2025 Softball Rule Changes

- **1–8–6** Exception & Penalty A high school coach **will be able to use electronic devices in the dugout for one-way communication to the catcher <u>while the team is on defense</u>. The penalty from Rule 3–6–11** was added to **Rule 1–8–6** as well, with violators subject to ejection unless the offense is ruled to be of a minor nature.
- **3–6–11** This rule change specifies that **coaches are prohibited from using the device to communicate with any other team member while on defense** or <u>any team member while on offense</u> and the coach **cannot use the device outside the dugout/bench area**.
- **9–3–2b** When a base-runner is declared out for being hit by a fair batted ball, the batter-runner is credited with a fielder's choice in the scorebook.

2025 Points of Emphasis

Teams' Role in Pace of Play - Every effort should be made to educate players on the rules involved and the timing protocols <u>related to breaks between innings</u>, as well as during game play.

Between innings, 60 seconds in provided for:

- (a) The defense to take the field and throw warm-up pitches
- (b) The offense to prepare to bat

There are prescribed penalties associated with excessive time between innings. Once the allowed 60 seconds has passed, the offensive team has 10 seconds for its batter to enter the batter's box (Rule 7-3-1). Similarly, once the allowed 60 seconds has passed, the pitcher has 20 seconds to legally deliver a pitch (Rule 6-2-3). The respective penalties for violations of these time constraints are either a Strike or a Ball on the batter, depending on the tardy party. These same time constraints exist on each pitch thrown.

Once the ball is thrown back to the pitcher to prepare for the next pitch, the pitcher has 20 seconds to release the pitch. Coaches who delay in calling pitches risk a penalty for exceeding the allowed 20 seconds. The same applies to the offense when the batter fails to enter the batter's box within 10 seconds after the ball is returned to the pitcher.

Situational Awareness

Once the game has begun, <u>only the batter, runner(s)</u>, <u>on-deck batter, coaches in the coach's box, or bat shagger and nine defensive players</u> are permitted to be outside the designated dugout/bench or designated warm-up areas. Additionally, during game play, <u>hitting the ball to teammates on defense is prohibited</u>. Between innings, bench personnel are permitted to engage in throwing and running activities.

On-deck batters should be mindful of potential foul balls and overthrows <u>and be prepared to move as necessary to avoid contact</u>. On-deck batters must use the on-deck circle closest to their own dugout (Rule 7-5-1).

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 (Wednesday).
 - *Parent emails MUST be entered on the online roster so that parents/guardians can read and approve. We will not accept coaches' emails.
- 2. Being submitted for all players this will result in a coach's warning and possible forfeiture until corrected.
- **3.** A copy of the team insurance policy needs to be uploaded onto your Tourney Machine Team account under the "MANAGE FILES" tab INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:
- **4. 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.

<u>Late Fee</u>: 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. <u>FIELD OF PLAY</u>: 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 <u>Curfews will be honored</u> and may lead to adjustment of playing times (Rule 1-1-9).
- 2. <u>EQUIPMENT:</u> Any bat may be used as long as it does not appear on the USA/USSSA Softball non-approved bat listing (<u>www.usasoftball.com</u>) 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. <u>Illegal bats</u> will result in the ejection of the player and the head coach from the game (Rule 1-5-1). 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 (Rule 3-2-11).
- 3. <u>START TIMES</u>: 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. (Rule 4-1-6)
- **4.** <u>HOME TEAM</u>: Will be decided by a Coin Flip in **Pool Play**, **Bracket Play** = Will be the **High Seed (may choose)**, but, if both are the same seed = A Coin Flip will be conducted. **Championship** Undefeated Team is home team
- 5. <u>COACH:</u> Any time a coach is in the live ball area to confer with players or an umpire, or to occupy a coach box, the coach shall be attired in a Team uniform or jersey/coach 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. (Rule 3-5-3)
- **6. 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. (Rule 3-6-13)
- 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. (Rule 3-6-14, 15)
- **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 <u>eject if the offense is repeated</u>. 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 can be enforced (Rule 3-6-13).

- 7. LINE-UP CARDS: All Lineup Cards shall include the following; Team Name, Coaches Name(s), Player'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 (Rule 3-1-3). 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 (Rule 3-1-3, Penalty). 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.
- 8. <u>RE-ENTRY RULE</u>: Starters and any substitutes **may leave the game and <u>re-enter one time</u>** and in the same spot in the batting order as the person who replaced them. (Rule 3-3-5)
- 9. BATTING ORDER: (Rules 7-1-1, 2)
- Pool Play: 10/12/14/16 & 18U Teams may bat their whole lineup or <u>traditional Straight 9 lineup with</u> substitutions in all divisions with a free <u>defensive substitution</u>, but must keep the offensive integrity at all times. Must declare pitcher, catcher, and substitutions (including courtesy runners).
 - Bracket Play: <u>10/12/14/16 & 18U</u>: Same as pool play
 - Bracket Play Games will not start <u>until all pool play games have been completed</u>, scores entered and the bracket has been released. We will **NOT PREDICT seeding** for brackets.
- 10. COURTESY RUNNERS: Can be used for a Pitcher and/or Catcher only. (Rule 9-9-1-6)
 - If a team is batting their entire lineup (more than 9), <u>any player not on base</u> can be a courtesy runner for the Pitcher or Catcher <u>only</u>. If a courtesy runner <u>is on base</u> 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** come from the substitutions listed on the line up card.

No Courtesy Runner may run for both the Pitcher and Catcher in the same game.

- 11. PLAYING SHORT HANDED: (Rules 4-3-1g and 7-4-1). 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 (Rule 4-3-1g).
 - 1. If the absent player is the batter or a runner, an out shall be declared (Rule 7-4-1) EXCEPTION: If the absent player was injured while as EITHER 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 <u>may not return</u> to the lineup. EXCEPTION: A player who left under the Blood Rule may re-enter once treated and cleaned up (Rule 7-4-1).
 - 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 <u>if an eligible substitute arrives</u>. Upon arrival, <u>she must be inserted in the absent player's position</u> in the batting order **immediately** (Rule 3-3-8d).

A team may drop more than 1 batting position, (i.e., <u>may have multiple absent players</u>) **provided the lineup is maintained <u>with at least 8 batters physically present</u>. All other restrictions above apply. If a team has multiple absent players and an eligible substitute arrives, they must enter the game immediately** in the first available absent player position due up in the batting order.

- 12. <u>PITCHING:</u> Reference NFHS Rules 2-47 and 6-1-2c, When pushing off from the pitcher's plate, both feet may be disengaged from the playing surface (Leaping) as long as the remain within or partially within the 24-inch length of the plate and do not create a replant of the pivot foot resulting in the pitcher being farther away from the pitcher's plate. When pushing off with the pivot foot from a place other than the pitcher's plate resulting in the non-pivot foot becoming closer to home plate is illegal.
- 13. <u>WARM UPS BETWEEN INNINGS</u> All teams will have between innings 1 minute (60 SECONDS) to throw 5 pitches and be ready to bat at the end of the time frame. So, please have your players hustle between innings. (Rule 7-3-1)

14. GAME LENGTH:

POOL PLAY - For ages 10U through 18U all game times will be **75 minutes no new inning**. May end with a tie.

