



2019 Pride in the Pack Tournament Rules and Conditions

- Teams must check in at the Team Check-In Area at Lamar Fields Concessions Building or Grey Cloud Concessions Tent at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the first scheduled game and be prepared to turn in your USA Softball Certified roster and 2 game balls. Game Balls will be available for purchase at the Concession Stands for \$5.
- Please have your team birth certificates with you for proof of age, if needed.
- This tournament offers your choice of berths to NAFA Nationals or Mall of America Nationals to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each bracket and Consolation championship participants.
- Placement in the brackets will be based on:
 - **Overall Win/Loss Record in pool or round robin play**
 - **Head to head if two teams have the same record**
 - **Fewest runs allowed**
 - **Total Runs scored**
 - **Coin Flip**
- Teams from each pool will be placed in bracket play based on seeding after Pool Play. Each bracket will play a Third Place game.
- Home teams in bracket play will be determined by rolling a ball to the pitching rubber or a coin toss, at the umpire's discretion. In the case of a ball roll, the closest to the pitching rubber has choice to be home or visitor.
- **Batting Order & Line-up:** Games will also be played in compliance with the Tri-County Rules.
 - 8U, 10U & 12U levels are required to bat the entire roster and unlimited substitutions will be allowed. Courtesy runners are allowed and encouraged to speed up play (last out) for pitchers, catchers or injured players.
 - 14U, 16U and 18U, teams are encouraged to bat the line-up during Pool Play. During bracket play teams will be allowed to bat 9, 10, DP Flex or bat the entire line-up.
 - Teams batting the entire line-up during bracket play will not be allowed to use a courtesy runner for their pitcher or catcher, except in the case of an injury that occurs during that game. Pre-existing injuries will not be granted a courtesy runner.
 - Teams batting 9, 10 or playing DP Flex will be allowed courtesy runners but must be a bench player, not a player in the lineup.
- All protests will be settled on the field. Umpire decisions are final. No appeals will be allowed to the Tournament Director.
- Games are 7 innings or until time has expired, whichever comes first. No new inning may start after 65 minutes.

- Heckling of the umpires will not be allowed. The Coach of the team whose fans violate this rule will be warned once. If the heckling continues, fans will be asked to leave the premises. Fans not complying within two minutes will cause the forfeiture of the game to the opposing team. Coaches, please discuss this with your fans prior to coming to the tournament to avoid any confusion.
- A team not ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time of their game will forfeit that game; unless you're coming from a previous game that has not finished as scheduled, a different location, or weather delay (in accordance with the Inclement Weather Policy).
- Pool play games can end in a tie. Bracket play must have a winner. International tie breaker will be used in bracket play. International tie-breaker will be played with a runner on second (last out from previous inning) and no outs.
- There are no restrictions on the number of innings a pitcher can pitch.
- All games are subject to the following mercy rules:
 - 15 after 3
 - 10 after 4
 - 8 after 5
- 8U & 10U games will have a maximum 5 runs per ½ inning.
- 10U play: The tournament will adhere to the Tri-County & Big West League rules for B teams. Advancement to first base on a dropped third strike, stealing home, more than one base on a steal attempt will be allowed.
- Updates to brackets will be posted on our website within 2 hours of the completion of play for the respective age level. We will do our best to keep the live bracket up to date as games are completed.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to shorten the length of games in the event of bad weather. In the event of rain, refer to our website www.cgaasoftball.com for updates to game times and schedules.
- In the event the tournament were to end prior to completion based on weather, the following tie-breakers will be used to determine order of finish:
 - **Higher seed at completion of pool play**
 - **Win/Loss Record in pool play**
 - **Head to head if two teams have the same record**
 - **Fewest runs allowed**
 - **Total Runs scored**
 - **Coin Flip**
- We will have individual awards for First & Second place teams for all championship brackets.
- The Tournament Director, Tim Dana can be reached at 651-319-3930 or CGAA Softball President Amanda Albert, can be reached at 651-295-8561. If both are unavailable, contact Brad Strom 612-868-4322

Inclement Weather Policy

There will be a site director designated at each site. They will be the contact person for the coaches at that site in the event of bad weather. The Site Director will be in contact with CGAA Tournament Director to determine how to proceed.

Umpires are instructed to suspend games where (note, inning, outs, count, bases occupied, etc) at the first sign of visible lightning or hazardous weather, such as extreme winds or rain downpours. See Tournament Rules for lengths of Official game. In the event of lightning, play should not resume for 10 minutes following the lightning or until the threat has clearly moved on. In case of extreme weather, look for information or signs available for people to know where they can go for shelter.

Teams are to remain within proximity of the playing field and not assume the game has been postponed or cancelled. Games will begin as soon as possible following such weather. A 5 minute warm-up time should be allotted if more than 30 minutes has elapsed since play was stopped. Otherwise, extended warm-up pitches and around the horn are allowed only. As if an inning was to begin. If there is a series of rains – The Site Director will determine when fields will be ready for play. It is possible that games may need to be shortened, played throughout the day or late into the evening; if possible or rescheduled very early in the mornings. Be sure to check the Official Board at the Lamar Field Concessions. It is suggested that all teams be available to play within their scheduled times. If the games get backed up some teams may only get 5 minutes to warm-up before being required to play.

CGAA reserves the right to change the format and structure of the Tournament in order to complete the tournament. This change could be anything from taking teams that have played and using those games as seeding and going to single elimination, using pool standings and assigning teams to move forward or any format that assures the completion of the tournament, such as shortened games and the like. These decisions will be determined based on where the schedules are and the field availability. CGAA will make every attempt to not have the Tournament go outside the allotted time and to get back on schedule.

In the case of an overnight, early morning rain, teams must show up at the fields unless it is a dangerous situation. They may be asked to play within 5 minutes of their scheduled time if possible. Or as soon as fields are deemed playable.

- If weather causes the Tournament to be washed out. (No Games Played) There will be a \$25 withholding for administration fees.
- If only one game is completed, there will be a 50% reimbursement.
- If at least two Official games by rule are played, or are available for play, no reimbursement will be offered.