

## **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling 2025 Tournament Regulations**

On behalf of the Wisconsin Twisters, welcome to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Tournament. Special thanks to all of the businesses, family members, players, and coaches who work tirelessly to make the tournament a success.

**Regulations are subject to change at game time. Regulations will follow USA Rules with the following modifications.**

1. All teams must check in with the tournament director **1 hour** prior to playing your first game. **Please make sure that you bring with you a copy of your roster and insurance to turn in if not already sent. Have your birth certificates on hand.**
2. Continuous batting order is required for all pool games, courtesy runner shall be the last out. Continuous batting order is optional in bracket play for 12U & 14U only, and continuous batting order will be used for bracket play in 8U and 10U. (USA rules regarding courtesy runners are to be followed if not using continuous batting order for 12U/14U bracket play).
3. Game balls will be furnished for all age groups. 8U/10U will use an 11" softball, 12U/14U will use a 12" softball.
4. Base lengths for all ages will be 60 feet. The pitching distance for 8U is 30 feet, 10U is 35 feet, 12U is 40 feet and 14U is 43 feet.
5. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be ready to play 30 min. prior to game time.
6. A coin flip will determine the home team for pool play games. The higher seed will be the home team throughout the bracket play. The home team will be the official scorekeeper and **will be responsible for reporting the scores to the tournament director** in a timely manner.  
Reporting Scores: Text to 262-994-0320  
Field #, age group, winning team score, losing team score. (ie. FIELD 1/ 12U/ Twisters 1, Tornados 0)
7. All games will have a time limit of 75 minutes, except championship games for 12U /14U (1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place) which will be 7 innings or 1 hour 45 min. time limit whichever comes first. If an inning starts before the time limit expires, we will finish the inning. All bracket games must result in a win or lose, pool play games may end in a tie. International tie-breaker will be used. (last out starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> base)
8. Mercy rule will be in effect in all games-12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings and 8 after 5 innings. Seeding will be based in the following order: record, head to head, runs allowed, run differential, coin flip.
9. There will be no game protest.
10. No infield practice between games. Absolutely no activity on the infield area when ground crews are prepping the fields, please.
11. Team Managers will be responsible for all persons including players, coaches and spectators associated with their team.
12. Your team is responsible for **cleaning up the dugouts** after each game. Coaches, please enforce this rule.
13. MVP awards will be given to a player from the opposing team that you choose for pool play games only. **We ask that there be only one MVP award per tournament, per player.**
14. Metal cleats are only allowed in 14U.

## Special 8U Rules

1. Inning Limit: Each half inning will end after three outs have been recorded, or run limit has been met. 5 runs max per inning if tied or leading, or 5 runs ahead of opponent if trailing.
2. No Walks or Hit By Pitch: After the fourth ball of an at bat or the batter is hit by pitch, a coach from the offensive team will deliver all pitches to that batter until the at bat comes to an end. The coach will start with both feet within the pitching circle. When the coach begins to pitch to that batter, the batter will keep however many "strikes" she had before ball 4 or being hit by the pitch. The batter can strike out or put the ball in play, but cannot take a walk or get hit by a pitch when the coach is pitching.  
Note: the umpire should still indicate called strikes in the event that the coaches pitch is a strike and the batter does not swing.
3. There will be no dropped third strike rule.
4. There will be no infield fly rule.
5. No stealing is allowed, and lead offs are permitted once the pitch is released.
6. There will be no squaring around to purposely bunt, or faking a bunt and pulling back to swing.
7. Teams may use 3 or 4 outfielders (9 or 10 total defenders). If 4 outfielders are used, they must start in an outfield position.

## Special 10U Rules

8. Inning Limit: Each half inning will end after three outs have been recorded, or run limit has been met. 5 runs max per inning if tied or leading, or 5 runs ahead of opponent if trailing.
1. There will be no dropped third strike rule.
2. There will be no infield fly rule.
3. Stealing of all square bases is allowed, runners will be called out for leaving early. There will be no stealing of home in 10U.

**ABSOLUTELY NO CARRY – INS, CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE.  
WE USES THIS TOURNAMENT AS A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR ORGANIZATION**

**TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS / KONA ICE/ AND SPORTY GIRL ASSESSORIES WILL BE ONSITE  
CASH / VENMO PREFERRED. CREDIT / DEBIT WITH MINIMUM PURCHASE.**

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR- ROSIE OLLE 262-994-0320  
( LOCATED UNDER THE WHITE CANOPY BY THE CONCESSION STAND)**

In the unlikely event of weather, every effort will be made to continue and complete the Tournament **at the discretion of the Tournament Director, modifications to the rules may be effected.** In the event of extreme conditions, the safety and welfare of the players will be the primary concern of the Tournament Staff.