• Events scheduled at 90 min will be as follows. 90 min no new inning. May end in a tie

BRACKET PLAY - The **higher seeded team will have a choice** of being the home team and play **75 minutes or 7 innings** whichever comes first. **Must have a winner**.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME - The Undefeated team is the home team (no choice given) and plays 7 innings or the time limit listed below for each age group, except 8U:

- Play 90 minutes for 14U through 18U
- Play 80 minutes for 12U
- Play 75 minutes for 10U **60 Min for some events
- Play 60 minutes for 8U (Only)**
- 15. **RUN RULES:** The game will be considered to be over, if one team is ahead by:

12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5 complete innings

These run rules will apply in all phases of Pool, Bracket, and Championship games. In <u>Pool play games only</u>, we have included an additional run rule of 8 runs after 70 minutes and drop dead with either team ahead.

• 90 min specific events will have an additional run rule of 8 runs after 85 minutes and drop dead with either team ahead

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

- 16. <u>TIE GAME</u>: In the event that time has expired, we will use the International Tie Breaker (ITB) procedure, (Rule 4-2-6) beginning in the top of the next inning, then move to progressive Tie Breaker if still tied. The last completed batter (LCB) from the previous inning will be placed on 2nd base as a base runner to start off the next half of the inning. If still tied after the first round of ITB, 2 runners will be placed on bases at 1st and 2nd base for the next round of ITB.

 **See 8u rules, <u>TIE Record-Head-Head, Runs Allowed, Run Diff, Runs Scored, Winn %</u>.
- 17. <u>SCORE</u>: 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.
- 18. <u>PLAYERS, GUEST PLAYERS AND ILLEGAL PLAYERS:</u> Each team must start the game with a minimum of 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 (Rule 4-3-1g).

Guest Players - Players not listed on the Online team roster are not eligible to play. Illegal players are grounds for forfeit/ejections (Rule 3-4-1). 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 August 31 of the prior year (ie; 08/31/2024). 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

- 19. PROTESTS: You may protest the application of a RULE or use of Illegal Player 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. (Rule 1-1-9).
 - 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 <u>must be made before the next pitch</u> 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 head coach of the offended team, while the player in question is in the game and before the umpires leave the playing field.
 - i. **If during discovery D1 determines there are other illegal players** on the team the penalty will applies to all illegal players
 - ii. Penalty Ejection of both head coach and Illegal player at the time of discovery.

- 1. Head Coach is ejected from the Offending game. However, may return to subsequent games as a spectator only and cannot coach the team in any way.
- 16. FORMAT: The <u>event games guaranteed</u> means that <u>your team will be scheduled for the number of games</u> <u>mentioned</u>. 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.** <u>COVID-19</u>: 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.

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

*Silver and Bronze brackets will only receive straight bracket points for their bracket - (15 for win, 3 for lose OR

30 for win and 6 for lose for Qualifiers)

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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SLOWPITCH Utah Summer Games Tournament Information

This event will adopt Rules of the OFFICIAL United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) (www.usssa.com) with the following exceptions:

Check-In: <u>Please check in with KATHY STAHL</u> at the Fields at the Hills before your game to get game balls and your USG swag bag. <u>Home Run wristbands must be purchased here as well (\$20 Per band, 1 per division)</u>
Fields at The Hills address is **2090 W Royal Hunte Drive, Cedar City.**

- 1. **There is ZERO tolerance** for disruptive behavior by fans, coaches, or players. Derogatory comments, poor behavior, and negative verbal communications toward any event staff will be cause for removal from the event and complex. **SPECTATORS ARE NEVER TO ADDRESS UMPIRES**.
- 2. <u>Rosters/Waiver(s)</u> are all to be completed online through your Tourney Machine Team account. Each player must be listed on the online roster and sign the online Waiver to be eligible to play. There cannot be any additions made to the roster at the event*. *There may be an emergency add-on at the Tournament Director's approval.
- 3. <u>Identity</u> Managers who register their team for the event acknowledge that their rosters are complete and accurate. If a player's identity is questioned, that player must present a valid State ID to the Tournament Director upon request or the player will be ruled Illegal. Any team caught with an illegal player or roster will be subject to removal or forfeiture.
- 4. Game Ball Game balls will be issued at Check-In at the Fields at the Hills. These are the official event balls and no other ball can be used. Additional balls can be purchased for \$7 per ball with no exceptions. Teams caught not using event balls will be warned the first time and then issued subsequent outs thereafter.

 Coed/Mix 3 Mens & 2 Womens Mens 3 Mens Womens 2 Womens
- 5. <u>The home team</u> shall be decided by a coin toss. <u>In the Championship Game</u>, the undefeated team gets the choice of Home or Visitor. No IF game, the winner takes all Brackets. The home team is required to have a scorebook. Umpires will keep score on the field and will refer to the scorebook if/when questions arise.
- 6. <u>ALL Bats</u> must have the USSSA Mark and be on the USSSA-approved bat list. Our first priority is the safety of all those participating. The manager (s) and players are responsible for making sure all equipment used is legal to play. Umpires and directors have the authority to remove bats at their discretion.
 - a) A bat may be removed from the game IF, the pitcher is HIT by a batted ball that the umpire deemed undefendable. A **second offense in the same event** will be grounds for the bat to be removed from the event completely.
 - b) The owner/user of the bat will be asked to relinquish the bat, which will be cataloged. If the owner/user refuses, they will automatically be suspended from the event.
 - c) Confiscated bats will be returned to the owner(s) after the first game offense **OR** after the event for a second offense.
- 7. <u>Home Run Rules</u> 4 Home Runs per team per game (women are unlimited), <u>all others are outs</u> (over-the-fence home runs)
- 8. <u>Home Run Wristbands</u> 2 Home Run Bracelets can be purchased per team for \$20 per bracelet. Each bracelet is good for the Division it was purchased for (Coed only, men's only, women's only, must purchase per

division). The Wristband designee has unlimited home runs. IF the Wristband designee walks then the next batter who hits an Over The Fence (OTF) home run may do so without penalty. * Must be purchased from KATHY at Fields at the Hills.

- 9. Run Rules 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, and 10 Runs after 5 innings have been reached. *flip/flop rules apply
- 10. <u>Game Time</u> 50 Minutes **FINISH THE INNING** (including the championship game). Teams must be checked in and ready to play 15 minutes before the scheduled time. Games <u>may start up to 15 min early</u> when possible. Game time is forfeit time.
- 11. <u>Defense</u> COED 2 men/2 women infield, 2 men/2 women outfield, and pitcher/catcher must be a guy/girl combination.
- 12. <u>Pitch</u> The pitch must ARC at least 3 feet after leaving the pitcher's hand and before it passes any part of the home plate. The pitched ball **shall not rise higher than 10 feet** above the ground.
- 13. **Pool Play** Pool play games may end in a tie. Tie Breakers Head to Head, Runs Allowed, Run Diff, Runs Scored, Winning percentage.

