



Tournament Information

Registration Information: Teams DO not need to check-in. All items must be completed online to participate.

1. **All rosters and waivers must be completed and parent/guardian must be accepted on your team's Tourney Machine Account by 5 pm 2 days before the event start date.** *Parent emails **MUST** be entered on the online roster so that parents/guardians can read and approve. **We will not accept coaches' emails being submitted for all players - this will result in a coach's warning and possible forfeiture until corrected.**
2. A copy of the team insurance policy needs to be uploaded onto your Tourney Machine Team account under the "MANAGE FILES" tab INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:
3. **Coaches:** By registering and participating in a D1-PROSPECT event, you are confirming your team is legally equipped and that all players and equipment comply with all D1-Prospect and NFHS rules.

Pitching Distance:

10U - 35 feet

12U - 40 feet

14/16/18U - 43 feet

Refund/Weather and Cancellation Policy:

D1 Prospects will make every effort to avoid cancellations of any kind. However, unforeseen circumstances may prevent an event from completing or, in some cases, starting such as (Weather and Acts of God). D1 Prospects, Partners, Directors, and Volunteers reserve the right to alter, change, or abbreviate the games and schedule when/if they deem it necessary to complete the event. Game Start Time: Games are considered "STARTED" once the Coin Flip or Plate meeting has been completed.

*An **80% refund** will be given to teams that do not start any game(s) and the event is canceled.

*A **50% refund** will be given in the event teams start 1 of their scheduled games and the event is canceled.

***No refund** will be given to teams who started 2 or more of their scheduled games and the event is canceled.

***No refund** will be given if a team; **forfeits, cannot, or chooses NOT** to complete the event due to any circumstance regardless of the number of games played.

Team Cancellation:

*A **90% refund** will be issued if a team withdraws/Cancels on or before the 30th day before the event * unless noted on the event

* A **75% refund** will be issued for teams who cancel between 14-30 days before the event.*

***No refund** shall be given for withdrawals within 14 days before the event start date or once the schedule has been completed. If a team is already listed on the schedule, that team will remain on the schedule and forfeit all games.

***Notices must be received by 4 pm.** Any notifications received after 4 pm will be considered the following day.

*SHOWCASE(S)/COLLEGE EXPO'S and CAMP EVENTS - THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS PAST REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATE.

*a \$50 minimum Admin fee or 20% of the entry fee whichever is greater will be charged on all registrations/Cancellations.

*Credit Card fees, Processing fees, etc., will not be refunded and are collected from a third party.

Late Fee: A late fee of \$50 will be charged to any team whose entry fee is not paid in full by the registration deadline. Processing fees will not be refunded.



Rules and Regulations

D1-Prospects has adopted the Official **National Federation of State High School (NFHS)** Associations Softball Rules (www.nfhs.org) with the following **exceptions**:

1. SPORTSMANSHIP - There is **ZERO tolerance** for disruptive behavior by fans, coaches, or players. Derogatory comments, poor behavior, and negative verbal communications toward any event staff, coach, or player will be cause for removal from the event and complex ie: **Taunting**, use of words or actions to incite or try to incite spectators to demonstrate. a) use of profanity, intimidation or deceitful tactics, baiting or taunting, embarrassing, ridiculing or demeaning others in any circumstances including race, gender, religion or nationality. b) Behavior in any manner not in accordance with the spirit of play - team personnel **shall not** charge an umpire, **arguing balls and strike calls, or other umpire judgment calls.**

Penalty - The umpire **shall eject** the offender from the game unless the offense is judged to be minor in nature. If the offense is minor, the umpire **may warn** the offender and eject if the offense is repeated. Coaches who are found to be in violation may be restricted to the bench/dugout for the remainder of the game or ejected from the game. Coaches, you will be held responsible for your fans' behavior.

*Anyone ejected from a game/facility **3 times in a rolling 6 month period** will receive a **6-month suspension** at the discretion of the D1 Prospects Board.

*All Offenses: All Warnings, Ejections, and Restrictions will be documented at each event. Repeat Offenders will be subject to removals and suspensions at the discretion of the D1 Prospects Board.

SPECTATORS ARE NEVER TO ADDRESS UMPIRES ON OR OFF THE FIELD

*Warnings issued to a team or fan will be documented and carried throughout the tournament. You will not get a warning per game. After 1 warning, a forfeit/ejection at the Directors/UIC's discretion.

2. EQUIPMENT: Any bat may be used as long as it does not appear on the USA/USSSA Softball non-approved bat listing (www.usasoftball.com) and **must bear** (have) the 2000 ASA Certification, ASA/USSSA 2004 Certification, or USA Softball Certified or 2020 USSSA Certification Marks with the thumb 1.20 bpf print only stamp. Illegal bats will result in the ejection of the player and the head coach from the game. All 14/16/18U players may wear metal cleats. All **12/10/8U are NOT allowed to wear metal cleats.** It is the coach's responsibility to check and make sure that all players are properly equipped.

