

2019 Palatine Stingray Summer Showdown

General Rules and Regulations

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Governing Rules: ASA 2019 rules will be followed except as noted in the General Tournament rules.

Check-in one hour prior to first game at the park where your first game is scheduled. Roster should be uploaded into tourney machine, please bring a copy of insurance to the tournament at check in.

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CHECK IN RULES:

- **Check-in** one hour prior to first game at the park where your first game is scheduled. Roster should be uploaded into tourney machine, please bring a copy of insurance to the tournament at check in.
- Birth certificates shall be available for all players in the dugout in the event of a challenge to player eligibility.
- In the event of game changes/rain/postponement, etc., tourney machine will be the main source of communication. It is very important that coach's information be correct in tourney machine.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES:

- ASA 2019 rules shall apply except as noted.
- Any team violating eligibility rules will be disqualified; no tournament refunds will be given.
- No protests are allowed. Decisions of the umpires are final.
- Umpires have full discretion to eject any player, coach or spectator. In the event of an ejection of a player or a team spectator, the coach will be ejected simultaneously.
- Mound distance 9U/10U=35 feet 11/12U=40 feet 13/14U=43 feet
- Teams must be ready to play 30 minutes prior to their designated game time. **Game time is forfeit time. Forfeited games will be scored 7-0.**
- **Dugouts are 1st come, 1st served**
- **During pool play, home team shall be determined by coin flip.**
- **In bracket play, the higher seeded team shall occupy the third base dugout (unless already occupied by opposing team from preceding game) and shall be the home team.**
- No infield/outfield balls will be allowed after the 1st inning.
- Pitchers shall be granted 5 warm up pitches prior to an inning. Returning pitchers will be permitted 3. New pitchers shall be granted 5 warm up

pitches. In case of an injury to a pitcher while pitching, her replacement will be allowed 10 warm up pitches at the umpire's discretion.

- Ground ball practice may occur in foul territory on the teams' respective dugout side prior to the start of the game.
- All players dressed are required to bat and shall bat in continuous order in both pool and bracket play. If a player shows up after the game has started, such player shall be inserted in the last batting position regardless of where you are in the order at that time. Such player shall immediately be reported to the opposing team and the umpire and shall not take a fielding position until her team has completed batting after being reported as eligible.
- There shall be free substitution as to fielding positions.
- If a player is removed due to injury, her position in the order will not constitute an out unless the team has fewer than 9 players.
- If a player is removed due to injury, you have one of two choices unless the team has fewer than 9 players.
 - A. Remove her from the game and you are not charged an out when she is due to bat. She cannot re-enter the game.
 - B. You are charged an out when she is due to bat. She can re-enter the game.
- The home team is the official scorekeeper.
- Courtesy runners shall be allowed for pitchers/catchers at all times. The replacement runner shall be the last batted out for that team.
- At the conclusion of every pool play game, each team shall choose one member of the opposing team to be that team's MVP (12U and under). MVP awards to be awarded will be provided to each team upon check in. A player may earn only one MVP medal during the course of the tournament. No MVP medal will be awarded in bracket play on Sunday.
- **One game shall determine the tournament. In event that the entire tournament is cancelled a refund will be given minus \$175 for a processing fee to cover tournament expenses.**
- **The tournament director reserves the right to make changes to the schedule, number of games, and game time limits in order to get as many games played in the event of inclement weather**

Additional Exceptions to the General Rules (9U/10U Play Only)

- No dropped third strike
- No infield fly rule
- 5 run limit in pool play
- Unlimited runs in bracket play

GAME/TIME LIMITATIONS:

- All games will run 7 innings or until time expires.
- The game clock will begin upon the first warm-up pitch thrown by home team.
- For pool play, no new inning shall begin after 1 hour 10 minutes. Once an inning is started it will be completed. Pool play games may end in a tie.

- For bracket play, no new inning shall begin after 1 hour 15 minutes. Once an inning is started it will be completed. In the event that a tie occurs, International Tie Breaker rules shall apply with the last out of the previous inning, taking her place at 2nd base with 0 outs.
- **The next inning begins immediately after the 3rd out of the previous inning is made.**
- **All teams are encouraged to use good sportsmanship and use their best efforts to move play along.**
- Umpires have the authority to prevent any delay tactics or any other inappropriate actions that abuse the time limits.
- Championship games shall be played to completion (7 Innings), with extra innings as necessary.

SAFETY

- No jewelry shall be worn by players, except for medical purposes.
- **Any 13U or older team may wear metal cleats**
- Unsafe and unsportsmanlike behavior by any player/manager/parent may result in removal from the game/tournament by the umpire. No warning from an umpire is necessary. In rare cases, inappropriate behavior may result in your team's forfeiture of the game.
- The on deck batter has the option to be behind the hitter or remain on her team's on deck circle.

UMPIRES ARE INSTRUCTED TO ENFORCE ALL SAFETY RULES

SCORING/GAME RESULTS

- Each team is responsible for keeping score. After each half inning, score keepers for each team shall compare scores for accuracy and any discrepancy shall be immediately reported to the home plate umpire. Upon completion of game, the home plate umpire shall verify the score and provide final scores to tournament officials.
- **Run Ahead Rule shall apply to all games as follows**
 - 12 runs after 3 innings
 - 10 runs after 4 innings
 - 8 runs after 5 innings
- **Unlimited runs in bracket play for all levels**
- **Bracket seeding will be determined as follows**
 - Record
 - Head to Head results
 - Runs Allowed
 - Runs Differential (maximum of 7 per game)
 - Runs Scored
 - Coin Flip

BRACKET PLAY SEEDING

- The brackets seeding for all three divisions will be determined by pool play. The higher seed will be considered the home team.

RAIN DELAY/INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

- Should a pool play game be suspended due to rain in any inning and not completed:
 - If the home team is ahead at the time of suspension, the home team will be the winner with the current score deemed the final score.
 - If the visiting team is ahead at the time of suspension, the game will be deemed to have ended at the end of the last fully completed inning.
- Pool play games may be eliminated at the discretion of the tournament director. If weather and time permits, we will try to even out the number of games played by teams of the same division.
- If a bracket game is suspended due to rain and is not completed, the same rules shall apply as pool play. If a tie exists, the higher seeded team is the winner.
- Starting time and time limits for bracket games may be changed at the discretion of the tournament director. In the event that bracket games must be eliminated the higher seeded teams shall be given preference as to games.
- (Lightning) 30 minutes from each flash.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Parking
 - **Hamilton/Gbur Park:** Please park at the south end of the park. This is where the softball fields are located. Overflow parking is available at the north end of the park by the soccer fields. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT ON SUNDAY MORNING.**
 - **Community fields have plenty of parking at a school adjacent to park and fields.**
 - **Birchwood field has parking in front of the field.**

There is very little shade at any of our locations. There is a gazebo at Hamilton which is primarily used for concessions and tournament information. **Teams are highly encouraged to bring canopies for players to use while on the bench.**

Hamilton Park can be very cool at night, even though it may be warm during the day. Teams are responsible for the clean-up of their respective bench area.

Port-a-potties are available at all locations. Hamilton does offer indoor facilities, located in the building just north of the softball fields.