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8u - 60 min no new after 55 min

- 1. The pitcher (coach) must have both feet on the pitching rubber at the start of the pitch (35 ft)
- 2. Each batter will receive 5 pitches or 3 strikes, whichever comes first
- 3. A foul ball on the 5th pitch and following pitches will not be considered a 3rd strike
- 4. No walks, no stealing except as outlined below
- 5. **6 runs per half inning** or 3 outs. After 6 runs are scored, teams will exchange offense and defense. Only an over-the-fence homerun can score more than 6 runs
- 6. The baseline is considered the infield
- 7. No Infield Fly Rule
- 8. Runner on 3rd <u>must be batted in</u> to score No run shall be scored on a misplayed/overthrown ball.
- 9. The ball is considered dead each time it is pitched and not hit by the batter

When a ball is hit <u>and remains inside the baseline</u>, the batter(s) may only advance one base <u>unless a thrown ball is misplayed</u>. If a play is made on a batter/runner(s) <u>and the thrown ball is misplayed/overthrown</u>, the runner(s) may advance one additional base at the risk of being put out. If the runner(s) continue to advance, they will do so at their own risk and can be put out. Once the play has stopped, the umpire will return all safe runner(s) to the last base they were entitled to be at.

LEAGUE PLAY RULES

This league will use the National Federation of State High School Associations Softball Rules (<u>www.nfhs.org</u>) with the following league-specific exceptions.

- 1. Pitching Distance 10u 35 ft., 12u 4- feet, 14u 43 feet
- 2. **Ball size** 10u 11 inch, 12u&14u 12 inch.
- <u>3. Rosters</u> All rosters and waivers must be complete, and parent/guardian waivers must be signed and accepted on your team's Tourney Team Account by 5 pm the evening before the event start date. Rosters will be frozen on July 1, of the year of the league play. Players may NOT play on more than one team in a division. Teams caught using an illegal player will forfeit the offended game and the coach will be suspended for 1 additional game.
- **4. Insurance** each team is required to carry team insurance. Insurance must be uploaded to your tourney team account under "manage files"
- <u>5. Pick up/Guest Players</u> ALL players must be listed on your online Roster and have Parents/guardian waivers completed. No additional players can be added to your roster after July 1. The purpose of pick-up/guest players is to fill spots when your regular players are unavailable. We trust that coaches will plan ahead and only use pickup/guest players when their original rostered players are unavailable * emergency changes can be made only through the approval of the director
- 6. 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, coaches, or players 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 of any manner not in accordance with the spirit of play team personnel shall not charge an umpire. Arguing balls and strike calls or other other Umpire judgment calls are prohibited.
- 7. Game Time Limits No new inning after 75 minutes. A new inning begins with the last out of the previous inning. Forfeit time is game time. LEAGUE GAMES CAN END IN A TIE
- **8. TIE:** League play will end in a tie. Tournament play must have a winning team if time has expired we will use the International Tie Breaker (ITB) and then progressive tiebreaker. The runner (last completed batter the previous inning) will be placed on 2nd base at the start of the top and bottom half of the inning.

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

9. Mercy Rule - A game will be called if one team is ahead 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5. Innings will be played to completion UNLESS the home team scores the run ahead limit while at bat. *6 runs per half inning implemented in 8u/10u/12u only. After 6 runs were scored, the teams will exchange offense and defense. Only an over-the-fence homerun can score more than 6 runs.

10. BATTING ORDER:

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

Re-Entry Rule: Starters and any substitutes may leave the game and <u>re-enter one time</u> and in the same spot in the batting order as the person who replaced them.

<u>Lineup Cards</u> - Shall include the following; <u>Team Name</u>, <u>Coaches Name(s)</u>, <u>Player's First initial and Last name</u>, <u>Jersey Number (no players on the same team may wear identical numbers)</u>, <u>Position and Batting Order of each starting player and eligible substitute</u>. 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.

Coaches have the option to bat nine (9) players or they may choose to bat all players present.

- <u>11. Defense</u> The team may only have 9 defensive players. Teams may use unlimited defensive substitutions in league play. A change in the catcher and pitcher must be declared to the Umpire.
- **12. Tournament eligibility** Players Must play in a minimum of 2 league games to be eligible to participate in the League Tournament. This is to prevent Tournament Stacking Please use the girls on your roster throughout the league and tournament. Teams caught not following this rule will forfeit the offended game and the coach will sit out 1 additional game.
- 13. Official Team An official team is composed of 9 players. A team MUST have 8 players to start a game and not receive a designated out. Teams that drop to 7 players will be permitted but there will be one (1) designated out. Players can be inserted into the END of the line-up as they arrive.
- 14. 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.
 - f. Coaches **shall immediately notify** the plate umpire of his/her intent to protest <u>before the next pitch</u>. If the game ends (legal contest) in a situation that can be protested, the **offended team must voice its intentions to protest** <u>before the umpires exit the playing field</u>.
 - g. Protests made during a game will be decided immediately and before the game is allowed to continue.
 - h. Protests on a rule or procedural interpretations <u>must be made before the next pitch</u> and will be decided immediately and before the game is allowed to continue. **The game clock will continue to run.**
 - i. 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.

Illegal Player protests 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..

- 15. Team Standings will be updated nightly on Tourney Machine.
- <u>16. Equipment</u> No metal cleats for 10 & 12u. USA & USSSA Approved bats with the USA/ASA stamp and/or the USSSA thumb 1.20bpf print only. This is the coach's responsibility to check that all players are properly equipped. Illegal bats will result in the ejection of the player and coach from the game. CHECK YOUR GEAR
- 17. COURTESY RUNNERS: can be used for pitcher and 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. If a team is NOT batting their entire lineup, the courtesy runner MUST be a SUB.
- 18. COACH: Any time a coach is in the live ball area to confer with players or an umpire, or to occupy a coach 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. FORMAT**: The event game guarantee means that your team will be scheduled for those many games. Instances happen where games may not be played due to a forfeit or other circumstances. In this event, your team will take the win and the other the loss counting toward your Game Guarantee. Forfeits will be recorded as a 7-0 score.

20. 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. **22. WARM-UPS**: between innings is 2 minutes, please have your players hustle between innings. 23. 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

Weather Policy

Need a rule of thumb and something from NFHS on lightening

It is recommended to check weather projections before the event so that you can plan. Keep in communication with Directors and On-site UIC at other locations regarding weather.

Umpires

- If a game in progress has to be stopped for weather delays, both Umpires will need to WRITE down the following stats of where the game has stopped immediately:
 - What time is remaining on the clock
 - Batters Name and Number
 - Balls and Strikes thrown
 - Number of Outs
 - What Inning of the game
 - Position of Runners left on base with numbers
 - Validate the stats with each scorebook and initial each book

Director

- If the weather does NOT subside or fields become unplayable, contact your Site UIC and/or Site
 Director. Updates will be communicated through the Tourney Machine APP and through your On-Site
 Leadership.
- Will instruct the site UIC to go to the fields to assess if the field(s) is playable and make a determination
 of whether to continue playing or suspend play. We will always air on the side of safety if there are any
 potential problems.
- Will inform all teams Head Coach of any delays and how long. If it is determined that the field is unplayable, again, all teams affected from the time of delay or suspension will be notified immediately.

