



## 2023 Farley Memorial Rules and General Information

**Thanks for entering the John Farley Memorial Softball Tournament. Mr. John Farley (now deceased) was extensively involved with softball in Northwest Ohio, starting as a player, then a coach, an umpire, and finally as our ASA District 1 Commissioner for over 53 years. John helped start, guide and establish girl's fast pitch softball in our area. He loved the game and that is why we've scheduled everyone for 7 games! John will be in our prayers and our softball memories forever.**

**SANCTIONING:** This is a USA sanctioned tournament, therefore you must be USA sanctioned. Proof of USA sanctioning is required prior to the tournament. **USA Rules will be followed with exceptions noted below. Check with the Tournament Director immediately if you need assistance on getting sanctioned.**

**CHECK IN:** Be sure to check over your final schedule, as this is your official schedule, this will be on the **Tourney Machine website**. Each coach must hand in a current roster and have proof of age for every player upon request. Failure to provide proof of age or roster may result in a forfeit for each game that player participated in and may result in ejection from the tournament without refund. Check in at the tournament headquarters behind Field A before your first game to pick up your MVP ribbons.

**GAME LENGTH:** All pool and bracket games are 75 minutes time limit. In POOL PLAY, when time expires, finish the inning if necessary. If the home team is up to bat and winning, the game is over with that score. Pool games may finish in a tie. An inning shall be officially begun immediately upon the last out of the preceding inning.

In BRACKET PLAY, we will complete the inning unless the home team is up and winning. No ties. If still tied, the International Tie Breaker will be utilized.

**MERCY RULE:** 15 run differential after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.

**GROUND RULES:** Home teams will be decided by a coin toss at that time. Higher seed will be the home team in bracket play. Home teams will provide the Official Score Keeper. This book must be available to tournament officials at all times. **Coaches must report final scores to tournament officials at the end of each game by texting 419-343-4716. Please list your team name, opponents full name, scores and start time of the game.** Dugouts are first come first served. Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to the start of your official start time. No practice or warm-ups are allowed on the diamonds prior to any game. There is adequate room at each site for every team to warm-up.

**AWARDS:** Each sign-in packet will include MVP ribbons. These are to be awarded by your team to a player on the opposing team after each game. Please be diligent in awarding these.

**STARTING LINEUP:** Coaches/managers must present their starting lineup to the official scorekeeper at least 10 minutes prior to game time. Because the intent of this tournament is to get the ladies more playing time and have fun, a manager may bat more than 9 players. If a player cannot take her turn at bat due to an injury, an automatic out will only be taken if the line-up falls below 9 batters. Once a batter cannot take her time at bat, she cannot re-enter for the balance of that game and she is ineligible to play in the following game. The courtesy runner must be a player not in the line-up and has not participated in the game unless the team is batting their entire roster and then the courtesy runner is the last BATTED out.

**EQUIPMENT:** Game balls will be provided by the tournament for each game. All other equipment must be furnished by the teams and be USA approved for 2023 play. **Metal cleats may only be used by 14, 16 and 18u players per USA rules.**

**CONCESSIONS AND MEMORIBALIA:** Concessions and permanent restroom facilities are available. They may include a full compliment of hot food choices, candy, snacks, ice cream, and beverages. Tournament t-shirts and other softball equipment will be available for sale. Defensive facemasks are also available for sale **as well as Tanner tees and the big mouth bow nets.**

**ADMISSIONS FEE:** The gate fee covers admission for everyone.

**PROTESTS:** Teams may appeal rule interpretations only to the Tournament Director or Site Director. A \$25.00 fee is necessary to file the appeal and will be returned if the ruling is in favor of the protesting team. Protests must be made immediately. All tournament decisions (schedules, rain delays, etc.) are made by the tournament director and are final. The tournament director may be consulted in special cases and will have final say. Tournament Director has the right to adjust and change rules in the best interest of the tournament.

**RAIN DELAY:** Due to the tight schedule, if games are cancelled or shortened due to weather, there may be no make-up games. Game times may be adjusted, and/or shortened, to complete the tournament or get back on schedule. Rain delays will be posted on the Tourney Machine website. You may grant your fans access to this.

**FORMAT:** The Farley Memorial has a 6-game guarantee, WEATHER PERMITTING.

**Due to a shortage of umpires, there may be a few games with only one umpire. Any abuse from teams or fans directed to any umpire may result in your team being given an immediate forfeit . A warning is not required. A second violation will result in expulsion from the tournament with no refund.**

**RAIN OUT POLICY:** We will make every possible effort to reschedule rained out games. THE PHONE NUMBER FOR RAIN DELAYS IS 419-343-4716 and the status will also be on our Facebook page, Martin Drain. If no games can be played a partial refund may be provided to each team. Refunds will be issued after the tournament is completed and only by written request from the team coach to our tournament director. Teams that choose to leave the tournament early will forfeit their games with no refund.

5- 6 games played	- no refund
2 -4 games played	- \$150 refund
0-1 games played	- \$250 refund

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