

## **PGF FALL FUTURES INVITATIONAL RULES**

- 4 GAME GUARANTEE (WEATHER PERMITTING) 3 POOL PLAY GAMES INTO A SINGLE ELIMINATION BRACKET.
- POOL PLAY GAMES WILL BE USED TO SEED FOR BRACKET PLAY. HEAD TO HEAD WILL BE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TIEBREAKER, THEN RUNS ALLOWED, RUN DIFFERENTIAL, RUNS FOR, AND THEN A COIN FLIP WILL BE USED.
- ALL TEAMS MUST CHECK-IN PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST GAME, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- PLEASE KEEP COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.
- YOU MAY BAT YOUR ENTIRE LINEUP WITH FREE DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS IN POOL PLAY, BRACKET PLAY IS BAT 9 ONLY WITH A DP FLEX IF DESIRED.
- YOUR LAST BATTED OUT MAY BE USED FOR A COURTESY RUNNER FOR THE PITCHER OR CATCHER UNLESS A SUB NOT IN THE LINEUP IS AVAILABLE, SUBS WILL BE USED FIRST AND ARE TIED INTO THE PITCHER OR CATCHER COURTESIED FOR. IF ALL SUBS HAVE ENTERED THE LINEUP DURING A GAME, YOUR LAST BATTED OUT WILL BE USED.
- TIME LIMITS FOR POOL PLAY WILL BE 70 MINUTES FINISH THE INNING.
- TIME LIMITS FOR ALL BRACKET PLAY GAMES WILL BE 80 MINUTES FINISH THE INNING, FINAL WILL BE 90 MINUTES FINISH THE INNING.
- COIN FLIP WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE HOME AND AWAY IN POOL PLAY, HIGHER SEED WILL BE HOME FOR BRACKET PLAY UNLESS TIED, THEN COIN FLIP WILL BE USED.
- MERCY/RUN RULE- 12 RUNS AFTER 3 INNINGS, 10 RUNS AFTER 4 INNINGS, AND 8 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS.
- POOL GAMES CAN END IN A TIE, IF TIME REMAINS, THE INTERNATIONAL TIEBREAKER WILL BE USED.
- GAME CLOCK WILL NOT STOP OR BE ADJUSTED UNLESS AN INJURY REQUIRES EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION ON THE FIELD OF PLAY.
- TEAMS MUST BE READY TO PLAY 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR SCHEDULED GAME, GAMES WILL START EARLY IF FIELD/UMPIRES ARE AVAILABLE.
- AN INTENTIONAL WALK MAY BE REQUESTED TO THE HOME PLATE UMPIRE WITHOUT REQUIRING ANY PITCHES THROWN.
- NEW PITCHERS ARE PERMITTED 5 WARM-UP PITCHES. RETURNING PITCHERS WILL BE PERMITTED 2 WARM-UP PITCHES. NO INFIELD OR OUTFIELD BALLS WILL BE PERMITTED AFTER THE 1<sup>ST</sup> INNING.
- PITCHERS MAY ONLY "START" BACK, "STEP" BACK IS PROHIBITED.
- IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER AND PLAY IS SUSPENDED, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REVISE THE FORMAT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE TOURNAMENT, PGF OFFICIAL REFUND POLICY WILL BE USED FOR ANY REFUNDS.
- PROTESTS ARE TO BE HANDLED BY THE UIC ON SITE, A TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL, AND THE UMPIRE WHO MADE THE CALL, THEIR DECISION IS FINAL.
- PGF OFFICIAL RULES SHALL APPLY IF NOT NOTED ABOVE.