

2018 King of the Hill Qualifier Tournament Rules

Ages 16U – 18U

ALL PGF (NFHS) rules apply with the following adjustments / clarifications:

ALL GAMES

1. No new inning will start after 1 hour 15 min
2. Games can begin up to 30 min prior to the scheduled start time except for 1st game of the day.
3. Run Rule: 12 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5. Do not play the bottom of inning if home is winning.
4. **Winning team must text the score to (847) 452-6266** with the following info
 - a. Field, Game Time, Winning Team (Score) , Losing Team (Score).
 - b. If the score is not reported it will be recorded as a tie.
5. The on deck batter will use the on deck circle located behind the back of the batter
6. Minors who coach bases must wear a helmet
7. Home team will be the official scorer
8. All players warming up a pitcher must wear a facemask
9. All players must be properly equipped per PGF Rules
10. No huddling behind the pitcher's mound. Players are still allowed to throw the ball around but cannot be allowed to congregate behind the mound after the out.
11. 90 second time limit between innings. At 60 seconds, base umpire will issue warning to both teams that 30 sec remaining. After 90 seconds a ball or strike will be issued depending on which team is not ready. Leniency will be given to catcher if she was last out or on base, however someone else must warm up the pitcher.
12. Batters will be required to keep one foot in the batter's box.
13. Umpires will use discretion to limit the amount of defensive timeouts if they feel they are excessive or unwarranted.
14. All age divisions must be no older than their respective divisions as of January 1, 2019.
 - a. Per PGF rules, the 18U division will now be based on age as are the other divisions, but a player may NOT have participate in any practice, conditioning or play with any Junior College or 4 year college / university at any point and still be eligible to play.
15. Umpires may eject players or coaches for violation of the rules or for unsporting behavior. Ejected people must leave the area of the diamond within 1 minute or game may be called a forfeit.
16. A player, coach, or manager ejected from 1 game is ineligible to participate in the next game.
17. No smoking, drinking or firearms will be allowed at any of the facilities
18. All event notification including weather delays, schedule changes and game results will be posted on the "Schedule" link located at <https://www.wilightningfastpitch.com/battleoftheborders> and also on the Wisconsin Lightning app available in both the Apple App store and the Google Play Store.
19. Tournament directors reserve the right to change the format of the tournament in case of weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

POOL PLAY

20. Home team will be determined by a coin flip
21. Games can end in a tie if time has expired
22. If the game is tied after 7 innings the game will remain tied regardless of time limit
23. Coaches can choose if they want to bat 9, bat the entire lineup, or any number over 9.
 - a. If batting the entire lineup the courtesy runner for pitcher/ catcher is last batted out.
 - b. If not batting entire lineup courtesy runner must follow PGF rules (must be an eligible sub)
 - c. Open substitution defensively

BRACKET PLAY

24. Seeding for bracket play
 - a. Pool Record
 - b. Head to head (amongst tied teams)
 - c. Total Runs allowed in pool play
 - d. Run Differential in pool play (7 run cap per game)
 - e. Coin Flip
 - * If three teams are tied once the tie is broken do not return to the top of criteria
25. Home team will be determined by a coin flip
26. Substitution will be allowed per PGF rules
27. Games tied after 7 innings or after time expires will start the next inning utilizing international tie breaker

SCORE REPORTING

Winning team must text the score to (847) 452-6266 with the following info

- Field
- Game Time
- Winning Team (Score)
- Losing Team (Score)
- If the score is not reported it will be recorded as a tie.

SCHEDULE

All coaches must sign up for notifications thru the Wisconsin Lightning app as we will use this as our main source of communication during the tournament.

- You can download the “Wisconsin Lightning” app in both the Apple app store and the Google Play store
- The schedule is also available online by clicking the schedule link at <https://www.wilightningfastpitch.com/softball-tournaments>. There are various reports at the above address

CHECK-IN

There is no team check-in.

- Must email a copy of insurance to WILightningSB@gmail.com

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