
- **Protests:** All protests will be settled on the field and must be done before the next pitch. Umpire decisions are final. No appeals will be allowed to the Tournament Director.
- **Heckling of Umpires:** Heckling of the umpires will not be allowed. The coach of the team whose fans violate this rule will be warned once. If the heckling continues, fans will be asked to leave the premises. Fans not complying within two minutes will cause the forfeiture of the game to the opposing team. *Coaches, please discuss this with your fans prior to coming to the tournament to avoid any confusion.*
- **Medals:** We will have individual trophies for 1st place in the gold bracket. We will have individual medals for 2nd and 3rd place teams in gold bracket, 1st and 2nd place teams in silver bracket, and 1st place team for bronze bracket.

Other Information

- ✓ **In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust the number of games, game length, and schedule to meet conditions.**
- ✓ NAFA rules require that chin straps and face masks must be worn by all players at all age levels.
- ✓ Bracket Boards at the fields are considered official. Coaches are required to check the boards in the event of time changes.
- ✓ **No soft-toss batting against the fence is allowed.**
- ✓ All dugouts are covered.
- ✓ Concessions are available at the tournament; **please no grilling in the parking lot.**

Good Luck and Have Fun!