



2019 SWS 14U Travel Tournament

**Hosted by:
Stone City Fastpitch**

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**4525 Bell Road
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14U Travel Tournament Guidelines

All regular season game results must be turned in to the 14U Travel Commissioner by 10pm on Thursday, June 27nd. Games not turned in will be considered losses. Official ASA rules and supplemental SWS rules will govern play with the following exceptions:

1. SWS rule #5 is not in effect. No game will be rescheduled due to personnel problems. Teams may start the game with 8 players per ASA rules. If teams have less than 8 players at the end of the 15 minute grace period the game will be declared a forfeit.

2. SWS rule #6 is in effect as written with the exception that no tournament game may end in a tie. Any team guilty of using an illegal player will be disqualified from the tournament.

NO PROTESTS will be allowed. All umpire decisions are final. Umpire in chief may defer to the designated Tournament Director for SWS game rule clarifications only, in which the case the Tournament Director decision is final.

All game results and scores must be turned into the Tournament Director at the conclusion of each game.

Stone City Tournament Director along with the umpires are responsible for judging the field conditions and weather situations. Email the Tournament Director (erincimino@yahoo.com) if necessary for field conditions.

Higher seed shall be home team.

Tournament bracket chart will be posted near the concession stand.

July 1-2 and July 8-10

RULES:

Official A.S.A. Rules will govern play with the exception of the following rules:

1. An Official game will consist of playing at least 5 complete innings (4 ½ if the home team is leading).

Once a game has reached official status, no new inning may begin after one hour and forty minutes from the start of the game, with the exception of a tie game, which will be played to its conclusion using the international tie-breaker rule.

2. If an organization has limited access to playing fields, and these fields do not have lights, firm time limits will be in use for back-to-back games, **no exceptions**. Games will have no new inning started after 1 hour.

3. A fifteen (15) minute grace period will be in effect for each team to field the required number of players before a forfeit is called.

4. Home team is official scorebook.

5. Only players on a team's official roster may participate. If a team is caught using players not on their official team roster that team will forfeit the game. In addition, Manager will be suspended for one game. A second infraction will result in the team being excluded from tournament play and manager will be banned from SWS league play for one year, subject to appeal to the SWS Board of Directors.

6. The maximum number of runs a team may score in an inning is five (5). **The only exception is during the tournament, when there will be no scoring limit per inning.**

7. Continuous batting order is encouraged but it is up to the individual managers. One team could play ASA rules while the other team chooses to play continuous batting in the same game. Free defensive substitutions are mandatory.

8. When exchanging line-ups prior to a game, coaches must submit a complete line-up (number, last name, first initial) of all players expected to play in that game, including any players that are expected to arrive late.

9. If a player's turn at bat is reached and that player is not available, the coach has the option of taking an out to keep that spot open, or scratching that player with no penalty, as long as there are still at least 9 remaining players in the batting order.

10. If a player is injured during her at-bat and must leave the game, the player who made the last out will assume her count and finish the at-bat.

11. If a player has one turn at bat and then leaves the game, there will be no penalty when her turn to bat comes again as long as there is a minimum of nine players in the batting order. Said player may not return to the game.

12. Both the pitcher and catcher may receive a courtesy runner at any time. Last batted out is courtesy runner.

13. Teams are permitted to roster up to three (3) players that are also rostered on another team (SWS or non- SWS). Such players will be identified on a team's official roster, and will be restricted to the same or lower age classification.

- Double rostering players from another SWS team is permitted provided it is from a lower age Travel Division team, or from a same or lower age In-house Division team.

- Double rostering from non-SWS teams is permitted provided it is from the same or lower age classification.

- An In-house player is limited to a maximum of five (5) games played in the Travel Division. Upon playing a sixth game, such player is no longer eligible to participate in the In-house Division.

14. In order to participate in the tournament, a player must have played in more than 50% of a team's regular season games (listed in line-up and on the playing field for at least one pitched ball). Lone exception is a documented injury (physician's note required). Use of an ineligible player in the tournament may result in suspension or expulsion from the league going forward.

15. Artificial noisemakers are not permitted at any games.

Coaches, players, and parents are required to use appropriate language in appropriate tones at all times. At the umpire's discretion, continued violations will result in a warning followed by an ejection (violator has 5-minutes to leave the facility subject to team forfeit).

16. A player may not be a regular rostered player on a second team (SWS or non-SWS). Players may "fill-in" on a limited basis for a non-SWS travel A division team up to a maximum of 5 games. Upon playing a sixth game, such player is no longer eligible to participate in the SWS travel B division.

17. Any manager or coach ejected from a game will be subject to an automatic one game suspension for their next scheduled game.

18. If excessive or extreme heat warnings are issued by any local weather service, games will be suspended until such a time when this warning has been removed. Coaches should exercise the same judgment for excessive heat as they would for other extreme weather conditions when determining whether it is safe to play. Final decision on "playability" due to extreme heat shall rest with the home team or tournament director if during SWS tournament.

19. Mercy rule. If a team is up by 11 runs after the losing team has batted in the 5th inning or 6 runs after the 6th inning, the game will be declared over.

20. The use of metal cleats is only allowed at age 16U and above.

In addition, the higher seeded team will be the home team except for the Championship game. The team from the winner's bracket will be the home team for the Championship game. If there is a Game 2 for the championship, the winning team becomes the home team.

ROSTERS:

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- *Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.
- * MVO Awards (Most Valuable Opponent) will be awarded after each game.
- * Winning manager needs to report final score to the Tournament Director.
- * In the event of inclement weather, it is the manager's responsibility to check with the Tournament Director for schedule changes.
- * Two umpires will officiate the championship games. Games leading to the Championship will have one umpire.
- * Teams will not be allowed to warmup on the infield prior to the game.
- * Concessions/restrooms will be available
- * No smoking or alcohol is allowed at Stone City Field of Dream
- * Use of the batting cages in any way is prohibited
- * Hitting into nets or hitting drills on the fields is strictly prohibited
- * Pitchers will warm up in the provided mounds next to fields 1 and 2 with exception of those playing on field 3 who can use open space outside of fields
- * The private road is off limits to vehicles other than non-essential personnel.