Pre-Event Email STATE UIC*click the appropriate information then click the M on the left to email

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Subject	Runs 'n Roses this weekend

Hello D1 Prospects Umpire Crew,

This weekend we will be hosting the Phil Murray Shootout/14u State Tournament in Ephraim and Manti Ut, July 26-27, 2024.

The event will be held at

Ephraim Sports Complex - 210 East 300 North, Ephraim

Manti SPorts Complex 998 100 East, Manti

Weather is supposed to be in the mid 90 degrees with slight chance of rain. Please be prepares for weather and HYDRATE NOW.

Bring a chair!

Games will start on Friday, Jul 26, 2024 8:30 AM and Saturday, Jul 26, 2024 8:00 AM

The Blue Meeting will be held at 7:45 am at each complex. All umpires who are scheduled for games before 10 am are required to attend. All umpires who are scheduled after 10 am will need to meet with the on-site UIC 30 min before their scheduled game time to go over the event specifics. These meetings are mandatory, missing this event CAN RESULT in a loss of games.* Please communicate with your on-site UIC if you are going to be late

<u>Umpire Uniform</u>: D1 Umpire Shirt, Heather Gray/Charcoal Pants, Black Belt, Black Shoes, Black D1 Hat, Black or Gray Ball Bags, Black Jacket and <u>all Appropriate safety gear</u>

Contact Lamar Walters for Uniform info: CKWALTERS51@HOTMAIL.COM

Friday Blue D1 Shirt

Saturday White D1 Shirt

Championship Black D1 Shirt •

We will be using the Following Rules:

NFHS Rules with Exceptions (Click HERE for rules) READ AND KNOW

<u>Pay:</u> You will be paid at the end of your last game of the tournament. Please see your UIC or On-site Director for payment.

Schedule: You will be contacted directly by your On-site UIC with your schedule. As you are aware, schedule changes happen, and you will be notified of all changes. The game schedule is posted and updated on the **Tourney Machine App.** Download **HERE**

We appreciate you all and look forward to another amazing D1 event.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at register@d1-prospects.org. Shawna Weaver 801-836-0718

See you all on the field.



Pre-event email from Assigned On-site UIC or Director

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Subject	Runs 'n Roses this weekend!

Good Morning D1 Prospects Umpire Crew,

My name is Choose One, I am the assigned Director, and for the Runs in Roses Tournament this weekend. This event will start on Friday, May 17th, at 8:30 am and again on Saturday, May 18, at 8:30 am. Our Team has been assigned to the following Complex:

Cottonwood Park, 4400 South 1300 East, Millcreek Ut

<u>The Blue Meeting</u> will be held in the umpire tower at <u>7:45 am</u>. All Umpires who are scheduled for games before 10 am are required to attend. All umpires who are scheduled after 10 am will need to meet with the On-site UIC 30 min before their scheduled game time to go over the event specifics. <u>These meetings are mandatory, missing this event CAN RESULT in a loss of games.</u> * Please communicate with your on-site UIC if you are going to be late

You can reach me directly Choose One •

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Meals are Not included - bring your own • We will be providing snacks and waters

Schedule: I have attached a schedule to this email • . If you have any restrictions or special needs please communicate that to me ASAP. The game schedule is posted and updated on the **Tourney Machine App**.

We appreciate you all and look forward to another amazing D1 event.

Blue Meeting

Looking for a uniform blue meeting form that ALL UIC can use as a reference

Everyone with games before 10 am **MUST** be at the Blue Meeting which is always 45 min before the first game. Anyone late or absent from the meeting may lose their first game. All Umpires who are scheduled for games after 10am MUST notify the UIC when they arrive (min 30 min before start time) to go over Blue Meeting Items

- 1. Welcome, and thank you for coming to our event
- 2. Uniform Expectations
- 3. Be approachable and professional
- 4. Special Tournament Rules
 - a. Mercy
 - b. Game Times
 - c. Championship Times
 - d. Other
- 5. No buckets on the field please enforce
- 6. No defensive coaches on the field please enforce
- 7. Warnings/Ejections Stop-then use Bench Restrictions first *call/text 911 to UIC or Director for assistance
- 8. Score Cards Fill out properly and completely.
- 9. Document issues on the back of the scorecards
- 10. The plate umpire shall keep the scorecard. Winning coach MUST sign card
- 11. Only talk to the head coach
- 12. Underage children/pets are **NOT allowed** in the dugout
- 13. 5 min plate meeting
- 14. Start games early if possible (allowed to start 15 min before the scheduled start time)
- 15. Any other items from the Director

 $\label{eq:plate_meeting} Plate\ Meeting$ Looking for a uniform plate meeting form that ALL umpires can use as a reference

1	Call for Head Coaches to the plate and conduct a coin toss to determine Home Team
2	Ask if all coaches, players and equipment are legal and properly equipped and ready for play.
3	Accept each team's lineup card for review. Determine what type of batting order will be used (batting all players or traditional 9). Return lineup cards to each coach for verification and then accept as official. Next, ask each coach if they would like to make any changes to their lineup card at this time.
4	Go over Ground Rules: Time of play (75min), Run Rules 12/3, 10/4 or 8/5 (8 after 70min and drop dead), and courtesy runner for Pitcher/Catcher only and can be anyone if batting entire lineup.
5	Announce Start Time to each team's scorekeeper at the end of plate meeting.
6	

UIC Event Checklist

List of what items to be looking for, checking etc

Blue Meeting
Check ALL Scorecards for accuracy and completeness
Fields
Umpire uniforms and safety equipment
Must have rules on hand
Look for new umpires or newer to us umpires and introduce self and provide support
Evaluations
Address conflict in private
Weather

FIELD of play REQUIREMENTS

Fastpitch-

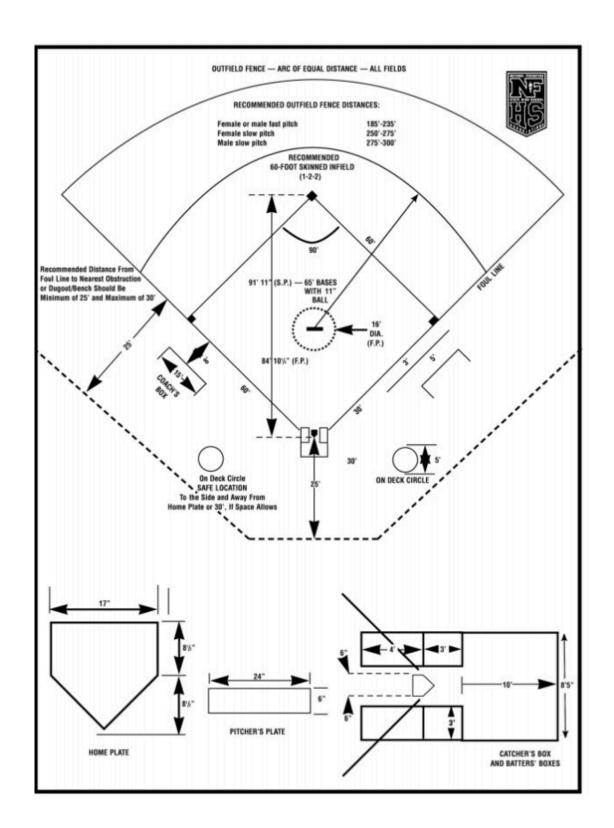
• The baselines in softball are 60 feet.

