



Primed 4 Sports would like to welcome all our teams to our annual FireStix College Exposure Tournament at Creasey Bicentennial Park, Union City Fields, Swartz Creek Middle Schools, Grand Blanc High School and Middle Schools facilities.

Primed 4 Sports greatly appreciates Grand Blanc Park and Recreation for making these facilities available for our event. Outside the Grand Blanc, Flint and Swartz Creek facilities you will find many activities and places to attend. The city of Grand Blanc, Flint and Swartz Creek offer excellent restaurants, shops and entertainment to ensure a great overall stay. Please look over all the information for a smooth tournament experience.

The competitive purpose of the FireStix College Exposure Tournament is to provide a quality venue with similar teams so that the softball athletes can compete in front of college coaches. A list of attending college and universities will be posted on our <http://firestixfastpitch.com> tournament website as they commit. This event provides the perfect opportunity for players to be seen by college coaches. Over 100 colleges coaches in the Michigan and Midwest will be invited to come recruit. We always have a great turnout of college coaches, which will be listed on the Attending Colleges link on the tournament page.

Primed 4 Sports and FireStix Fastpitch is looking forward to seeing you this summer for the 2020 FireStix College Exposure Tournament.

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### Tournament General Information

Primed 4 Sports is proud to announce the 2020 FireStix College Exposure Tournament for ages 14u,16u,18u

Date: **July 10,11,12**

Locations: Creasey Bicentennial Park 1505 E Grand Blanc Rd. Grand Blanc, Mi 48439

GB Middle West 1515 Reid Rd. Grand Blanc, Mi 48439

GB High School 12500 Holly Rd Grand Blanc, Mi 48439

Union City Fields 4151 Torrey Rd Flint 48507

Swartz Creek Middle School 8230 Crapo St Swartz Creek, Mi 48473

Tournament Fee: **\$875**

Refund Policy: No refunds will be given to teams that withdraw after registration & payment. Unless the tournament director can replace your team from the waiting list. Refund Policy: Once tournament begins a 60% refund will be given if 0 games are played. If 1 game is played to completion the tournament fee is fully earned and no refunds will be given.

This tournament is a 5-game guarantee! (Weather Permitting).

Lodging: This event is a stay to play policy. If reserving hotel rooms, they must be done through **Event Connect/Room Roster** to ensure your acceptance into the tournament. Local teams traveling inside the 70-mile radius are exempt.

The FireStix Tournament will use college exposure umpire and rules. Also, in attendance will be the Midwest college coaches. A compiled list of coaches attending will be available on the website as they commit.



**COVID-19. Canceled for 2020!** Leading into the FireStix Tournament, this camp will begin with two and half hours of hitting/bunting drills, timed base running, and a hitting display session all conducted by trained college level coaches. That will be followed by two and half hours of defensive instruction at two positions of the athlete's choice. Camp ends with a discussion regarding college softball and the recruiting process with players and parents. Over 200 college coaches will be invited to attend. This camp is for any and all athletes from the classes of 2021-2026. Cost for the camp is \$250. \$275 After July 9th with no refunds given for weather or otherwise. If inclement weather, times/venue are subject to change.



### **Tournament Rules**

All players must sign a **COVID-19** Liability for participants before start of first games and turn in when picking up game balls at the site directors' tent at each park. **COVID-19** All coaches will pick up **4** game balls with team names on boxes and individual balls at the site directors' tent. It is your team responsible to keep track of these game balls throughout the weekend. We will only replace ripped or destroyed games balls and you must bring it up to trade in. We will follow PGF rules with some college exposure exceptions. Home team will be determined with coin flip by umpires prior to start of games with 6-foot distancing. Be prepared to start early if situation allows. No infield practice between games. Our Quad Queens will report the scores to the main tent after games are finished.

### **Line-Ups**

**COVID-19** All coaches, no transferring of line-up cards. Scorekeepers can use opposing teams' numbers for line-ups. Free substitution and batting the entire roster are allowed. The coach must declare how many batters in lineup before the start of each game. The total number of offensive players starting the game must be the same at the end of the game. If a team decides to bat the entire line-up and an injury occurs to a player and that player is unable to continue, that players spot in the line-up is recorded as a out. Courtesy runners are allowed for pitcher/catcher only! The runner must be a player not currently in the batting line-up. If batting the roster, the player who made the most recent out must be the runner. If both catcher and pitcher reach base in the same inning and a 2<sup>nd</sup> courtesy runner is needed, the out before the most recent should be used. The same player shall not be the courtesy runner in the same inning.

