

# Attention Teams from All Levels:

## 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U

\*Please check-in upon arrival near the concession area. If your roster is current and uploaded to MN Softball, there is no need to turn in a paper roster.

\* Each team will supply 2 game balls. 10-14U teams will turn in 2 game balls at check-in, 8U coaches hang onto your game balls.

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\*In case of inclement weather, we reserve the right to adjust start times, length of games, and possibly even game locations. All weather-related updates will be shared on our website, via Twitter, Tourney Machine, and text to coaches if available.

**Our rain out policy is as follows: 0 games played = 100% refund (minus a \$25.00 processing fee), 1 game played = 50% refund, 2 games played = 0 refund.**

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## FRENZY – 8U RULES – 2023

1. This tournament is 2022 NAFA and USA SOFTBALL sanctioned.
2. This 8U tournament offers the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams, the choice of one berth from the following:
  - a. 2023 NAFA Nationals
  - b. 2023 USA Nationals
3. 3 outs per inning or 5 run limit per team's at bat. A complete game will be a maximum of 5 innings and no new innings starting after 50 minutes.
4. Players: 9 players on the field (3 outfielders) and every player bats in the lineup.
5. Playing with less than 9 due to injury or absence is acceptable. In the event that there is not a full roster, the batting team is **NOT** penalized with an out. If a player leaves the game due to injury, their batting spot **CAN** be skipped without recording an out, but the player **WILL NOT** be allowed to return to the game once this has occurred.
6. Outfielders must start defensive play with their feet touching the grass.
7. The Louisville Slugger Blue Flame Pitching Machine will be used. It should be placed 30-35 ft. from home plate and be set to throw at a speed of 30-34 mph.
8. The batter will get 3 swings or 5 pitches. The at bat continues on a foul ball.
9. There are not called balls or strikes. There are no walks.
10. There is no bunting.
11. There is no advancing on an overthrow.
12. Play and runners will stop when:

- a. A ball that never leaves the infield: Once a fielder has control of the ball the runners should stop at the next base. This encourages the infielder to throw the ball to the appropriate base without the fear of runners advancing to the next base on an overthrow.
  - b. A ball hit to the outfield: If no outfielder has control of the ball, the runners may continue to advance. Once the outfielder gains control of the ball and throws it toward the infield the runners will stop at the next base. Even if the ball doesn't make it to the "dirt" on the throw, the act of throwing the ball in is the attempt at making the correct play. Players must stop at the next base.
13. There is no leading off or stealing. Runners may only leave the base once contact has been made with the ball.
  14. Sliding is allowed.
  15. The infield fly rule will not be enforced.
  16. Coaches are allowed on the field while their team is playing defense.
  17. Coaches and pitching machines are in play if hit by the ball.
  18. The home team will be determined by a ball roll to the pitching mound. The team with the ball ending up closest to the pitching machine will be given the honor.
  19. At the end of the game, a coach is responsible for bringing the blue "official" score sheet to the site coordinator so they can update the pool play, Tourney Machine, and bracket posters.

### **FRENZY – 10U and 12U RULES – 2023**

1. This tournament is 2023 NAFA, Monsta, and USA SOFTBALL sanctioned.
2. This tournament offers the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in both the Gold, Silver and Bronze brackets, the choice of one berth from the following:
  - a. 2023 NAFA Nationals
  - b. 2023 Monsta Championship
  - c. 2023 USA Nationals
3. Except when modified by these rules, USA softball rules govern play.
4. Players: Playing with less than 9 due to injury or absence is acceptable. In the event that there is not a full roster, the batting team **IS** penalized with an out. If a player leaves the game due to injury, their batting spot **CAN** be skipped without recording an out, but the player **WILL NOT** be allowed to return to the game once this has occurred.
5. 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.
6. Home team shall be determined by a coin flip. The winning team will be responsible to turn the official blue card to the concession stand within 15 minutes of game completion.
7. Batting the entire roster and unlimited substitution is mandatory. A courtesy runner is optional for the pitcher and catcher. The runner shall be the player that made the last out.
8. All games will be a maximum of seven innings with no new innings after 65 minutes.

9. Pool play games may end in a tie. During bracket play, ties will be broken using the international rule after time expires. In 10U bracket play, once the 65 minute time limit has been met and one complete inning of international rule has not declared a winner, the team that made the most defensive outs during that inning of international rule will be declared the winner. If the teams are still tied using that tie breaker, a coin will be flipped to determine the winner.
10. There will be a 12-run rule after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4, and 7 run rule after 5 innings. Run rules are not waived for championship games.
11. 10U teams can score a maximum of 5 runs per half inning in pool play and bracket play. At the 65 minute time limit at 10U bracket play, if a team is behind by more than 5 runs and there is no chance of a win or tie within the inning, the game will be ended.
12. 12U teams can score a maximum of 5 runs per half inning in pool play. Run rules as outlined above will apply in 12U bracket play. In Bracket play the 5 run rule per inning DOES NOT APPLY.
13. The criteria for placement of teams into the gold and silver brackets (medal play) in order of priority are: Win/Loss Record, Head to Head, Least Runs Allowed, Most Runs Scored, and Coin Toss.
14. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to delay start times, shorten the length of games, and possibly change locations in the event of inclement weather, field availability, and field conditions. Games will be played rain or shine.
15. 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.**

### **FRENZY – 14U RULES – 2023**

1. This tournament is 2022 NAFA, Monsta, and USA SOFTBALL sanctioned.
2. This 14U tournament offers the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams, the choice of berth from the following:
  - a. 2023 NAFA Nationals
  - b. 2023 Monsta Championship
  - c. 2023 USA Nationals
3. Except when modified by these rules, USA softball rules govern play.
4. Players: Playing with less than 9 due to injury or absence is acceptable. In the event that there is not a full roster, the batting team **IS** penalized with an out. If a player leaves the game due to injury, their batting spot **CAN** be skipped without recording an out, but the player **WILL NOT** be allowed to return to the game once this has occurred.
5. 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.
6. Home team shall be determined by a coin flip. The winning team will be responsible to turn the official blue card to the concession standard within 15 minutes of game completion.
7. Batting the entire roster and unlimited substitution is mandatory. A courtesy runner is optional for the pitcher and catcher. The runner shall be the player that made the last out.

8. All games will be a maximum of seven innings with no new innings after 65 minutes.
9. Games may end in a tie.
10. There will be a 12-run rule after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4, and 7 run rule after 5 innings.
11. The criteria for placement of teams in order of priority are: Win/Loss Record, Head to Head, Least Runs Allowed, Most Runs Scored, and Coin Toss.
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