

Storm Summer Classic College Showcase Rules

TOURNAMENT INFO:

- All coaches must email proof of insurance to michiganstormsoftball@gmail.com
- All teams must have birth certificates available on hand
 - Failure to produce proof of age for any questioned player will result in forfeiture of all games in which player participate
 - **Women's Division – No proof of age is needed**
- There will be no onsite registration since proof of insurance is required prior to starting
- All College coaches will have rosters sent to them one week prior to tournament
 - Complete rosters through TourneyMachine
- Limited t-shirt sales will be available
 - Pre-Ordered t-shirts: available at the field of your first scheduled game from Site Supervisor
 - On-site t-shirt sales: \$20/shirt cash or check made payable to Take PRIDE Training, LLC or VENMO @MISstorm_Softball.
- **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**)

TOURNAMENT RULES:

- This is a non-sanctioned tournament
- **Reporting to Fields:**
 - Coach/Manager check in with Site Supervisor 1 hour prior to start time
 - If the game scheduled before ends early, next game will start up to 10 minutes ahead of the schedule
- Dugouts are on a first come basis.
- All warm-ups should take place off the dirt infield
- **Home Team:** determined by a coin flip prior to all games and conducted by the umpires
- **Warm up pitches:**
 - 3 for the first inning, 1 pitch every other inning. New pitchers, 3 warm up pitches.
- Unlimited defensive substitutions
- Teams must bat a minimum of 9 batters
- **PGF Rules Applied:**
 - With the exception of unlimited # of batters may bat since this is an open/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.
- **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.
- **Run Ahead Rule:** 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings
- **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 their at bat
- Teams may start and end with 8 players but no less at any point in the game
- Helmet straps are **NOT** required

POOL PLAY:

- 3 game pool play format then single elimination championship bracket play
- **9u/10u/11u/12u/14u/Women's Division:**
 - Teams will be seeded in a single elimination bracket based on pool play
 - Higher seed will be home team
- **16u/18u Divisions:**
 - Blind draw for the 1st round of single elimination bracket play
 - Coin flip at the pre-game meeting to determine home team

BRACKET SEEDING (9u/10u/11/12u/14u/Women's only):

- Best Record
- Head to Head
- Runs allowed
- Run differential (maximum of 8 runs per game)

TIME:

- **In the spirit of fair play, the coaches are asked to not intentionally stall or delay a game**
- The umpires will keep the official time and the home team will keep the official book
- Game time starts as soon as the pre-game meeting concludes
- **Pool Play – 16u/18u:**
 - 80-min. drop dead, finish the batter! Games DO NOT revert to the previous inning
 - Pool games are exposure games therefore wins and losses do not affect your bracket seeding
- **Pool Play – 9u/10u/11u/12u/14u/women's:**
 - 80-min, drop dead, finish the batter
 - Games can end in a tie
 - If the visiting team takes the lead and time expires, game will revert to the last completed inning
 - If the home team takes the lead or ties the game, and time expires, that is the final score
- **Bracket Play:**
 - 75-minutes, finish the inning
 - **Championship game: 90-minute, finish the inning**
 - If a game is tied after 7 innings or time has been reached, international tiebreaker rule will go into effect
 - No game can end in a tie during bracket play

REFUNDS:

- Refunds given to teams that withdraw less than 120 days prior to the tournament's start date, less a \$150 admin fee **if a replacement team is found**
- If no replacement team is found, no refund will be issued
- If the tournament must be canceled prior to the start due to an act of God, teams will be refunded 80% of their entry fee
- Day of Tournament Inclement Weather
 - If NO games are played a refund of 60% of 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.
 - Tournament committee reserves the right to change the format of the tournament at any time in an attempt to get all games played
 - All updates will be sent out through tourney machine

UMPIRES:

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

AWARDS:

- All Divisions – Sponsor trophies for 1st and 2nd place teams
- 16u/18u/Women's Division – Championship t-shirts for 1st place
- 10u/12u/14u Divisions – Medals for 1st place teams

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**

TOURNAMENT CONTACTS

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