

# **MN SnoCatz**

## **2021 Pre-Father's Day Tournament Rules**

### **June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

#### **GENERAL RULES:**

1. Tournament Fee is \$400 per team (no gate fee). Game balls will be provided by the tournament.
2. Each team is guaranteed 4 games.- pool play to single elimination.
3. All teams need to check in at the concessions stand at least 1 hour prior to their first game with a copy of their Team Roster and a copy of their insurance.
4. Teams will not be penalized for having only 8 players.
5. Except where modified by these rules, the USA Softball Rulebook will be used.
6. The Home team will be decided by a coin toss
7. All games are 65 minutes games with no new innings starting after 65 minutes allowing the last inning to be completed and one inning using the International Tie Breaker (ITB) rule if the game is tied. Pool play games may end in a tie. Championship games are 75 minutes or 7 innings.
8. Seeding for bracket play on Sunday will be Win/Loss Record, Head to Head, Runs Allowed, Runs Scored. If a tie remains, decision will be made by a coin flip. For teams that play 4 pool play games, only the first three games will count toward seeding.
9. Run Rule: 15 runs after 3 complete innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.
10. All protests will be settled on the field. No appeals will be allowed to the Tournament Director.
11. In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances the tournament director has the right to adjust the format of this event to include adjusting the length of games. All parties will be duly notified.
12. The tournament host is not responsible for any injuries.
13. Games cancelled/postponed with more than 35 minutes played are final; games with less than 35 minutes played may be restarted if time and schedule permits (any scoring that occurs prior to postponement will be carried over when play resumes).

**10u Specific Rules:**

1. Pitching Distance is 35 feet with an 11 inch ball.
2. All USA MN U10 rules apply.
3. Teams may bat their entire roster with unlimited substitution. Courtesy runner for pitcher and catcher is allowed; the last out (unless they were the pitcher or catcher) will be the runner.
4. There will be no advancement on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike. This is a 10u rule only.

**12u, 14u, & 16u Specific Rules:**

1. U12 Pitching Distance is 40 feet.
2. U14 and U16 Pitching Distance is 43 Feet.
3. All teams (U12, U14, & U16), can bat their entire rosters with unlimited substitution or choose to bat 9 w/Substitutes or 9 w/DP-Flex in accordance with USA rules. Both teams DO NOT have to use the same batting rule: i.e. one team can bat their roster the other can bat DP/Flex in the same game.
4. Courtesy runner for pitcher and catcher is allowed: If batting the roster, the last out (unless they were the pitcher or catcher) will be the runner. If batting 9 or DP/Flex, the courtesy runner must be a bench player.
5. 14u & 16u: Placement in the Gold or Silver brackets will be based on Win/Loss Records, Head to Head, Least Runs Allowed, Most Runs Scored. If a tie still exist, placement will be determined by a coin toss.

**Additional Information:**

- 1) There will be concessions stands on both the West side and the East side.
- 2) All bracket play games will be played on the West Side of Booster Park – fields #1 - #4 on Sunday.
- 3) There will be t-shirts sales on both sides on Saturday and on the West side on Sunday.

If you have any questions, please email [mnsnocatzsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:mnsnocatzsoftball@gmail.com)

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