

The City of Jackson **Girls Official Softball Tournament Rules & Guidelines**

THE CITY OF JACKSON WILL USE GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES FROM THE VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS PERTAINING TO THAT PARTICULAR TOURNAMENT BEING PLAYED.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

Tournament entries are only guaranteed after receipt of the entry fee. Online payment for entry fee is available @ www.jacksonsportsplex.com or you may mail the entry fee & form to: City of Jackson – West Tennessee Healthcare Sportsplex; 250 Bancorp South Parkway; Jackson, TN 38305. The entry form is located in the “Downloads” section of our website.

PROOF OF AGE

It is the Head Coach's responsibility to have his/her players proof of age in his/her possession and be able to produce on demand his/her players' birth certificates or legally accepted proof of age in the case of any question regarding the age of his/her players.

TEAM INSURANCE

All teams are required to provide proof of team insurance. A copy of the team's certificate of insurance must be provided at the team check-in prior to a team's participation in any City of Jackson tournament event.

TEAM CHECK IN

Teams must check in at the Tournament headquarters 30 minutes – 1 hour before commencing play in their first game. Please be prepared to produce all tournament documentation, i.e. certificate of insurance, sanction # (if required), roster (if required), etc. Failure to check in will result in a delay in starting your first game.

RAINOUTS

If rainouts occur: Full refund if no games are begun; 2/3 refund if one game is started; however, should one game start and rainout occur, instead of 2/3 refund, you have the option to play in one other tournament, during same season and for same tournament classification type, at no additional charge; 1/3 refund if second game begins but is not completed. No refund once second game ends. There will be **no gate or admission refunds at any time**. If play is in doubt due to inclement weather in the area, parents and fans should remain outside the gate until play actually begins or is announced to begin.

The following policy is for the City of Jackson invitational events only!!!

In the event of a rainout, the policy to determine the order of finish of the tournament will be based on the following:

Rainout during / after completion of pool play

The tournament order of finish will be set by the tournament tie-breakers listed in the **DIVISIONAL / POOL PLAY TIE BREAKERS** below. Two complete rounds must be completed in order to establish a tournament order of finish.

Rainout after completion of One Championship Semifinal Game

No consolation awards will be presented. All awards will be presented to the Championship division.

The completed game will be recorded and the winner of the completed game will advance.

The loser of the completed game will finish 4th in the Championship division.

The winner along with the two teams that were scheduled to play the 2nd semi-final game will have their records reverted back to pool play. The order of finish will be set by the tournament tie breakers listed in the **DIVISIONAL / POOL PLAY TIE BREAKERS** section below.

Rainout after completion of Both Championship Semifinal Games

Consolation awards will be presented. The completed games will be recorded and the winners of the completed games will advance.

The winners order of finish will be set by the tournament tie breakers listed in the **DIVISIONAL / POOL PLAY TIE BREAKERS** section below.

DIVISIONAL / POOL PLAY TIE BREAKERS

At the end of divisional pool play teams may be tied going into the final championship rounds with the same won/loss record. The following tiebreakers* will determine which team advances and in what order of finish.

- 1) Head to head competition
- 2) Fewest runs allowed in all games
- 3) Run differential (runs scored minus runs allowed; maximum +/- 8 runs per game)
- 4) Coin toss

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship by players, coaches and fans are expected at all times. The Umpire in chief will handle any rule misinterpretations (no judgment calls will be addressed) immediately and finally. There will be no Protest*. Coaches will be responsible for their

own fans behavior. Razzing, heckling, chanting or making disparaging remarks towards opponents, in any manner, is prohibited.

***EXCEPTIONS:** Protest fees are \$100 cash. Eligibility and age are the two protestable areas in any tournament play. Protest may be allowed in all District, State, Regional and World Series tournament play. Check with Tournament Director(s) for protest guidelines prior to each respective tournament.

LINE-UP CARDS

Each manager must prepare a minimum of 3 written copies of his line-up, listing first and last names, and numbers of all players and substitutes prior to each game. Line-ups must be provided to the plate umpire and opposing manager. A game shall not start until this is completed. Should a coach omit a player from his written line-up, that player cannot participate in that game only. Managers are responsible for providing their own line-up cards.

PREGAME WARMUP

All team pre-game warm-ups will only be allowed in designated warm up areas, or in the outfield of a ball field. **Absolutely No Soft Toss (including plastic balls) allowed into any fencing within complex.**

TOURNAMENT FORMAT ALTERATIONS

The City of Jackson reserves the right to alter, change or abbreviate tournament formats, when necessary, in order to complete the tournament.

GATE ADMISSIONS

All City of Jackson Tournament events will have an admission charge for all persons age 6 or over. Children ages 5 or younger and players will always be admitted free. Gate fees will vary depending on event (i.e., State Championships, World Series).

COACHES' PASSES

Each team will receive FOUR (4) coaches' passes upon check-in at the Tournament Office. **Coaches who lose, forget or misplace their passes will be required to pay a non-refundable gate admission. Individuals who abuse or mis-use these passes shall forfeit their passes for the duration of the tournament.**

TOBACCO

West Tennessee Healthcare Sportsplex is a tobacco-free park. Thanks for your cooperation.

FOOD / BEVERAGES / PETS

Coaches will be allowed to bring in a total of two coolers per team. One can be a round "igloo" type cooler with a spigot. The other cooler can be up to a 20 quart size cooler to be used for water & rags, or ammonia water. These two coolers will be tagged by the coaches and will be numbered. Each player may bring in a personal water bottle. Parents & spectators will NOT be able to bring any coolers into the complex. We have a complete concessions area to take care of their needs.

Ice WILL NOT be provided to teams for Water Coolers. Please pick up bag(s) of ice prior to coming to the complex.

Service Animals Only.

Cooler Policy: *Coaches will be allowed to bring in a total of two coolers per team. One can be a round "igloo" type cooler with a spigot. The other cooler can be up to a 20 qt. size cooler to be used for water and rags, or ammonia water. These two coolers will be tagged by the coaches and will be numbered. Each player may bring in a personal type water bottle. Parents and spectators will not be able to bring any coolers into the complex. We have a complete concessions area to take care of their needs. No rolling coolers, No food or drink may be brought into the complex.*

Coaches, please help us to prevent an embarrassing situation at the gates by informing your team's parents of this policy.

FINAL NOTE

West Tennessee Healthcare Sportsplex will be without question one of the finest, most well maintained youth and adult sports facilities available. Teams are expected to pick up trash and debris in the dugout before departure from all games. Your assistance in keeping these facilities in shape would be greatly appreciated. Please urge your coaches, players and fans to use all trash receptacles provided. We believe that the respect of a ballpark and ball fields is something that coaches, parents and fans can, by example, teach young players along with learning how to play the game.