

2024 PICK YOUR POISON TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES

In addition to the following rules, MHSAA and NFHS softball rules will be used:

- Teams can start and finish games with 8 uniformed and rostered players. If a team plays with 8 players, the 9th spot in the batting order will be an out. A team with 7 or fewer players will forfeit to the score of 7-0.
- All teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time, and 10 minutes before the first game of the day.
- Home and away teams will be decided by a coin flip in pool play. Home team in bracket play will be the higher seed.

Eligibility: No team will be allowed to play unless the team roster is entered into Tourney Machine, and the team insurance and liability waiver have been received by the tournament director or on-site supervisor.

Schedules & Game Results: Please make sure that all coaches and parents/guardians have the Tourney Machine app on their phone. All schedules and game results will be there. There will not be any type of posted board showing schedules and results.

Entrance Fee: Please consult the *Tournament Program Guide*. Legacy Center collects an entrance fee for all events at the complex.

Coach/Spectator Expectations: We expect all coaches and spectators to remember that no one comes to listen to them. Everyone is there to watch and encourage the young ladies as they play the game. Coaches, you are responsible for the behavior on your bench and sidelines. No one on a coaching staff is to question balls and strikes. If the head coach would like to ask for a review on a call made in the field of play, he or she is to ask for timeout and go speak with the umpire that made the call. **A coach, player or spectator ejected during a game will not be allowed to participate in the next game if the ejection does not happen during the team's last game.**

There will be a zero tolerance policy regarding the use of profanity by everyone at the complex, and also zero tolerance regarding the over-consumption of alcohol. Smoking and vaping are not allowed on the Legacy Center property.

Batting order options: This is a non-sanctioned tournament so you may bat your entire roster or bat only 9. You may also use DP/Flex.

Courtesy Runner for Pitcher/Catcher: Subs are the courtesy runners if you aren't batting your entire roster. If batting everyone, the last batted out will be the courtesy runner.

Format: 12U & 14U: Three (3) pool games per team, followed by single elimination bracket play (subject to change, if deemed necessary). High School: Three (3) showcase games.

Tie Breakers (in order): Head to head; runs allowed; run differential; runs scored; coin toss

Time Limit: 70 minutes- finish the inning. Pool games may end in a tie. If necessary, the International Tie-Breaker Rule will be used in bracket play. Time between games will be 15 minutes.

Pitchers will be given five (5) warmup pitches for the 1st inning and one warmup pitch every inning after that. Relief pitchers may have five (5) warmup pitches when they first enter the game. No team huddles (defensive and offensive) are allowed between innings. Please hustle on and off the field and have team discussions in your dugout.

Time limits and game formats are subject to change by the tournament director.

Mercy Rule: 12-run lead after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 inning