

2026 Rising Stars Tournament Rules

Friday - Sunday, June 19th – 21st Mankato/North Mankato, MN

1. Each team is guaranteed 5 games (3 pool and 2 bracket games). Pool play games will begin on Friday evening, so **ALL** teams should be prepared to play Friday night.
2. All teams must check in at Caswell Park at least 30 minutes prior to your first game time. **Each team will turn in 2 game balls at check-in.** All teams must place their roster on the [Mn Softball](#). Rostered players only.
3. Except where modified by these rules USA Softball rules govern play.
4. Protests on the interpretation of game rules shall be decided on the playing field and must be made before the next pitch is thrown. The decision of the umpire is final.
5. **Home** team shall be determined by coin toss for pool and bracket play.
6. Coach's choice to bat roster or bat 9 or DP/Flex. A courtesy runner is optional for pitcher and catcher. The runner shall be the player that made the last out or last available.
7. Games will be 7 innings in length with time limits. No new inning may begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes of play, including championship games. International tie-breaker rule applies for all bracket games. Pool play games may end in a tie.
8. There will be a 15-run rule after 3 innings, 12-run rule after 4, and 8-run rule after 5 innings. Run rules are **NOT** waived for championship games.
9. Teams will be seeded into the championship brackets (medal play) according to the following tournament criteria: 1) Record, 2) Head-to-Head, 3) Runs Allowed 4) Runs Scored, 5) Computer Generated Coin Flip
10. Individual awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each bracket.
11. All rules are subject to change. Refund Disclaimer on website.
12. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ARE PERMITTED IN ANY OF THE PARKS BY ORDER OF CITY CODE, you will be told to take yourself and your pet out of the complex.**

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