



OHIO STORM SRING KICKOFF POWERED BY THE SOFTBALL SHACK

Rules: All play is governed by USA rules excluding age requirement as age on Jan 1 will be observed. All other exceptions are listed here.

- 1. Home team will be decided by a flip of a coin throughout Pool Play.
- 2. In Bracket Play the Higher Seeded Team will be the Home Team.
- 3. Teams not available to begin at game time will forfeit.
- 4. Home team will act as the official scorer and line-ups must be exchanged prior to game time.
- 5. 2 Pool Play Games will decide seeding in Single Elimination Bracket. Seeding tie breakers will be in this order: Head to Head, Runs Allowed, Runs Scored, lastly will be Coin Flip
- 6. The official game time for Pool Play will be 75 minutes finish the inning or 85 Minute DROP DEAD whichever comes first. If Drop Dead scenario occurs the game will REVERT BACK to LAST COMPLETER INNING for official score. No new inning may begin after 75 minutes. The Championship Game time will be 1 hour and 30 minutes or 7 innings.
- 7. If the game is tied at the end of 7 innings or when an inning completes at the end of regulation time, the International Tiebreaker Rule will be used in Bracket Play only. (POOL GAMES can end in a TIE)
- 8. Head coaches are to verify starting time with the umpire prior to the start of the game. Time begins when the Pre-Game Meeting is completed. The umpire is the official timekeeper.
- 9. Mercy Rule is as follows: At the end of 3 innings if a team is winning by 12 runs or more the game is over, and the score is final. At the 4 innings the run rule is 10 runs and at the end of 5 innings the run rule is 8 runs. (12 3, 10 4, and 8 5)
- 10. Winning teams will report final scores to 330-338-1277 via text immediately after each game.
- 11. Teams may bat their entire roster with free defensive substitutions throughout the event. However, you can bat only 9 or 9 with DP/Flex if desired. -Your last batted out may be used as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher unless a sub that is NOT in the lineup is available. Subs will be used first and are tied to the pitcher or catcher they courtesy for. IF all subs have entered the lineup during a game, your last out will be used.
- 12. Teams must be at their fields, ready to play 15 minutes before game times are scheduled so we can keep the games moving and try to stay on schedule the best that we can. ALL BATTING TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO RETRIEVE ADN RETURN THEIR FOUL BALLS. We will not stop time for more balls if they are not being retrieved and thrown back in. Any player that hits ball for an OVER THE FENCE HOMERUNS MAY KEEP THE BALL
- 13. If a player gets hurt in the middle of the game and must leave, you will take an out when it is her turn in the lineup. However, if you have a sub, they can enter the game in her place. Whatever team roster you start event with, is the ONLY team you can play with for the remainder of the event.
- 14. IF EJECTED: A coach or player must sit out the next game.

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Good Day Coaches! We are quickly approaching the Ohio Storm Spring Kickoff powered by The Softball Shack. Below is some information you will need for the weekend of April 12-14.

ADDRESS:

Massarelli Sports Complex

1041 Arrowhead Rd, Bolivar, OH 44612

REPORT SCORES: Please text all scores immediately after game to 330-338-1277

SHOES AND FIELDS: Fields 1-4 are turf and only molded cleats, turf shoes or tennis shoes permitted. 14U division may use metal spikes ONLY on FIELD 5 & 6 Dirt Fields BUT PITCHERS MUST USE MOLDED CLEATS ONLY because there are turf pitchers mound matts on dirt field.

OVER THE FENCE HR'S! Any player that hits ball for an OVER THE FENCE HOMERUN MAY KEEP THE BALL!

GATE FEE: \$10/person for weekend. 12 and Under Free. 3 Coaches and all Players are free.

T-SHIRTS: Limited supply of T-Shirts will be available on site. T-Shirt logo is attached as well.

TOURNEY MACHINE: Coaches, please have your parents follow your team on Tourney Machine. This way, they will receive all updates on the events, weather updates if we experience bad weather, etc.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Please have your parents follow us on Facebook so they can stay up to date on the event and see photos, videos, etc. Facebook: @thesoftballshack, @ohiostormtournamentevents, @ohiostormfastpitch