### **Mercy Rule**

12 runs after 3 innings – 10 runs after 4 innings- 8 runs after 5 innings. Run rule will apply to both pool play and bracket play. All pitching distance is 43ft.

### **Warm-Ups Before Games & Innings**

**COVID-19** All teams will not be allowed to warm up behind temporary fencing. This will be designated for fans only! Warm up areas. Water Park Grass Area, Field 6, Behind 300ft fencing field 7 &10. Infield & outfield will be allowed on fields if time allows before games.

First inning each team will be allowed 3 warm-up pitches and 1 throw down by catcher. Infield & outfield warm up in first inning only. We are looking to keep games on time and play as many innings as possible. No stall tactics will be tolerated! Play will resume quickly allowing teams the opportunity to play 7 innings.

### **Time Limit for Pool Play**

**Covid-19 Rules: 70 MIN** drop dead finish the batter. Even if teams have not reached the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Finish the batter if time expires if that inning already has started. No tiebreaker for pool games. Game will end in a tie!



### **Time Limit for Bracket Play**

No new inning may start after **one hour twenty minutes**. Even if teams have not reached the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Finish the inning if time expires and the inning already has started. All tied games after time limit or 7 innings has expired will use international tie breaker.

### **Tournament Advancement**

Each age division will be broken into pools of 5 teams. Age divisions will be pre-seeded into a blind draw championship bracket. **COVID -19 Tournament game scores will be kept on Tourney Machine ONLY! To prevent large gatherings at the main tent.** Please refrain from coming up to the main tent. We will update Tourney Machine ASAP. It is your responsibility to check Tourney Machine to know your correct times and fields. Especially critical during bracket play advancement. Bracket play for all age groups will be a 1 game knockout until we have a champion!

### **Sportsmanship will be Strictly Enforced**

**COVID-19** All players and coaches are expected to follow the Michigan & Tournament **COVID-19** guidelines to keep us all safe and allow us to continue to play in the state of Michigan. No inappropriate behavior will be tolerated. All games are to be played in a respectful manner towards players, coaches, umpires, and fans. No profanity will be accepted. Tournament director and Umpire-in-Chief will have final authority on all matters regarding a game dispute. Any ejections! Your next game will be sat out! We have a responsibility as coaches to set the example of proper game conduct.

### **On Site Team Registration**

This is a non-sanction event. **COVID-19** All teams must send proof of insurance, Turn in Liability Participants Forms, and pick up game balls at site directors' tents before first pool game. Because of **Covid-19** we will not be doing college booklets this year. Please have your players contact any NAIA, Division 3 and Juco college coaches that may be interested. Any Division 1 or 2 coaches interested please stream games for their convenience.

### **IN CASE OF RAIN**

Tournament Director may have to adjust schedule. This procedure will not be debatable. Tourney Machine and our website will aid us if rain becomes a concern. Our main purpose is to give you an extremely competitive and enjoyable tournament. Your team and players will come first in all our decision process and we will do everything we can to get all games in. We want to thank all teams participating and we look forward to meeting all of you.



RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS READ BEFORE SIGNING IN CONSIDERATION OF my child/ward, \_\_\_\_\_, being allowed to participate in any way in the FireStix College Exposure organized by Primed 4 Sports and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that: The risks of injury and illness, including but not limited to COVID-19, to my child from the activities involved in these programs are significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risks of serious injury and illness do exist; and, 1. FOR MYSELF, SPOUSE, AND CHILD/WARD, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my child's participation; and, 2. I willingly agree to comply with the Organization's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation, as well as all guidelines established by the Michigan Department of Health. If I observe any unusual significant concern in my child's readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove my child from the participation and bring such attention of the nearest official immediately; and, 3. I myself, my spouse, my child/ward, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Organization; its directors, officers, officials, agents, employees, coaches, volunteers, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the Event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my child's involvement or participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law. 4. I, for myself, my spouse, my child/ward, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law. 5. I, the parent/guardian, assert that I have explained to my child/ward: the risks of the activity, his/her responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations, and that my child/ward understands this agreement. I, FOR MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, AND CHILD/WARD, HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT. Name of Child/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature:  
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Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERSTANDING OR RISK I understand the seriousness of the risks involved in participating in this program, my personal responsibilities for adhering to rules and regulation, and accept them as a participant. Name of Child/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Child/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