Measuring: from the back of home plate to the white corner of 1st base, from the back of the white corner of 1st base to the center of second, from the middle of second base to the back corner of 3rd base, from the back corner of 3rd base to the back of home plate.

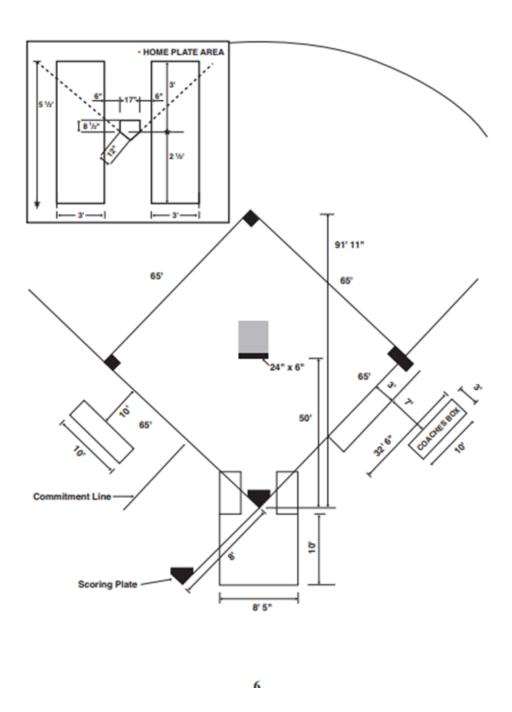
- **Home to 2nd** Distance across the diamond from home plate to second base should be 84 feet 10 ½ inches and the same distance from 1st base to 3rd base.
- **Pitching Plate** -White rubber plate measuring 24 inches long by 6 inches wide and level to the ground. The pitching distance should be measured from the front edge and center of the pitching plate to the point of the home plate.

10u - 35 feet 12u - 40 feet 14u/16u/18u - 43 feet

- Pitcher Circle Shall be marked at a 8 ft radius circle and 16ft diameter from the center of the pitcher's plate.
- **Double Base/Safety base** The base shall be one or two piece unit, 15 inches by 30 inches. The base in foul territory shall be a color other than white and be of equal thickness (5"max).
- Fences all fastpitch fences need to be between 185-235 feet away from home plate. Temporary fencing may be installed to create uniformity throughout all the field(s)/complex(s). Fencing equipment should be in good working condition, safe and secured so as not to collapse on and displace with no hazards. See diagram
- On Deck Circle on-deck circle areas with a 2 ½ foot radius in which the batters are restricted for warm-up swings. *See diagram*
- Runners Lane THE area that is the last half of the distance (30ft) between home plate and first base where a batter must run to avoid interfering with a fielder's attempt to receive a thrown ball. Bounded by a 30 foot line drawn in foul territory parallel to and 3 feet from the first-base line, starting at a point halfway between home plate and the back edge of first base. See diagram
- **Batters Box** One on each side of the home plate shall measure 3 feet by 7 feet, including the lines. The outer edge of the lines of the batter's box shall be 6 inches from home plate. The front line of each batters box shall be 4 feet in front of a line drawn through the center of home plate. See diagram
- Catcher's Box shall be 7 feet in length from the rear outside corners of the batter's box and shall be 8 feet, 5 inches wide, including the lines. *See diagram*
- Coaches Boxes shall be marked by 2 lines. The first line is 15 feet long drawn parallel to and 8 feet from the first and third base lines. The second is a line 3 feet long drawn perpendicular to the end of the 15 foot line closest to home plate. See diagram



OFFICIAL USSSA AND GSL STANDARD PLAYING FIELD DIMENSIONS



2025 Season for D1 Prospects (September 1, 2024-August 31, 2025) Match the birth month (top line) with the Birth Year. The Player's age division is indicated on the right MAR APR MAY JUN NOV DEC FEB AUG **SEP OCT JAN** JUL **AGE** DIVISION 8u 8u 10u 10u 12u 12u 14u 14u 16u 16u 18u 18u

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EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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STAY TO PLAY REQUIREMENTS:

D1 Prospects and Partners (D1) host many events throughout the year. Some of those events are STAY TO PLAY EVENTS that require teams to meet certain requirements to be eligible to participate in the event(s). D1 works with a variety of lodging partners to secure team friendly properties with competitive rates available to all our customers for all of our events.

To be scheduled to participate in this event your team must fit into one of the following categories.

- 1. Teams are REQUIRED to book through Lucid Travels convenient online platform (must be booked by the registration deadline). This will simplify and automate booking rooms (each team has a minimum booking requirement of 10 total room nights per team ie. 5 rooms for 2 nights)
- 2. Teams within 100 miles will be exempt. Our online Lodging Partner (lucid) uses zip codes to automatically mark teams local. You will still get a lodging email with a link so that you can access our great rates.
- 3. Out-of-town teams that wish to stay outside of our Lodging Options, such as campgrounds, rv parks, Airbnb, VRBO, etc. can choose to pay a Lodging Surcharge of \$300. This will be billed to your team separately from your entry fee and will be due prior to your team being scheduled for the event.

Once your team has registered for the event you can start booking with this link https://lucidtravel.us/dl-prospects, from LUCID TRAVEL. This link will give you, your families and spectators 24/7 access to book with our partner hotels as well as track them for reporting purposes. It is important to quickly share the link so that your team and families can get the best rates on available rooms. You can view availability and rates at any time via our WEBSITE WWW.Dl-prospects. ORG under EVENT LODGING.

LODGING made easy! If you choose to all stay at the same hotel you, your team manager, or a parent can easily HOLD a block of rooms for 10 days where each family can book into. Individual families can also choose to stay at a different hotel on this list that best meets their needs, and their room nights will automatically be counted under your team.

*** Any 3rd party reservations (i.e directly with hotel, hotels.com, expedia, hotwire etc.) or using reward points or booking outside of the D1 room blocks will not fulfill your requirement and require lodging surcharge to be paid or your team WILL NOT be scheduled in the event.

