

CFSA TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES HIERARCHY

Play governed by Official Baseball Rules (Sporting News), unless modified by Nations Baseball shall apply unless otherwise specified herein or amended by Tournament Director. Please ask for clarification of any rule/situation prior to game time. Rulings and/or interpretations by Tournament Director shall be final once any situation is addressed during a game.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- A Maintenance Fee will be collected prior to any team competing in their first game (typically included with the online registration fee).
- A \$20 convenience fee will be collected for all online payments. **This charge is non-refundable when refunds are provided.**
- Park rules will be strictly enforced. No pets, scooters, skateboards or other wheeled riding devices of any kind will be allowed. Violators will be asked to leave the park. Service animals will be allowed.
- **Teams will not be scheduled if team is not registered and paid by designated date/time posted on the event page. Teams that withdraw prior to scheduling will be refunded in full. A team that withdraws after schedules have been posted is subject to NO refund.**
- Schedules will be posted no later than Tuesday prior to the tournament unless delayed by situation beyond our control.
- Game balls will be provided.
- Only players competing in age groups 13U and higher may wear metal spikes.
- Tournament games, schedules and brackets may be modified at the Tournament Director's sole discretion due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.
- Games may be scheduled to start as early as 5pm on Friday and 7:30am on Saturday and Sunday. Earlier start times (if necessary) will be posted prior to tournament scheduling to allow for teams to withdraw or place no play requests.
- There will be no team check in. If information is required, please contact the tournament director prior to your first game.
- All team pre-game warm-ups will only be allowed in designated warm-up areas, or in the outfield of a ball field. Soft Toss of any kind **IS NOT** allowed into any fencing. Batting cages are available on a first come first serve basis. No infield warm-ups will be allowed between games.
- **ALL PROTESTS WILL BE HANDLED ON THE FIELD AT THE TIME OF THE INFRACTION!!!** The Umpire and Tournament Director will handle any disputed rules violation immediately and decision of Tournament Director is final. There will be NO games played under protest at any time.
- Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their fans and will be expected to address any inappropriate behavior IMMEDIATELY. Negative comments, or heckling of any opponents is prohibited and may result in ejection and/or

suspension from the remainder of the tournament. **SPORTSMANSHIP PENALTY: The umpire may begin calling balls or strikes every 10 seconds on the team not complying, and will continue until the problem is corrected. PROFANITY WILL BE CAUSE FOR EJECTION.**

- Ejections: Any manager, coach, player, or fan ejected from the game must leave the park immediately and will be permitted to return only after a ruling of the Tournament Director and a \$100 **CASH** Sportsmanship retainer is posted. The Retainer will be returned at the end of the tournament if there are no further incidents with the same individual. A second ejection will result in the immediate forfeiture of the retainer and will result in the individual being banned from any CFSA facility or event until a written request is received and approved by the CFSA Tournament Director and the CFSA Baseball Committee. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit for the team in question.
- Team and individual awards for 1st place and 2nd place will be provided. Consolation awards may be provided should circumstances warrant. Consolation play may be included for any division exceeding 8 teams, however a minimum of 50% of all teams in a division will advance to the Championship Bracket.
- Teams may register at www.nations-baseball.com for all tournaments. Payments for all tournaments may be submitted by check to the CFSA office or may be made by credit card online through the tournament event web page. If a division fills up a wait list will be started and backfilled if a team pulls out . . . Should an age not make the teams will get a full refund.
- Tournaments that are cancelled or shortened due to weather will be refunded on the following schedule:
 - No games played - Entry Fee less \$50
 - 1 game played – Entry Fee less \$100 divided by 3 equals cost per game, times 2 games equals refund amount
 - 2 games played - Entry Fee less \$100 divided by 3 equals cost per game times 1 game equals refund amount
 - 3 or more games played – NO refund
 - If the outcome is recorded in the standings than the game is considered as completed.