3. FIELD OF PLAY: If there are unusual conditions, such as spectators or obstacles too near the playing field, the Director or Umpire shall propose special ground rules. Ground Rules **shall not** supersede the rule book. All **Curfews will be honored** and may lead to adjustment of playing times.

4. SCORE: Umpires will keep the official score on the field. They will check with each team's scorekeeper every half-inning for verification. The winning coach must sign/acknowledge the score and all game scores will stand as written. The scorebook of the home team shall be the official scorebook unless the plate umpire rules otherwise.

5. WARM UPS - All teams will have between innings 2 minutes to throw 5 pitches. So, please have your players hustle between innings.



6. **START TIMES:** Please be prepared 15 min. before the posted start time. Any changes above 15 min. will be made by and communicated through the Event Directors through the Tourney Machine. Once the umpire(s) are on the field and calls for a plate meeting, **all team warmup procedures must stop** and coaches must immediately proceed to the plate meeting. **TIME STARTS WITH THE COIN FLIP.** Umpires don't manage team game time, play until time expires.

7. **HOME TEAM:** Will be decided in Pool Play = Coin Flip, **Bracket = Highest seed choice**, If both are the same seed = Coin Flip.

8. **GAME LENGTH:** *In 14/16 & 18U - All Pool Play and Bracket games will be 7 innings or 75 minutes whichever comes first. **The championship game will be 7 innings or 90 min whichever comes first.**

- In 12U - All Pool Play and Bracket games will be 7 innings or 75 minutes whichever comes first. **The championship game will be 7 innings or 80 min whichever comes first.**
- In 10U - All Pool Play and Bracket games will be 7 innings or 75 minutes whichever comes first. **The championship game will be 7 innings or 75 min whichever comes first.**
- In 8U - All Pool Play and Bracket games will be 7 innings or 55 minutes whichever comes first. **The championship game will be no new after 60 minutes.**

9. **TIE:** **Pool Play games may end in a tie.** Bracket play must have a winning team - in the event that time has expired, we will use the International Tie Breaker (ITB) beginning the next inning, then move to progressive. The last completed batter will be placed on 2nd base as a base runner to start off the next half of the inning. *See 8u rules,

TIE - Record-Head-Head, Runs Allowed, Run Diff, Runs Scored, Winn %.

10. **RUN RULES:** The game will be considered to be over, if one team leads by **12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, and 8 runs after 5** complete innings. These run rules will apply in all phases of Pool, Bracket, and Championship games. **Pool play will include an additional run rule of 8 runs after 70 minutes drop dead.**

**Each team may score a maximum of 6 runs per half inning in 8/10/12U divisions only. After 6 runs have been scored, each team will exchange offense and defense. Only an over-the-fence homerun can score more than 6 runs in POOL PLAY ONLY.*

11. **BATTING ORDER:**

- **Pool Play:** 16/18/14/12/10U - Teams may bat the whole lineup in all divisions with a **free defensive substitution**, but must keep the offensive integrity at all times or **a traditional Straight 9 lineup with substitutions**. Must declare pitcher, catcher, and substitutions including courtesy runners.
- **Bracket Play:** Bracket games will not start until all pool games have been completed, scores entered and the bracket has been released. We will **NOT PREDICT seeding** for brackets.

10/12/14/16 & 18U: Will be the same as pool play.

Batting Re-Entry Rule: Starters and substitutes may only re-enter one time and in the same spot in the batting order as the person who replaced them.

Lineup Cards - Shall include the following; **Team Name, Coaches Name(s), Athlete's First initial and Last name, Jersey Number (no players on the same team may wear identical numbers), Position and Batting Order** of each starting player and eligible substitute. Lineup cards will become official after they have been exchanged, verified, and accepted by the plate umpire during the pre-game conference. *Any changes made after becoming official to a player/substitute name or number or if a player/substitute is added to the line-up card will be considered the first offense and the umpire shall issue a team warning to the head coach of the team involved. Any further offenses will result in the ejection of the head*



*coach from the facility for the remainder of the tournament and the player(s) being called out. **Only IF at the discretion of the umpire/director, it appears that these repeated offenses take away from the spirit and integrity of the game.***

12. Players, Guest, and Illegal Players - Each team must start the game with eight or nine players and must have 8 players to continue play. ***Any falsification of identity will be considered an Illegal player and will be ejected from the event.**

Guest Players - Players not listed on the Online roster **are not eligible to play**. Illegal players are grounds for forfeit/ejections. **NO REFUNDS for roster errors!** Rosters will be frozen at 5 pm the evening before the start of the event or as defined in the event notes.

**The Director may grant an emergency guest player exception at their discretion.*

Player Eligibility - A player's age of eligibility is determined by their age as of Dec. 31st of the prior year (ie 12/31/2023). A player may always play up in age divisions, **but cannot** play below their eligible age division. However, Players who are more than 2 years younger than the age division **MUST** get Approval. **No player may play on more than one roster during the event.** It is the coach's responsibility to verify all athletes on their roster and to provide proof of age if asked to do so by the Event Staff. ***See our website for NEW age eligibility requirements starting Sept 1, 2024. www.d1-prospects.org**

13. COURTESY RUNNERS: Can be used for a **Pitcher and/or Catcher only**. If a team is batting their entire lineup (**more than 9**), any player not on base can be a courtesy runner. If a courtesy runner is on base and their spot in the batting order comes up, **they will be declared out** at the plate. If a team is **NOT** batting their entire lineup, the courtesy runner **MUST** be listed as a substitute. No Courtesy Runner **may run** for both the pitcher and catcher in the same game.

