

# 2023 RENEGADES SPRING CLASSIC

## Date

May 6-7, 2023

## Location

Champion Fields  
1850 N Gregory St.  
Normal, IL 61761

## Rules

- 6 Inning Games
- Time Limit
  - Timer starts on the first warmup pitch of the game and a new inning starts immediately when the last out of the previous inning is made.
  - Pool Play
    - 1 Hour 30 Minutes
    - If time expires in the middle of an inning and the home team is winning, the game will end without the home team batting.
    - If a game is tied after time limit, then game ends in a tie.
    - Extra innings are allowed if time hasn't expired.
    - All extra innings are played under normal rules.
  - Bracket Play (Except Championship Game)
    - 1 Hour 30 Minutes.
    - If time expires in the middle of an inning and the home team is winning, the game will end without the home team batting
    - Full extra innings will be allowed for tied games until the time limit has expired. For extra innings after time expires, each half inning will start with a runner on 2<sup>nd</sup> base and 1 out (the runner will be the last batted out from the previous inning). Batter starts with 1-1 count. The game will continue as such until a winner has been determined.
  - Championship Games
    - No time limit.
    - All extra innings are played under normal rules.
    - A trophy will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> and medals to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams at the conclusion of the championship game. If championship games are not completed due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances (see weather section - +4 innings). If game cannot be started due to weather, trophies/medals will be awarded based on #1 and #2 seeding from bracket play for final standings.
- Warm Ups
  - Games may start early, if we run ahead of schedule. Please have teams prepared to start games early.
  - Champion Fields is very strict about their warmup policy. No warmups should take place inside the gates, unless it's on a field prior to your game. If the prior game is still taking place and you

want to warmup, please use the space outside of the gates at Champion Fields.

- Division Rules
  - 9U (46/60)
    - No Lead Offs (Runner may advance once ball crosses Plate)
    - No Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike
    - No Infield Fly
    - Home Plate is Closed
  - 10U (46/65)
    - Lead Offs Allowed (One Balk Warning Per Pitcher)
    - Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike in Effect
    - Infield Fly in Effect
    - Home Plate is OPEN
  - 11U (50/70)
    - Lead Offs Allowed (One Balk Warning Per Pitcher)
    - Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike in Effect
    - Infield Fly in Effect
    - Home Plate is OPEN
  - 12U (50/70)
    - Lead Offs Allowed (One Balk Warning Per Pitcher)
    - Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike in Effect
    - Infield Fly in Effect
    - Home Plate is OPEN
- Run Rule (Effective for ALL Games)
  - 15 after 3 Innings
  - 10 after 4 Innings
  - 8 after 5 Innings
- Weather
  - The game is official after 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is ahead) if called because of weather.
  - If delayed prior, it will be considered a suspended game and play will resume at that point (if possible).
  - Tournament Director reserves the right to alter the tournament schedule and/or suspended games due to weather or other conditions outside our control.
- Bracket Seeding
  - 1) Best Record
  - 2) Head-to-head (If only two teams)
  - 3) Runs Allowed
  - 4) Run Differential +/- 10 max per game
  - 5) Coin Toss
  - All forfeited games will result in a 7-0 score for seeding purposes.
- Home Team
  - Pool Play – Home team is decided by coin flip in all pool play games.
  - Bracket Play – Highest Seeded Team will be Home team and teams will carry same seed all the way through bracket play.

- Official Score
  - Home team will keep the official book.
- Bats
  - Must have USSSA, USA, or BBCor stamp.
- Use of Pitchers (in alignment with USSSA rules)
  - Although not monitored and managed by tournament director, we expect that use of pitchers will be as follows:
    - Any pitcher who pitches more than 3 innings (gets into the 4<sup>th</sup> inning) in one day must rest at least one day.
    - Maximum innings per day is 6 innings.
    - Maximum innings pitched over 2-day tournament is 8 innings.
    - A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return to the pitching position for the remainder of that game.
- Courtesy Runners
  - Courtesy runner allowed for catchers only.
  - If batting the entire roster, the courtesy runner must be the last batted out.
  - If not batting entire roster, the courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the lineup.
- Substitutions
  - Open substitution or re-entry are allowed for this tournament. Team must declare before the start of the game.
    - With open substitution all players are allowed to hit, however batting order cannot be altered. Players may enter and re-enter defensively without restriction. If any player is injured and skipped in the batting order, this WILL NOT count as an out. Injured player must sit the remainder of the game. If a player is taken out of the game for any reason outside of injury, this WILL count as an out.
    - Pitchers may not re-enter at the Pitcher position
- Runners
  - Must slide or attempt to avoid contact on close plays where a tag may occur.
  - A collision between runner and fielder will be the umpire's decision on ejection. The bias in this decision will be toward player safety.
- Insurance & Birth Certificates
  - Coaches should have team insurance and birth certificates with them at all games.
- Refund Policy
  - 0 Games Started: Full Refund minus \$150 Administrative Fee.
  - 1 Game Started: 50% Refund.
  - 2+ Games Started: \$0 Refund.

### **Champion Fields Facility Rules**

- Volunteers may run the scoreboards.
- No pets.

- No smoking (except in designated areas).
- No alcohol.
- No bikes, scooters, or roller blades.
- No coolers larger than 18" L x 16" H.
- Bleacher seating is available with room for lawn chairs.
- No gate or parking fees.
- No steel cleats.