



# MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES



1. Pool games are 60 minutes (finish the inning). All Elimination games are 70 minutes. All run rules will apply. Pool games can end in a tie. In elimination play, the international tiebreaker will be used. (Last batter out becomes base runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> base.)
2. Mound distance is set at 43 feet.
3. Teams will hit their own softballs.
4. Completed games are 7 innings.
5. Run rules are 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.
6. Home team will be decided by coin toss in pool games. Higher seeded team will be the home team in elimination games. Home team will be the official scorekeeper.
7. Courtesy runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers. 1<sup>st</sup> option – must use sub player on team. 2<sup>nd</sup> option – Last batted out if no sub player available. If last batted out was a pitcher or catcher, goes to batter prior to the last batted out.
8. Because of limited playing times, intentional walks are granted automatically without pitching the ball. Pitcher must make the request to the home plate umpire.
9. DP & Flex may be used.
10. Seeding for the tournament (1-15) will be based on a team's won-lost record. Seeding will take place after the final pool game. In the event of ties:
  - a) Head to head competition (only if two are tied, if 3 or more are tied, go to "b")
  - b) Fewest runs allowed in all games
  - c) Run differential (runs scored minus runs allowed)
  - d) Coin toss

## 11. Steel Cleats are permitted.

### \*\*\*Attention Coaches\*\*\*

Additional Park Rules are posted on our web site, some key rules, which we would appreciate you making your parents aware of, include:

- Gate admission Fees – Adult daily passes are \$5 and \$2 for children ages 6 – 12. Children 5 and under are free. No refunds.
- We are Tobacco Free facility, which includes all forms of tobacco. (You are allowed to smoke or chew outside the gates.) **Electronic/Vapor Cigarettes will not be permitted.**
- **Coach Passes and Cooler Tags (for team coolers) will be available at the gate.**
- **Coaches** will be allowed to bring in a total of two coolers per team. These two coolers will be tagged by the coaches and will be numbered.
- **Players** will be allowed to bring in a personal water bottle.
- **Fans** No personal coolers allowed.
- No pets allowed. Service animals only.
- For weather information, you can check the web site or call the weather hotline at 731-927-8783.
- Directions to the facility are on the web site including a map of the complex. Please note you will be playing in Complex D. **Bus Parking is available in Complex C.**