



2026 Buffalo Wild Wings Classic

Brookings Friends of Baseball

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16U Division

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Tournament Information and Rules

- Games will be played at Bob Shelden Field next to Brookings High School and Erv Huether Field on the South Dakota State University campus, Hoff Field in Volga and Aurora Baseball Field in Aurora, S.D.
- **Molded cleats and turf shoes are only allowed on Erv Huether Field.** Molded cleats are preferred at Bob Shelden and Hoff Field, but not required. Aurora Baseball Fields is dirt and natural grass. Teams may be fined for violation of the Erv Huether rule.
- **No sunflower seeds** allowed in the dugouts or stands at **Erv Huether Field, Bob Shelden Field and Hoff Field, *even if the individual is using a cup.***
- Bob Shelden Field and the South Dakota State University campus are tobacco free areas. No tobacco products of any kind anywhere in the facility and campus.
- Players can not turn 17 prior to January 1, 2026
- Game Length/Tiebreaker:
 - All games are scheduled for seven innings
 - An 8-run rule is in effect after five innings
 - A 12-run rule is in effect after four innings
 - A 15-run rule is in effect after three innings

- Time Limit (Friday & Saturday): No new regulation inning may begin after 2 hours, 20 minutes. The time limit is in effect when the inning ends, therefore if the inning is over at 2 hours, 19 minutes, a new inning will begin.
 - The field umpire will be responsible for the time limit. He/she may consult with the home plate umpire.
 - Games that are tied and reach the time limit will utilize the California Rule to determine a winner (see below) in all pool games and consolation bracket games.

- Time Limit (Sunday): The time limit will be in place for consolation games and the 5th-place consolation bracket. The time limit will not be used in the championship semifinal games or the tournament championship games.

- Friday/Saturday: The California Rule will be utilized until a winner has been determined.
 - The last batter to complete their at-bat will be placed at second base and the team will begin with an out.
 - Sunday's championship bracket games will not utilize the California Rule until the 9th inning. All other games on Sunday will use the tiebreaker after 7 innings.

- Each team will be allowed pre-game infield/outfield prior to their first game of each day, time permitting and if both coaches agree. Both teams must have equal time.
 - Batting cages are available at both Bob Shelden, Erv Huether and Hoff fields. There is one batting cage available at Aurora

- Rules - Unless stated, American Legion rules will be utilized (90' bases with a 60' 6" mound)
 - BBCOR only bats will be allowed, unless a participating team's governing organization has different requirements. A coach may be required to produce in writing the requirements.
 - Any illegal bat will be removed from the game and the batter will be declared out.
 - Appropriate appeal rules must be followed in order for an out to be declared.
 - A team may use either an EH or a DH but not both
 - The NFHS DH rule will be utilized
 - A DH is allowed for any position player
 - If using an EH, that player may not enter the field defensively
 - NFHS re-entry rules will be used
 - Starters may re-enter the game one time in their original batting position
 - Courtesy runners for pitcher and catcher are allowed
 - Must be a player who has not entered the game
 - Must be a different runner for each position
 - The NFHS slide rule is in effect

- The following pitching rules are in place:
 - A pitcher may throw up to seven innings for the tournament
 - One out = $\frac{1}{3}$ Inning
 - Game Changer will be used to verify innings, but coaches may need to provide other documentation if challenged
- If a pitcher throws more than seven innings, the offending team will forfeit that game and the head coach will be ejected from the remainder of the tournament.
- It is recommended that the American Legion pitch count rules are followed by each participating team.
 - 1-30 Pitches = Zero Days Rest
 - 31-45 Pitches = One Day Rest
 - 46-60 Pitches = Two Days Rest
 - 61-80 Pitches = Three Days Rest
 - 81-105 Pitches = Four Days Rest

Tiebreaker Format:

1. Win-Loss Record
2. Head-to-Head
3. Fewest Runs Allowed
4. Runs Scored
5. Run Differential
6. Coin flip

Bracket Seedings

- Teams will be seeded in each pool 1 through 4. After seeding, teams will be placed in the bracket accordingly.
- Teams from another pool will not jump or be placed ahead of a team that holds a spot in the bracket regardless of records and tiebreakers.
- If a wild card team is included in the bracket, that team will not play the team from its own pool in the first-round bracket play. Game times may be adjusted accordingly.

Additional Information

- Home and Away will be pre-determined on the schedule. The home team will be listed second on the schedule.
 - The home team will occupy the first base dugout unless the opponent is participating in the previous game.
 - Home team will be the higher seeded team in all bracket formats.
 - Home team is responsible for keeping official book

- Coaches are responsible for personal, player and fan behavior
- Unsportsmanlike behavior is subject to ejection from the game/tournament at the umpire's discretion
 - If a player/coach is ejected, they must sit out the following game or are subject to their own organization's rules
 - If a parent is ejected, they are to vacate the park for the remainder of the tournament
 - If a parent is ejected, the head coach of that team is ejected for that game as well. If it is only the parent that is ejected the coach may coach in the next game.
- No protests are allowed
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Tournament Admission Prices

- Adult
 - Tournament Pass - \$20
 - Daily - \$8
- High School/Middle School
 - Tournament Pass - \$10
 - Daily \$4
- Veterans and Elementary kids and younger
 - Free

Tournament Refund Policy

- Zero Games Played - \$350 Refund
- One Game Played - \$250 Refund
- Two or More Games Played - No Refund
- Gate Fee Will Not Be Refunded

Brookings Arts Festival – The [Brookings Arts Festival](#) will take place on Saturday and Sunday. Please plan accordingly, especially for necessary lodging.