If you have any questions please contact: register@d1-prospects.org

Disclaimers

- D1 And Partners act as a passive conduit for online distribution of customer information to our lodging partners.
 Participants are solely responsible for the customer information they provide through the D1 registration process, in any public message areas, or through any email feature.
- D1and their partners are not responsible for any cancellations or for any acts by the lodging partners who provided accommodations. Lodging partners are not agents or employees of D1 or their partners
- Every effort is made to ensure website accuracy at the time of publication; however, D1, cannot be held responsible for printing or typographical errors, product images, and/or content changes to websites.

D1 and their partners are not liable for any loss or damage to property, injury, or damages or claims whatsoever arising from any act, error, omission, default or negligence of any person who is not a direct employee.

SCORING

On Tourney Machine - In the event page, you will score games by Clicking on the "POST SCORES" tab and then sort by division. MAKE SURE YOUR CLICK THE DIVISION THAT MATCHES YOUR UMPIRE SCORE CARD.

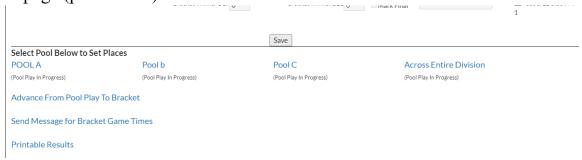


All the games are listed here (per division). Make sure you input the correct score for the correct team. MARK the game FINAL and push save.

TROUBLESHOOT-if you entered scores wrong OR if you want to see the scores of previously saved games. UNCHECK the box that says "show only unfinalized games" and push save. This will show ALL games and allow you to make changes and save

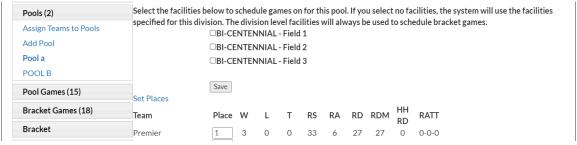


All games are final and you are ready to move teams to the bracket. This information is all on the same page (post scores). Scroll to the bottom.



Each division will have pools. Here you see that the 12u division has 3 pools: A, B & C. Each pool needs to finalize their standings before moving to the bracket.

#1 click on Pool A in blue



Above the team names you will see in blue "SET PLACES". Click this and then save. This will

set the places in this pool for you. Then move onto the remaining pools. DO NOT PUSH "ACROSS ENTIRE DIVISION"

Once all the pools have been placed

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9	Send Message for Bracket Game Ti	mes	
F	Printable Results		

Click "advance from pool play to bracket" and then "send message for Bracket Game Times. Scroll down lower and you will see that the bracket has been populated. Use this to fill in your paper bracket.



Now the Bracket match-ups will show as games to score.

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Subject	Clash of the Coal Miners

Dear Coach,

We are reaching out regarding the Clash of The Coal Miners - event that was canceled Jun 21, 2024.

We will issue refunds or Event credits to teams per our Refund Policy.

You can read through our Policy HERE.

80% refund for any teams that do not start any of their scheduled games

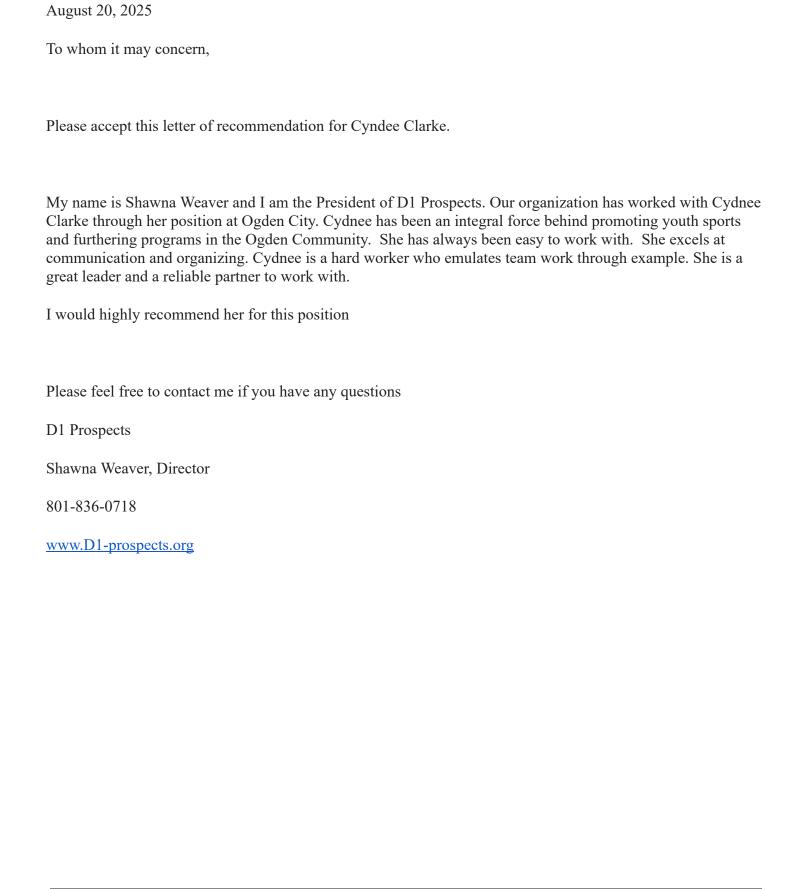
50% refund for any teams who start 1 of their scheduled games

0 refund for any team who started 2 of their scheduled games

Games are considered STARTED once the Coin Flip or Plate Meeting has been completed.

** Your 10u - team qualifies for \$480 - Refund/Event Credit

Please let us know how you would like to use your refund by emailing Shawna at register@d1-prospects.org.



Re: Request for proposal #24-125

D1 Prospects has been hosting Fastpitch Softball Tournaments and Leagues since the fall of 2021. Before that, we were Central Utah Athletics (CUA) and worked with USSSA of Utah from 2017-2021. During our time with CUA/USSSA we were the fastest-growing organization in the state, specializing in Rural communities. We also host large events in; Arizona, Nevada, and Idaho.

Market Share

- D1 is the largest Fastpitch Organization in the State of Utah. We have over 75% of the Fastpitch Tournament Market.
- over 1500 registered teams
- Host over 45 Fastpitch Events a year with average sizes ranging from 25-120 teams
- D1 has the largest Roster of Umpires in the State
- Largest Umpire Training Program in the West
- Largest Umpire Recruiting Program in the western states with over 50 New umpires recruited per year
- Largest Umpire training program in the State.
- Largest Youth Umpire Training and Mentorship Program in the State
- D1 Runs the largest Recreation and All-Star program in the state with over 1500 Athletes (spring).
- D1 hosts 5 Rec/All-Star Tournaments in Utah with Teams from Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Colorado, and Wyoming

Financial

2021 - 2024 grown over 147% in our Fastpitch Tournament Department

2021-2024 Grown over 200% in our Recreation and All-Star Program

2021-2024 Grown over 245% in our Umpire Recruiting Program

2021-2024 our event participation growth has increased by 83%

Current Assets: \$323,000

Current Liabilities: \$55,423

We have no outstanding debts with cities or counties

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide young female athletes with the resources, mentorship, and opportunities they need to become leaders in their communities and beyond.

Through our programs and initiatives, we aim to instill confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of self-worth in every young woman we work with.