14. Playing short-handed. This applies to 8/10/12U only: A team shall be **allowed to play with one batting position unfilled**, provided they have a minimum of 8 batters present. **The vacant batting position will be designated as the absent player.** Whenever the absent player is scheduled to bat, **an out shall be declared.** A team may play short-handed under the following circumstances:

A. A team may continue a game with one less batting position than listed in the starting batting order, whenever a player leaves the game (for any reason) **and no substitutes are available**. If a team falls below 8 batters, **a forfeited game shall be declared.**

1. If the absent player is the batter or a runner, **an out shall be declared.** **EXCEPTION:** If the absent player was injured while a batter-runner or runner, the absent player may be replaced by the last completed at bat to fulfill her base running responsibility. However, this exception **does not apply to any future at-bats.**

2. An absent player **may not return** to the lineup. **EXCEPTION:** A player who left under the Blood Rule **may re-enter** once treated and cleaned up.

A. **A team may begin the game short-handed.** The absent player must be listed in the ninth (9th) batting position. Under no circumstances shall a team be allowed to have less than eight (8) players in the batting order.

B. The team may not play short-handed **if an eligible substitute arrives**. Upon arrival, she must be inserted in the absent player's position in the batting order **immediately**.

A team may drop more than 1 batting position, (i.e., may have multiple absent players) provided the lineup is maintained with at least 8 batters physically present. All other restrictions above apply. If a team has multiple absent players and an



eligible substitute arrives, **she must enter the game immediately** in the first available absent player position due up in the batting order.

15. PROTESTS: You may protest the application of a **RULE only**. **Judgment calls** are Non-Protestable. Protests on a judgment call will not be allowed and no fee will be accepted. All protests will require a **\$100 on the spot Fee to be made out to D1 Prospects** and will be settled by the protest committee. The Protest Committee will be made up of any part of the following: Tournament Director, Tournament UIC, Site Director, or any of their designees. **If you win the protest the \$100 fee will be refunded.** If it is denied, the protest fee will be processed.

- a. Coaches **shall immediately notify** the plate umpire of his/her intent to protest before the next pitch. If the game ends (legal contest) in a situation that can be protested, the **offended team must voice its intentions to protest** before the umpires exit the playing field.
- b. Protests made during a game will be decided immediately and before the game is allowed to continue.
- c. Protests on a rule or procedural interpretations must be made before the next pitch and will be decided immediately and before the game is allowed to continue. **The game clock will continue to run.**
- d. A protest on a **tournament procedure or player's eligibility** must be made before the umpires vacate the field of play of THE GAME IN QUESTION.
- e. **Illegal Player protest** can be made at any time, by the current offended team, while the player in question is in the game and before the umpires leave the playing field.

16. FORMAT: The event games guaranteed means that your team will be scheduled for the number of games mentioned. In instances where games may not be played due to a forfeit or other circumstance, your team will take the win and the other team a loss counting toward your game guarantee. **Forfeits will be recorded as a 7-0 score.**

17. COVID-19: Please share any venue-specific COVID-19 guidelines with your players, coaches, parents, and spectators. Each event location may have individual regulations, rules, and guidelines, and your participation in the event constitutes an agreement to abide by and follow all local, state, and event guidelines. Teams, players, and/or spectators may be removed for not following these guidelines.

18. COACH: Any time a coach is in live ball area to confer with players or an umpire, or to occupy a coaches box, the coach shall be attired in a Team uniform or jersey/coaches shirt OR in team colors OR colors of khaki, black, white or gray. **Cut-off Jean Shorts are prohibited. Only closed-toed shoes must be worn on the field.**

19. PITCHING: Reference NFHS Rules 2-47 and 6-1-2c, hoping and re-planting as defined by NFHS is not allowed. **Leaping is allowed** (both feet can be in the air, but must be within the 24-inch width of the pitching plate)

Points:

Non-Qualifier/National Events

Pool Games: 10 points per win, 1 point per loss, 4 points per tie

Bracket Games: 15 points per win, 3 points per lose

Bracket Semi-Final Games: 30 points per win, 12 points per lose

Bracket Championship Games: 50 points for a win, 20 points for loss

Qualifier & National Event Points:

Pool Games: 20 points per win, 2 points per loss, 8 points per tie



Bracket Games: 30 points per win, 6 points per lose
Bracket Semi-Final Games: 60 points per win, 24 points per lose
Bracket Championship Games: 100 points per win, 40 pointers for loss

Players Photos MUST BE ADDED to the roster for this event through your Tourney Team Account

EVENT DIRECTORS: Our goal is to make this experience memorable. If you need assistance please feel free to contact us at Register@d1-prospects.org

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