



2024 Minnetonka 12U 1-Day in May Tournament Packet

A. WHEN

May 12, 2024

B. WHERE

Legacy Softball Fields at Minnetonka High School. 18301 MN-7, Minnetonka, MN 55345

C. AGE LEVEL

12U (Players must be REGISTERED as 12U players for MN Softball). If your player is a registered 14U player but could play as a 3rd year 12U, she is not eligible for this tourney. No exceptions.

D. TYPE OF PLAY

2 Pool Games, Single Elimination Bracket (3 Game Guarantee)

E. REGISTRATION FEE

\$300

F. GATE FEE

No gate fee.

G. LEGACY SOFTBALL COMPLEX INFORMATION

1. No pets are allowed at the Legacy Softball Complex. Make arrangements now as you and your dog will be turned away. If you claim your pet is a service pet, PAPERS MUST BE PRESENTED. No exceptions.
2. Tents/canopies and lawn chairs are allowed. If windy, please provide weights for tents.
3. There is no smoking/vaping or alcohol allowed anywhere in or near the complex. Legacy is on school grounds.
4. No artificial noise makers will be allowed. Cheering and clapping only.
5. Parking can be tough, please do not park illegally, emergency vehicles must have full access! Please do not park in the director's parking spot.
6. NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS ARE ALLOWED IN THE COMPLEX!

H. CHECK-IN INFORMATION

1. You must check in at the Information Booth (located behind Field 1). Please bring two 12" game balls.

2. No paper rosters needed, if there is a question on age, we will use the MN Softball website to find the roster. Please have your rosters ready and verified. If the player in question is not on the roster, that player will be disqualified.

3. Double check your schedule for any changes. If any changes have been made to the schedule, it will be posted on GroupMe.

4. Warm up areas will be in the outfields before each game. There is approximately 20-30 minutes between games and the outfields will be empty. Please keep warmups off the infields to allow the Grounds Crew to prepare the fields between games. Please be mindful of all people while warming up your team. There is space behind the Concession Trailer, there are batting cages that can be used, and we will also use the lower baseball field behind Fields 1, 2 and 4 if no baseball is being played.

I. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. Two pool games then seeding for single elimination bracket in three divisions: Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

2. Tourney director will send out the bracket seeding via GroupMe.

3. The tourney director has the right to change the game format and schedule for weather and other circumstances.

J. TOURNAMENT RULES

1. One head coach and player from each team will meet 5 minutes prior to game time at home plate. Home and away will be decided via coin toss.

2. Home team will keep official score book for each game, but it is encouraged that both teams keep book.

3. Normal MN Softball league game rules will be used. DROP 3RD STRIKE WILL APPLY FOR ALL GAMES, REGARDLESS OF LEVEL OF TEAMS PLAYING. Meaning, if the catcher drops the 3rd strike, the batter-runner and the runners can advance.

4. No arguing with umpires. All disagreements will be handled on the field unless it is completely necessary to contact the tournament director.

5. 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 facility. Fans not complying when asked to leave will cause the forfeiture of the game to the opposing team.

Coaches – please make sure your fans know of this rule prior to the tournament. This is a zero-tolerance policy!

6. **Games are 65 minutes;** no new inning may start after time has expired. Innings begun prior to the time limit shall be completed unless the home team is ahead, and the top half of the inning is complete.

7. If the game is still tied after 65 minutes and the home team had a chance to bat, the tie breaker starts. One inning of tie breaker, if game is still tied the team with the most made put-outs will be the winner.
8. On deck batters must be placed to the back of the batter for safety purposes.
9. Home team will report score and results to the Information Booth.
10. Any delays (due to injury) lasting more than 5 minutes shall be credited against the time limit for the game. Umpires are to use the timers at each field.
11. All teams are required to bat their entire roster.
12. Courtesy runners are used for pitchers and catchers from the previous inning only. Courtesy runners are players who were the last recorded out.
13. If a player is removed from the game for an injury or illness, their place in the batting order will result in an out.
14. Unlimited substitutions of players on defense is allowed.
15. Five-run rule applies.
16. Cheering is encouraged but use discretion. No cheering against or directly at an opposing player.
17. The Tournament Director reserves the right to shorten the games or amend the schedule/tournament as deemed necessary.
18. Forfeits will be awarded by the Tournament Director should a team not be able to commence play at the scheduled time.
19. Teams must remove all trash from the dugouts and bleachers after each game.

K. GAME RULES

1. MN Softball League Play Rules (exception: drop third strike applies).
2. 12" softball.
3. Pitcher's rubber is set at 35 feet.
4. Bases at 60 feet.
5. Runners **MUST** slide when there are close plays at home. If there is a collision and the runner did not attempt to slide, the runner will be called out.
6. No run ahead rule. This is about getting the girls to play regardless of the score.
7. Coaches need to make every effort to stay in the dugout while on defense.
8. Coaches need to operate the game with the highest amount of integrity and keep the girls' best interest in mind.

Thank you for coaching and attending the tournament. Please keep in mind that this tournament is about the players! Safety and fun are our #1 goals!