By breaking down barriers and challenging stereotypes, we are paving the way for a future where all young women have the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Join us in empowering the next generation of female leaders.

Vision Statement

Work to develop the TOTAL ATHLETE by increasing access and opportunities to develop as a person and athlete mentally, physically, and socially. Provide programs that assist with breaking down barriers that prevent youth from participating in organized sports and living a healthy fulfilled life. Expand opportunities and training to adults and volunteers to inspire, empower, and protect youth within our communities.

Core Values:

LEAD:

- Lead by example a relentless pursuit of the highest level of quality both individually and as a whole team; intellectually, personally, and professionally.
- Take responsibility and be accountable to our D1 Prospects team, yourself, the community, and the sport to continue to be a leader in youth athletics. We do what we say we will do.
- Emphasize fair play, respect for opponents, and integrity both on and off the field. Encourage players to display good sportsmanship at all times.

INSPIRE:

- Multiply the greatness
- Be a leader that inspires leadership
- Inspiring a healthy lifestyle through participation in sports
- We work together as a team, which inspires teamwork in those around us and at our events. Sportsmanship, In everything we do, we do as a team, for the team.
- Youth empowerment

CREATE:

- Prioritize building a strong sense of community among players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters. Encourage involvement in community events and initiatives.
- Continue to enhance our standing focus on the youth participants and our overall quality of service through positive change.
- Create and maintain professional connections with our officials, coaches, teams, parents, players, affiliates and communities

Owners

Main Contact -CEO Shawna Weaver 801-836-0718 register@d1-prospects.org

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D1 Programs and Program Directors

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Fastpitch Tournaments/Programs Fastpitch onsite Senior Director

Director

Shawna Weaver Kathy Stahl State Umpire In Charge (UIC) Marketing Manager Asst. UIC Northern Utah Asst. UIC Southern Utah

Recreation Programs Souther Utah Recreation Programs Director North Utah

Recreation Programs UIC Recreation Programs Asst. UIC Community Relations Director Kelley Yakiwchuk Ethan Morgan Marianne Gardner Otis Jackson Otis Jackson Fred Scott Chris Opie Cal Yoshimura Tad Richards

Terms: D1 Prospects offers a variety of services to fit the needs of the city

The city has outlined the following Scope of Service

- 1) Sanction up to 10 annual Tournaments
- 2) Provide trained and certified umpires to officiate the tournament games
- 3) Provide UIC at tournament sites as requested
- 4) Provide Field Owners Insurance Covering the City
- 5) Offer the City the right to be the host location for additional tournaments sponsored by the applicant
- 6) Provide marketing for tournaments
- 7) Complete and share with the city a comprehensive national background and sex offender database check on all umpires annually
- 8) Hold no less than 2 umpire recruitment and training sessions in St. George annually as requested by the city
- 9) Promote all City Tournaments sanctioned by D1
- 10) Provide other benefits as proposed by D1

D1 Event Sanction Options

Thank you for considering a partnership with D1 Prospects. We look forward to partnering with Programs, Cities, and Communities that believe in fostering Youth Programs. We believe that these programs are where our youth learn to fall in love with sports and gain knowledge of healthy habits and activities.

We at D1 Prospects are passionate about using sports to empower youth and cultivate future leaders in our communities. We take great pride in our programs and services. D1 Prospects leads the state in Fastpitch Softball Programs because we remain committed to our Mission of providing and supporting youth programs that EMPOWER - by

- Leading through a relentless pursuit of the highest level of quality both individually and as a whole team: intellectually, personally, and professionally
- Inspiring healthy lifestyle choices through participation in sports
- Creating a strong sense of community among players, coaches, volunteers, supporters, and community members. As we continue to focus on our youth participants, we will always provide a quality service through positive change and professional connections.

Standard Inclusions:

- Personal D1 Tournament/League Representative 24/7 support
- Partner City Logo/Link on the D1 Prospects Website www.d1-prospects.org
- Free Social Media Advertising on D1 Prospects Facebook and IG Accounts
- Professional Flyer
- Free user account with SportsEngine Tourney (Tourney Machine) through D1 Prospects
- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Please see Event Specific Inclusions
- D1 Prospects Scorecards (Recommended for all events)
- Event schedule assistance through SportsEngine Tourney (formerly Tourney Machine)

D1 Staff/Umpires:

- All Staff/Umpires have passed a background check
- All Staff/Umpires have participated in a Child Safety Training
- All Staff/Umpires will be in professional D1 attire appropriate for the designated assignment

Option #1 Tournament - A City Ran Event

D1 will handle umpire assigning and scheduling, and UIC will be provided for the event The city will handle registration, event schedule, and run the onsite responsibilities of the event Umpires & UIC must be paid after the conclusion of the event day. Remaining fees remitted 7 days from the event

Item	Cost	Notes		
On-Site UIC	\$400 per day			
Umpires	Max of \$65 per umpire per game - 2 man Max of \$80 per umpire - 3 man Max of \$90 per umpire - 1 man	3 man is recommended for Semi, Undefeated, and Championship Games		
Assigner	\$3 per game	\$250 minimum charge		
SportsEngine Tourney Game Schedule fee	\$6 per team	Must use to issue teams ranking points and use services		
Sanction Fee	\$325 per age division			
Lodging	*See Umpire Lodging Requirements	Paid for by City		
Meals/Waters	1 meal per day and waters	Paid for by city		

This option is great for cities that want to; Schedule, staff, and run the event themselves

Option #2 Tournament - D1 Full Service Event

D1 will handle all aspects of the event: Registration, scheduling, umpire scheduling, pool play, bracket, champ games, award distribution etc. A check will be cut to the city 7 days from the conclusion of the event. Umpires & UIC must be paid after the conclusion of the event day. City fees remitted 7 days from the event

Item	Cost	Notes			
On-Site UIC	\$400 per day				
On-Site Director	\$28 per hour *	Will handle scheduling, scores, brackets, champ games and awards			
Umpires	Max of \$65 per umpire per game - 2 man Max of \$80 per umpire - 3 man Max of \$90 per umpire - 1 man	3 man is recommended for Semi, Undefeated, and Championship Games			
Assigner	\$3 per game				
SportsEngine Tourney Schedule fee	\$6 per team	If used - Must use to issue teams ranking points and use services			
Sanction Fee	\$350 per age division				
Lodging	*See Umpire Lodging Requirements	Paid for by City			
Meals/Waters	1 meal per day and waters	Paid for by city			

#1 way to keep great umpires coming back is to pay them at the conclusion of the event! Typically, we release schedules 10 days before the event and close registration 2 weeks before the event. We propose that an arrangement be made to release the Umpire fees (estimated) to D1 before the event so that the Umpires can be paid the same day.

Here is our typical Umpire Lodgining Policy - Staffing your events with local Umpires will be the priority. We can adjust this policy to fit the requirements of St. George City.

D1 Prospects Travel Policy and Pay:

<u>Travel pay is no longer provided as a standard</u>. Any travel pay offered will be communicated through the Assigning UIC per event and as approved by the city.

