

2023



Summer Classic College Showcase Rules

1. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- a. All coaches must submit proof of insurance by emailing to michiganstormsoftball@gmail.com
- b. All teams must have birth certificates available if asked. Failure to produce proof of age for any participating player upon request will result in forfeiture of all games in which the player participated in (**with the exception of the women's – No proof of age is needed**).
- c. For 14U, 16U and 18U, all college coaches will have rosters sent to them one week prior to the tournament. Please make sure you have your rosters completed through tourney machine by then.
- d. Limited t-shirt sales will be available. **If your team pre-ordered t-shirts, they will be with the Site Supervisor at the field of your first scheduled game. On-site t-shirt sales are \$25/shirt cash or check made payable to Take PRIDE Training.**
- e. Teams must report to an area by their fields at least 1 hour before their scheduled start time and be ready to go at least 15 minutes prior.

2. SHOWCASE RULES:

- a. Home team will be determined by a coin flip prior to the games. This will be conducted by the umpires at the field.
- b. This is a non-sanctioned tournament, so no official roster is required.
- c. 3 game pool play format and then teams will move into a single elimination championship bracket schedule.
- d. **10u/12u/women's divisions**, teams will be seeded into a single elimination bracket. For **10/12/women's** bracket games, the higher seed will be home. For **14u/16u/18u** divisions, a blind draw for the 1st round of bracket play which will start on Saturday has been completed. For all **14u/16u/18u** bracket games, there will be a coin flip at the pre-game meeting.
- e. Warm up pitches...3 for the first inning, 1 pitch every other inning. New pitchers, 3 warm up pitches.
- f. **PGF rules will be followed. With the exception of:** unlimited # of batters may bat since this is a showcase tournament. If a team chooses to bat their entire line-up, the last batted out will be used as the **courtesy runner** for the pitcher and the catcher only. If there are subs on the bench, the substitutes would be the courtesy runners. * Unlimited defensive substitutions and teams must bat a minimum of 9 batters. *
- g. **Pitching Rule (NOT PGF rule):** The pitcher can step back with the non-pivot foot prior to or simultaneous with the hands coming together then take a forward step with that foot and deliver the ball. Once the hands are together no further backward step is allowed.
- h. **Run Ahead Rule:** 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings
- i. **Injury** – if an injury occurs and the team is batting their entire line-up or have used up their substitutes, and the player cannot continue, an out will be recorded upon there at bat.
- j. Teams may start and end with 8 players but no less at any point in the game.
- k. Helmet straps are **NOT** required.
- l. **Bomb Squad Shirts** – If a player hits an over the fence homerun, they are to report to the site supervisor to receive a bomb squad t-shirt (**one per athlete for the tournament**). Shirts are available until gone.

3. SEEDING (10u/12u/women's only):

- a. Best Record
- b. Head to Head
- c. Runs allowed
- d. Run differential (maximum of 8 runs per game)

4. TIME:

- a. **Pool play:** All pool games will be **80-min. drop dead, finish the batter!** Games DO NOT revert to the previous inning. Pool games are exposure games for 14u/16u/18u and wins and losses do not affect your bracket seeding. **For 10u/12u/women's, games can still end in a tie and if the visiting team takes the lead and time expires, the game will revert to the last completed inning. If the home team takes the lead or ties the game, that is the final score.**
- b. **Bracket Play:** Each game in the **single elimination bracket will be 75-minutes (finish the inning)** with the **exception of the championship game where there will be a 90-minute, finish the inning time limit.** If a game is tied after 7 innings or time has been reached during bracket play, international tie breaker will go into effect. No game can end in a tie during bracket play.
- c. In the spirit of fair play, the coaches are asked to not intentionally stall or delay a game.
- d. The umpires will keep the official time and the home team will keep the official book.
- e. **Game time starts as soon as the pre-game meeting concludes.**

5. WEATHER:

- a. Due to the fact that no one can control the weather, the tournament committee may change the format of the tournament at any time in order to attempt to get all of the games in.
All updates will be sent out using communication through tourney machine
- b. **Rain out refund policy:** If no (0) games are played a refund of 60% of each team's tournament registration fee will be returned. If 1 game is played, the registration fee is fully earned, and no refunds will be given. If the tournament must be cancelled due to act of God, prior to the start, teams will be refunded 80% of their entry fee.

6. HOME TEAM/WARMUP:

- a. Dugouts are on a first come basis.
- b. All warm-ups should take place off the dirt infield. Absolutely NO warm-ups on the dirt at Helder Park.
- c. Please clean out entire dugout prior to leaving the dugout after your game.

7. UMPIRES:

- a. We have a hard working, experienced and certified umpires with USA, PGF, NCAA and MHSAA experience.
- b. Because of the strict time limit, the umpire's decisions and judgments will be final. There will be no protests.
- c. Final decisions on the operation of the tournament itself will be made by the tournament director.

8. AWARDS:

Sponsor trophies for 1st and 2nd place teams, championship t-shirts for 1st place

9. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** We have a responsibility as coaches to set the example of proper game conduct. 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. For any player/coach ejection, that individual will sit out their next game.

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