Hotel Policy:

Hotels will generally be provided for those who travel over 100 miles from home and are working a full day (5 games or more). Lodging will be booked as a double occupancy.

NO PETS - if you bring a pet you will be responsible for your own room

SPOUSES/PARTNERS/FAMILIES - those who choose to travel with family will be responsible for booking their own room and will be credited a lodging Per Diem at the end of the event (must book with our lodging partner to receive this rate, per diem is determined by the Event Director). If for any reason you are unable to fulfill you're agreed duties/games and must leave or are suddenly unable to work the remainder of your scheduled games - you will be responsible for your portion of the hotel fee (you must forfeit 1 whole day or up to 4 games for this to be in effect and will be deducted from paycheck at that event and further events until paid)

Umpires who choose to travel with extra guests or pets will not receive more than 1/2 of the lodging costs for their stay AND will receive NO lodging per diem for extra days that are deemed unnecessary by the event Director

*Typically any umpire who has games that start before 11 am or end after 4 pm will be provided a room the day before the event starts and a day following the conclusion of the event (IE Thursday-Sunday). *unless they are located within a reasonable driving distance of 200 miles or less.

*We negotiate and book lodging months in advance. If your lodging needs change, and you do not give more that 5 days notice you will be responsible for any hotel fees incurred.

If you are interested in additional D1 Umpire opportunities for the 2024 season please check out our website by clicking <u>HERE</u>. You can find all our events under "Find an Event". You can register for additional events under the "Umpire Tab". Links to Registration, Background Checks, Rules, Events and our Umpire Uniform Store are all located on the site.

Athlete Age Calculator

2025 Season for D1 Prospects (September 1, 2024-August 31, 2025)													
Mat	Match the birth month (top line) with the Birth Year. The Player's age division is indicated on the right												
SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	AGE	DIVISION
2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	7	8u
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	8	8u
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	9	10u
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	10	10u
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	11	12u
2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	12	12u
2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	13	14u
2009	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	14	14u
2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	15	16u
2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	16	16u
2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	17	18u
2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	18	18u

D1 Tournament: Team Insurance, Code of Ethics, NFHS Rules, Lodging Policy, Concussion Management, Background Checks, Refund Policy and Event Rules are Linked here

City of St George Purchasing Dept Attn: Mary Wahl 175 East 200 North St George Ut 84770

Re: Fastpitch Softball Sanctioning Association Selection # 24-125

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to present sanctioning options for your Fastpitch Softball Programs. We offer Full service and Limited service Options for all Programs.

Our <u>local</u> Staff are highly experienced and excited to assist St. George City with elevating their softball programs

We are prepared to offer:

- Up to 10 Annual Tournaments
- Trained Umpires
- UIC for tournaments
- Insurance (see attached to proposal)
- Offer the city opportunities for additional tournaments or programs
- Promote and Market all D1/St George Sanctioned events (see attached marketing plan)
- Background checks for all staff and umpires
- Host 2 Umpire Trainings (see proposed plan)
- Additional Benefits as outlines in proposal

We look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions

Sincerely, Shawna Weaver My name is Shawna Weaver and I am the President and Founder of D1 Prospects. We are a family Owned business - and am joined here today with co-owners -My husband Justin and recently my 2 daughters Hadlei and Roudee. You will see many of my other kids from time to time - as it takes a village to run all these programs.

OUR vision has always been to create a legacy for our family as well as yours. We have many families, couples and relatives within our D1 Community. When you come to work for us our GOAL is that you feel a part of an amazing community of friends - We want you to be excited to come work our events!

This september we celebrate our 4th year anniversary. And in that short time we have become the Top Fastpitch Organization in the state of Utah. This success belongs to us ALL -

So from all of us al D1 THANK YOU all for showing up for the athletes, for the sport and for eachother.

Let me introduce you to our leadership team

Kelley Yakiwchuk - State UIC

Marianne Garder - Norther Ut - Asst UIC and Idaho State UIC

Otis Jackson - Souther Ut - Asst UIC - Southern Utah Recreation Programs Director

Kathy Stahl - Senior Director - Director Trainer - Southern Utah Area Programs Director

Tad Richards - Senior Director - Soon to Be Expanding our Nevada Programs

Fred Scott - Northern Utah Recreation Programs Director

Chris Opie - Northern Utah Recreation UIC

Cal Yoshimura - Norther Utah Recreation Asst UIC

Hadlei Weaver - Owner and Assistant Director

Roudee Weaver- Owner and Assistant Director

Janae Monson - Assistant Director - Background Check /Safe Sport Coordinator

Alyssa Simpson - Assistant Director

GabRiel Weaver - Assistant Director

Elise Sutherland - Idaho State Director

Lamar Walters - Umpire Uniform Director

Ethan Morgan - Social Media Manager

Today we will hear from a few members of our leadership.

Kelley

Fred

Otis

Lamar

Justin



2024-2025 Event Schedule

December 6-8 Cactus Christmas	
January 10-13 New Years Classic	July 18-19- Phil Murray Shootout
January 11 - College Umpire Training	July 25-26 - Phil Murray Shootout
April 4-5 - April Fools	July 25-26 - Legacy FIelds - Twin Falls Idaho
April 11-12 - Spring Sting	July 25-26 - Ogden - All nighter Rec
April 18-19 - Cottontail Classic	August 1-2 - Beaver
April 18-19 - Hurricane Heat	August 1-2 - A league of their own
April 25-26 - Cottontail Classic	August 1-2 - Northern Summer Vibes
May 2-3 - Cinco De Mayo	August 1-2 - Cedar city maybe
May 9-10- Hurricane Heat	August 8-9 - Tater Toss
May 9-10 - Runs and Roses	August 8-9 - TBD
May 17-18 - Runs and Roses	August 7-9 - Recreation State Tournament
May 30-31 - Memorial Day Classic	August 15-16 - Black Diamond Bash
May 30-31 - Slowpitch Summer Games	August 23 - Saturday only
May 30-31 - Rumble Rally	August 29-30 Make it Reign - May move one week
June 5-7 - Utah Summer Games Fastpitch	later
June 13-14 - Summer Smash	September 12-13 - Hometown Heroes
June 13-14 - Sand Lot	September 27-28 - TBD
June 20-21 The GOAT	September 27-28-Pumpkin Chunkin
June 20-21 - Clash of the Coal Miners	Oct 3-4 - tbd
June 26-28 - 12u State tournament	October 9 - end of year banquet
June 27-28 - Possible Firecracker - Idaho Falls?	October 10-11- Pretty In Pink
Maybe	October 17-18 - Zombie Ball
June 27-28 - Summer Vibes Round Robin	October 24-25 - Field Of Screams
June 27-29 - Gearld Wright Classic	November - TBD
July 11-12 - Dino Round Up	December 5-7 TBD
July 10-12 - 16&18u State Tournament	Jan 2026 - 9-11

July 17-19 - OMGS Invitational July 18-19 - Midnight Madness

